



THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL

VANCOUVER MODEL UNITED NATIONS

INFORMATION PACKAGE



DEAR TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND PROSPECTIVE DELEGATES,

It is my distinct honour to welcome you to the 26th iteration of Vancouver Model United Nations. As the largest high school student-run Model UN conference in North America, VMUN typically welcomes over 1,400 delegates, staff, and chaperones each iteration. I am pleased to announce that, for the first time, VMUN will be hosting committee sessions in both the Hyatt Regency Vancouver and the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. This year's iteration will be spanning from January 29th to January 31st, 2027.

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. This year, we are excited to continue this legacy by offering a high-quality conference experience and an extensive programme of 20 diverse and innovative committees. From debates on human rights in a technologically advancing world, to deep dives into historical eras of political and economic turmoil, VMUN is proud to offer an experience where students can truly challenge their ability to debate and collaborate in the face of pressing concerns, arming them with the diplomatic and analytical skills needed in an ever changing world.

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.

As mentioned earlier, VMUN 2027 will again be hosted at the beautiful Hyatt Regency Vancouver in the heart of downtown Vancouver (vancouver.hyatt.com), in addition to the Fairmont Vancouver Hotel (fairmont-hotel-vancouver.html). A long-standing partner of VMUN, the Hyatt Regency Vancouver offers modern and comfortable guest rooms as well as expansive conference spaces. Likewise, the Fairmont carries stunning conference rooms, with a luxurious decor, as well as equally well-furnished guest rooms.

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 2027, and on behalf of the VMUN Secretariat, I thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to seeing you in January.

Sincerely,

Adrian Pun

Secretary-General

Vancouver Model United Nations 2027

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. 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 may only last a few days, the experience that delegates gain will last forever.

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 2026, 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. To deliver a realistic portrayal of the United Nations and its associated bodies,
2. To continue our history of excellence and maintain our strong conference reputation,
3. To inspire our delegates to bear a stronger sense of social responsibility and passion to become



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 topic introductions. 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 2027 will feature committees that include assemblies outside of the United Nations, such as the Organization of American States and the International Criminal Court, as well as five crisis committees. With VMUN's diverse committee roster, 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'*

UNEP ACC WHO OAS NATO INTEL ISA
CABINET UNESCO EU **20** JCC UNHRC IMF DISEC
UNSC HCC HOC COMMITTEES UNODC SOCHUM ICC

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 Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
International Monetary Fund (IMF)
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
International Seabed Authority (ISA)
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

REGIONAL COUNCILS

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
Organization of American States (OAS)
European Union (EU)
International Criminal Court (ICC)
Canadian House of Commons (HOC)

ADVANCED & CRISIS COMMITTEES

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



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