



MACMUN 2021

# DELEGATE HANDBOOK

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# WELCOME TO MACMUN 2021

## Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Secretariat and staff teams, it is our pleasure to welcome you to our fifth annual McMaster Model United Nations conference, MACMUN 2021.

The theme of our conference this year is *Fostering Resilience*. Our theme is meant to emphasize the importance of overcoming and positively adapting to adversity, given the challenging global climate we find ourselves in this year. In considering discussions of issues that are little known or neglected in the international community, it is absolutely essential to be thinking about them within the context of mutual aid and support. Moreover, our theme is meant to highlight that approaching an issue in a nuanced, intersectional manner can make all the difference when trying to accomplish a goal or solve a problem. This theme is reflected in the topics we have selected for our committees this year, and will also be touched upon by the speakers that have kindly agreed to join us this weekend.

MACMUN has always been a unique Model United Nations conference, and this year is no different. MACMUN 2021 is proud to continue to feature our own fully interactive media component, MACMUN News (see page 9). Additionally, this year we are running networking workshops, featuring a sponsorship marketplace on Friday at 5:30pm (see page 5), where delegates can explore services and opportunities offered by our sponsors.

Finally, we would like to thank you for joining us for MACMUN 2021. Our work to host this conference would amount to nothing if it were not for your dedication and passion. If there is anything that we can do to help improve your experience during the conference, please do not hesitate to approach any member of the Secretariat or staff and they will be more than happy to provide assistance. We look forward to meeting you all in the coming days.

Sincerely,



**Anastasia Drakos**  
Co-Secretary-General  
MACMUN 2021



**Rhea Jangra**  
Co-Secretary-General  
MACMUN 2021

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear MACMUN 2021 Delegates,

I write to offer my warmest congratulations on your admission to McMaster University's annual Model United Nations Conference. Although the conference will be held in a virtual format this year, the organizers are working hard to ensure that it will still be dynamic, interactive and enable stimulating and engaging debate. I applaud your commitment to engaging in global affairs and considering the critically important and timely theme of "Fostering Resilience", and I look forward to hearing about the interesting topics you will be discussing.

The Model United Nations exemplifies what a McMaster education is all about. Participating in the conference will enable you to further develop the skills you are all acquiring through your educational programs and transform them into tools of social and global justice, equipping you to make a positive and measurable impact on our world. The conference will help deepen your connection with the global community of which we are all a part, and demonstrate that our collective responsibility for effecting change in the world depends upon our willingness to learn about experiences, opinions and perspectives different from our own.

As you prepare for the conference, I encourage you to make every effort to learn about the values, policies and cultural norms of the country you now represent and to consider yourself as an agent for positive change. I have no doubt that you will enjoy the interactive nature of the experience and wish you all the best with your preparation for the conference and your future studies.

Sincerely,



**David Farrar**  
President & Vice-Chancellor  
McMaster University

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Michael Lawson**

Michael Lawson is a Humanitarian Affairs Officer with Doctors Without Borders / Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Canada, focusing on operational advocacy and access to medicines. He joined MSF as a field logistician in 2009, participating in MSF emergency interventions in South Sudan, Chad and Myanmar, before becoming a communications officer with MSF Canada in 2014.

# VIRTUAL NETWORKING EVENT

On Friday evening from 5:30pm - 6:30pm, several of MACMUN's sponsors will be participating in a virtual networking event on Gatherly. Ask our generous sponsors questions and learn more about the services they offer and how you can be involved! Sponsors that will be participating include:

- Wilson Leadership Scholarship
- McMaster Alumni Association
- Student Success Centre



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH

TIME	EVENT
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Log in and Registration
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Opening Ceremonies
4:00pm - 4:15pm	Break (settle in to committee rooms)
4:15pm - 5:30pm	Committee Session 1
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Virtual Networking Event With Sponsors

## SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH

TIME	EVENT
10:00am - 10:45am	Committee Session 2
10:45am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am - 12:00pm	Committee Session 3
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm - 1:45pm	Committee Session 4
1:45pm - 2:00pm	Break
2:00pm - 2:45pm	Committee Session 5
2:45pm - 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Individual Committee Social

## SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH

TIME	EVENT
9:00am - 9:45am	Committee Session 6
9:45am - 10:00am	Break
10:00am - 10:45am	Comittee Session 7
10:45am - 11:00am	Break
11:00am - 12:00pm	Committee Session 8
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm - 1:45pm	Closing Ceremonies

