



THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL

VANCOUVER MODEL UNITED NATIONS

— INFORMATION PACKAGE —



DEAR TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND PROSPECTIVE DELEGATES,

It is my distinct honour to welcome you to the 25th iteration of Vancouver Model United Nations, taking place from January 23rd through January 25th, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver.

Since its inception in 2002, VMUN has consistently provided a realistic and engaging simulation of the United Nations and its associated agencies for passionate youth who share an interest in global issues. A quarter-century later, as one of the largest high school student-run Model UN conferences in the world, VMUN has earned a reputation for providing a professional, vibrant, and educational experience for each of the over 1,400 participants who attend each iteration.

This year, we are excited to continue this legacy by offering a high-quality conference experience and an extensive programme of debate in our 20 diverse and innovative committees. Whether delegates are grappling with the consequences of emerging technology in security, labour, and healthcare, or reexamining historical eras of religious, social, and political upheaval, they will be challenged on their ability to debate and collaborate in the face of pressing concerns and sweeping changes. At VMUN, we aim to cultivate these diplomatic and analytical skills—skills that may prove more important than ever in our present world of both progress and flux.

In addition to offering an enriching educational experience, VMUN is proud to provide considerable need-based financial aid. Accessibility is core to VMUN's philosophy, and we believe that no delegate should be prevented from attending the conference and denied the experience of a lifetime due to financial constraints. For more information about our payment structure, financial aid, and the registration process, please refer to vmun.com/registration or contact the Delegate Affairs team at delegates@vmun.com.

VMUN 2026 will again be hosted at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Vancouver in the heart of downtown Vancouver (vancouver.hyatt.com). A long-standing partner of VMUN, the Hyatt Regency Vancouver offers modern and comfortable guest rooms as well as expansive conference spaces. Additionally, the hotel is conveniently located near numerous restaurants and coffee shops.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at sg@vmun.com. I sincerely hope that you will join us at VMUN 2026, and on behalf of the VMUN Secretariat, I thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to seeing you in January.

Sincerely,

Jerry Chen
Secretary-General
Vancouver Model United Nations 2026

WHAT IS MUN?

Model United Nations, or MUN, is an academic activity that simulates the debate, political discourse, and diplomacy found in the United Nations. Students in Model United Nations conferences, known as delegates, are placed in committees and assigned to represent officials from various member-states. During debate, delegates are able to participate in discussions and propose various solutions to current global issues. These issues may range from regional conflicts and international security, to matters of human rights and gender equality. Crisis simulations test delegates' abilities to work under pressure, and challenge them to apply their understanding of global affairs to solve complex issues in realistic yet innovative ways, bolstering a grasp on real-world decision making. Through these exchanges, delegates are not only immersed in a thriving political environment, but they must also work together in order to achieve a cohesive solution.

Model United Nations emphasizes leadership, diplomacy, and teamwork. Students are given the opportunity to develop an invaluable sense of international awareness, and to foster practical skills in research, public speaking, and conflict resolution in a fun and invigorating environment. In a way, students learn to become more aware, educated, and thoughtful global citizens. Although conferences

WHAT IS VMUN?

Vancouver Model United Nations, commonly referred to as VMUN, is an annual student-run conference held in the heart of downtown Vancouver, Canada. Since its inception in 2002, VMUN has grown into Canada's premier Model UN experience for high school students. With over 1,400 attendees present in 2025, VMUN has hosted schools from across Canada, Washington State, California, New York, Hawaii, as well as Japan, South Korea, and Colombia. The conference features three full days of quality debate across 20 different committees. A team of professional and passionate staff, an atmosphere of realism, and our high-quality level of debate are the cornerstones of VMUN that ensure a memorable and rewarding experience for all.

VMUN STRIVES TO:

1. Deliver a realistic portrayal of the United Nations and its associated bodies,
2. Continue our history of excellence and maintain our strong conference reputation,
3. Inspire our delegates to bear a stronger sense of social responsibility and passion to become better global citizens.



WHY VMUN?

quality - scope - accessibility

QUALITY

VMUN provides high school students with the highest-quality conference possible. Our committee staff have extensive Model UN and debate experience, and undergo comprehensive staff training prior to the conference. Committee directors write background guides over the summer, which are rigorously reviewed to ensure excellence in their accessibility, comprehensiveness, and depth. VMUN prides itself in its insightful and informative delegate preparation materials. Each year, we invite a prominent individual to our opening ceremonies to talk about their experiences in Canadian and international politics. Past keynote speakers have included then-Member of Parliament Justin Trudeau, the Hon. Lieutenant-Général Roméo Dallaire, journalist and humanitarian Amanda Lindhout, and environmental activist David Suzuki. VMUN is the optimal platform for delegates to exchange their views and engage in discussion. Delegates will gain a broader understanding of world events and will learn how to develop informed opinions.

SCOPE

VMUN brings together over one thousand passionate students who seek to instigate global change and solve societal issues. The array of backgrounds and perspectives of delegates from near and far make this unique experience all the more special. To complement this great variety of interest, VMUN 2026 will feature committees that include some regional assemblies outside of the United Nations, such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Historical United States Senate, as well as five crisis committees. With VMUN's diversity, every delegate will find a committee that speaks to them.

ACCESSIBILITY

VMUN is proud to offer substantial financial aid packages. No delegate should be denied the experience of a lifetime due to financial hardship, and we are committed to supporting delegates regardless of financial background. Financial aid is also available to subsidize or waive school fees, such as chaperone teacher room fees or deposits. Please contact delegates@vmun.com for more information about financial aid.





VMUN

in numbers

VMUN typically holds...

1400 *high school students* FROM **80** *different clubs & high schools*

90% *of delegates rated overall experience as 'Above Average' or 'Excellent'*

EU H-USS WHO UNSC NATO IAEA HCC
APEC CCPCJ Cabinet JCC UNHRC FCC DISEC
UNPFII WMO HOC **20** COMMITTEES ILO SOCHUM ACC

9 *committee sessions* FOR A TOTAL OF **18** *hours of debate*

in **46,000 ft²** *of conference space*

COMMITTEES PROGRAMME

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)
Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM)
World Health Organization (WHO)

INTERMEDIATE AGENCIES

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)
United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
International Labour Union (ILO)
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

REGIONAL COUNCILS

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
European Union (EU)
Historical United States Senate (H-USS)

ADVANCED & CRISIS COMMITTEES

Cabinet Crisis Committee (Cabinet)
Fictional Crisis Committee (FCC)
Joint Crisis Committees (JCC)
Advanced Crisis Committee (ACC)
Historical Crisis Committee (HCC)
United Nations Security Council (UNSC)



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