# GATHERLY VIRTUAL PLATFORM



This year, we are proud to partner with Gatherly.io to host MACMUN 2021! Gatherly is an interactive conference simulation platform that allows you to “walk” around, chat with delegates and staff, and interact with our various guest speakers and sponsors. It really is just like the real thing! Below is a list of tutorials and guides to help you get acquainted with Gatherly before the conference. Please note that each committee will occupy a different floor on the platform. Throughout the conference, you will be able to find your committee room by going to the elevator and selecting your appropriate floor from the dropdown menu:

- 1) Please click this [link](#) and watch the platform tutorial videos put together by Gatherly. These videos will give you a quick overview of the basic steps required to engage with conference attendees
- 2) You can also access a testing portal [here](#) to ensure that your device meets the performance requirements for Gatherly. In addition, there is an interactive how-to guide available that will allow you jump into a simulation of Gatherly to get a feel for what you can expect come March 12th! (Please note that Gatherly is only supported on **Google Chrome**)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Gatherly or what to expect from the virtual experience this year, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are excited to partner with gatherly.io to ensure that this year’s conference continues to deliver the experience that MACMUN attendees have come to expect.

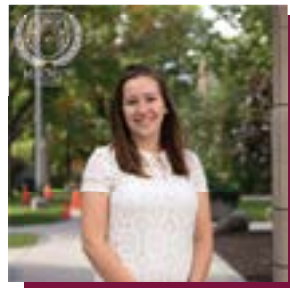
# MEET THE SECRETARIAT



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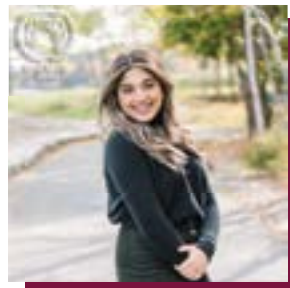
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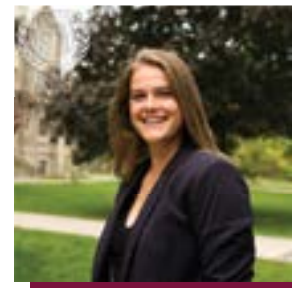
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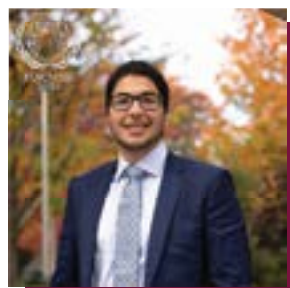
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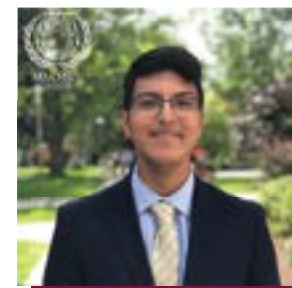
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# MEDIA COMPONENT

Here's something that you won't see at any other Model UN conference: a multimedia integration experience where your story as a delegate will stretch far beyond your time in your committee room.

MACMUN strives to implement realistic simulations of social media and various news outlets. In addition to debating as a delegate in your committee, you will also be representing your country, state, or country via Twitter. Through interacting with other delegates under the **#MACMUN2021** hashtag and with the official @macmunnews and @macmunnews2 accounts, you will be able to connect with other committees, represent your stance in a more informal manner, and have a chance at winning one of our two prestigious Twitter Awards for effective and creative use of Twitter throughout the conference.

Though this is entirely voluntary, we highly recommend that you get on your Twitter account and stay active throughout the entirety of the conference as it is an unforgettable and unique part of the MACMUN experience, run by hardworking conference staff.

To get started on Twitter, make a brand new account, and:

1. Ensure that your handle follows the format: @Committee\_Country21 (ex: sochum\_cuba21). This is important so that our team can identify your account and follow you back
2. Follow the **Twitter account** for your respective stream. If you are in PIRATES, WHO, or UNPFII, please follow **@macmunnews**. If you are in AD HOC, UNEP, IRANIAN REVOLUTION, or ICJ, please follow **@macmunnews2**
3. Follow other delegates in your committee from the followers list of your stream's news account and keep an eye out for other delegates using our conference's hashtag
4. You can also use and track the hashtag #MACMUN2021. Our conference has an incredible production team that will be producing crisis videos, news broadcasts, daily recaps, interviews with delegates, and other fun extras for the conference. Many of these videos will be played for you during committee session, but be sure to check out and follow our **Instagram account, @macmunnews**, for videos you may have missed.

## Questions?

*If you are having trouble setting up a Twitter account, or would like more information regarding the media component of our conference, please **log in to the Gatherly platform at 2:00pm** prior to the Opening Ceremonies. Our executive team will be available to answer questions and help you set up your account so you can get engaged with the conference!*

# COMMITTEES

All background guides can be found on the [MACMUN website](#). Please note that there is no background guide for delegates in the AD HOC committee as your topic will be revealed during the first committee session.



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**UNEP**

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**Golden Age of Piracy**

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**AD HOC**

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**The Iranian  
Revolution of 1979**

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# POSITION STATEMENT GUIDELINES

In order to be eligible for an award, you must submit a brief position statement to your committee's email by **March 13th, 2021 at 11:59pm**. \*Note: If you are in the AD HOC committee, you do not need to submit a position statement to be considered eligible for awards.

Below are some guidelines to get you started on writing your position statement:

## Formatting Guidelines

- 1) The document should be single spaced and written in Times New Roman (12pt font)
- 2) Position statements should be a maximum of 1 page in length
- 3) Please ensure that your work is properly sourced. You may select the citation style

## Content Guidelines

Your 1-page document must include **2 paragraphs, one for each topic**. Each paragraph should include: a) a brief description of your country's involvement with the issue, b) a brief summary of the issue being discussed, and c) one feasible policy solution. \*Note: if you are in the ICJ committee, please simply submit 2 paragraphs that briefly summarize your committee topics.

These position statements are brief and are meant to encourage delegates to research their country and topics prior to attending the conference. Truly, it is with background knowledge and an understanding of the issue at hand that you will be able to get the most out of debate.

# RULES AND PROCEDURE GUIDELINES

We recognize that for many of you, this may be your first time attending a Model UN conference. During the first committee session, your chairs will review general rules and procedure with you as well as some general tips and tricks on how to use the Gatherly platform throughout debate.

More detailed information regarding rules and procedure and the flow of debate can be found under the "[Resources](#)" tab on our website. There, you can find our "Rules and Procedure Guide" as well as our "Crisis Manual."

# RESOURCES

## Sample Draft Resolution

Draft Resolution 1.1

**Committee:** Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

**Topic:** Eliminating gender disparities in education by 2015

**Sponsors:** Saudi Arabia, Iran

**Signatories:** Jordan, Syria, Oman, Qatar, Venezuela, Cuba, Russian Federation

The Economic and Social Council,

*Alarmed* by the lack of enforcement of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW),

*Cognizant* of the importance of gender-neutral education standards by 2015 as a component of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs),

*Noting* with approval initiatives recently undertaken in Iraq and Afghanistan to ensure increased levels of education for future generations of women in the Middle East,

1. **Suggests** gender segregation remain in primary and secondary education where this structure is already in place;
2. **Reaffirms** that select nations do not segregate schools by gender, and is not proposing to divide said school systems;
3. **Proposes** additional specialization be provided in schools to:
  - a. Further acknowledge and utilize the differences between genders,
  - b. Alter secondary school curriculums to contain more concentrated courses including:
    - i. Female philosophy or psychiatric classes which would prove useful in raising a family
    - ii. Improved male physical education and literate or scientific classes;
  - c. Help administer knowledge that will be useful in the everyday lives of both genders;
4. **Recommends** all school systems exercising gender segregation be kept balanced concerning materials and resources;
5. **Further recommends** a new observational system be set in place:
  - a. By the United Nations,
  - b. Made available to all nations already segregated by gender or wishing to do so,
  - c. To monitor the equal distribution of supplies, materials, teachers, and resources administered to all public male and female schools;
6. **Accepts** that each nation will have its own cultural differences and opinions on this matter;

## Sample Preambulatory Phrases

Affirming	Fully alarmed	Reaffirming
Alarmed by	Fully aware	Realizing
Approving	Fully believing	Recalling
Aware of	Further deploring	Recognizing
Bearing in mind	Further recalling	Referring
Believing	Guided by	Seeking
Confident	Having adopted	Taking into account
Contemplating	Having considered	Taking into consideration
Convinced	Having considered further	Taking note
Declaring	Having devoted attention	Viewing with appreciation
Deeply concerned	Having examined	Welcoming
Deeply conscious	Having heard	
Deeply convinced	Having received	
Deeply disturbed	Having studied	
Deeply regretting	Keeping in mind	
Desiring	Noting with regret	
Emphasizing	Noting with deep concern	
Expecting	Noting with satisfaction	
Expressing its appreciation	Noting further	
Expressing its satisfaction	Noting with approval	
Fulfilling	Observing	

## Sample Operative Phrases

Accepts	Further invites
Affirms	Further proclaims
Approves	Further reminds
Authorizes	Further recommends
Calls	Further requests
Calls upon	Further resolves
Condemns	Has resolved
Confirms	Notes
Congratulates	Proclaims
Considers	Reaffirms
Declares accordingly	Recommends
Deplores	Regrets
Designates	Reminds
Draws the attention	Requests
Emphasizes	Solemnly affirms
Encourages	Strongly condemns
Endorses	Supports
Expresses its appreciation	Takes note of
Expresses its hope	Transmits
	Trusts

# CONFERENCE POLICIES

## Conduct Policy

The MACMUN Secretariat asks for your cooperation in the following matters in order to maintain a safe, professional and educational experience for all delegates throughout the duration of the conference. Please be aware that:

- 1) All participants are expected to be respectful of others. Harassment of any form will not be tolerated, the nature of which includes, but is not limited to, discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, sex, age, mental and physical disabilities, and sexual orientation.
- 2) Inappropriate behaviour including, but not limited to, foul language, suggestive remarks and obscene body language will not be tolerated in or out of the committee sessions.

## Technology Policy

As MACMUN transitions to an online platform this year, we have set out the following expectations to ensure that delegates are engaged and immersed in the experience:

- 1) All delegates are expected to have their webcams on for the entirety of the committee sessions. In exceptional circumstances, please talk to your committee chairs to provide a reason if you are unable to.
- 2) Remember to keep your mic muted if you are not speaking. This helps cut down on any interference and allows the speaker to be heard.

## Dress Code

Delegates are expected to wear business formal attire at all times during committee sessions. Common acceptable clothing items include dress shirts, suit jackets, dress pants dresses, skirts, sweaters and dress shoes. This attire is also acceptable for the virtual mixer occurring on the Friday night of the conference. Jeans are not an acceptable form of attire for MACMUN. Any forms of cultural appropriation are strictly prohibited during the course of MACMUN.

## Financial Policy

Failure to attend at least 7 of the 8 committee session will result in a fine of \$30 CAD. Attendance will be monitored by committee chairs. If you are aware that you will be missing a committee session, please let your chairs know in advanced.

# OUR SPONSORS





# AWARDS GUIDE

MACMUN 2021 will feature three awards per committee, as well as one Twitter Award per media stream. Award recipients will be selected by members of the Dias.

## Best Delegate

The Best Delegate Award is the most prestigious award of the committee. It is awarded to the delegate who has consistently exemplified the aforementioned skills. In addition to an excellent position statement, the best delegate will have proposed creative and effective ideas consistently, while demonstrating the utmost level of respect and diplomacy in the committee. The delegate must be a strong speaker that presents quality arguments reflecting their state's interests and policies. To reiterate, this award will be given to a delegate who contributes quality arguments that promote meaningful debate, which is not always reflected by the quantity of speaking time.

## Honourable Mention

The Honourable Mention Award is given to the delegate who effectively demonstrates diverse negotiation tactics to reconcile opposing views in debate to pass the resolution and further debate. The delegate chosen will be one who empathizes with other states, tries to understand different arguments, and collaborates with other delegations to take affirmative action and strong stances on the issue(s) being discussed.. This award is also given to a delegate who has illustrated significant growth and/or improvement in committee sessions.

## Book Award

The Book Award will be given to the delegate with the best position statement. Their position statement must reflect an extensive understanding of their state's foreign policy and must provide feasible solutions that would advance debate and be within the scope of the state's national policy. Furthermore, this award is given to the most well-researched paper, and thus requires hard facts to back up the delegate's arguments. Delegates should refer to instructions in their committee's background guides on requirements for producing strong position statements.

## Twitter Award

This award is given to the delegates who effectively use their Twitter accounts throughout the conference to creatively advance debate within their committee. The delegates will have well-versed understanding of their power, and thus use effective rhetoric to further their state's priorities and interests throughout the committee sessions. The usage of Twitter is a different negotiation tactic and can be slightly informal. However, each tweet must be respectful and the amount of respect given will be taken into great consideration when deciding on the recipient of the award. Furthermore, the delegates will engage with other delegates in different committees, becoming the agent of connection throughout the entire conference.

## LIST OF AWARDS

COMMITTEE	BEST DELEGATE	HONORABLE MENTION	BOOK AWARD
WHO	1	2	1
UNEP	1	2	1
ICJ	1	1	1
UNPFII	1	2	1
Golden Age of Piracy	1	2	1
Iranian Revolution	1	1	1
AD HOC	1	1	N/A

**Note:** One Twitter Award will be given for each Media Stream. Committees will be placed in one of two blocks, "Block A" or "Block B."

**Block A** (1 Twitter Award): Pirates, WHO, UNPFII

**Block B** (1 Twitter Award): AD HOC, Iranian Revolution, ICJ and UNEP



## Our Socials

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