



AMUN Digital Conference Experience Preparation Newsletter

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AMUN 2020 Keynote Address and Opening Session

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. We are pleased to open the keynote address to all interested parties.

AMUN 2020 Keynote Address-Open to All

AMUN is proud to offer a keynote address by Matthew Reynolds, the regional representative for the United States and the Caribbean at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). We strongly encourage all AMUN participants and other students interested in a career in international aid or international relations in addressing the needs of refugees to take the opportunity to learn from one of the best in the field.

Reynolds will speak about his position with the UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, where he currently represents the United States and the Caribbean. In this role he focuses on migrants in the Caribbean, where international migrants comprise approximately 25 percent of the region's population of over 44 million people. Reynolds also oversees support the United States provides to refugee situations around the globe, including Rohingya refugees from Myanmar.

Matthew Reynolds joined the UNHCR in 2017. Previously, he was the North America Representative for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). He has also held positions in the U.S. State Department, including U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary, the Director of House Affairs and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Affairs. Before joining the State Department, Reynolds spent 17 years in numerous senior positions in the U.S. Congress.

Reynolds' remarks will take place as part of the Conference opening on Thursday 22 October 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Central Time and will be live streamed via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#). Please note, registration for the 2020 AMUN Conference is NOT required to take advantage of this keynote opportunity, so we encourage you to spread the word widely amongst your students and

colleagues. After the formal conversation, participants will be able to send in questions for Mr. Reynolds.

AMUN Virtual Conference Important Dates

We have put together important dates and times for the 2020 Conference to assist you in your preparations. We will continue to update this calendar as we solidify dates and times.

Ongoing

- [Flipgrid](#) open to record Opening Speeches

1 October

- ICJ Memorials Due
- Last day to request a Model UN in a Box Simulation Guide

7 October

- Position Paper Submissions close

8 October

- All Payments due
- Credentials due

13 October

- AMA #3, 1 p.m. Central (intended for all AMUN participants) via Zoom

19 October

- Gatherly Platform opens for representative familiarization sessions with times TBD. During these sessions, representatives will have access to:
 - Practice simulations
 - Tech help
 - Finance/registration help
 - General questions
 - Team huddles

22 October

- Opening Plenary and Keynote, 7:00 p.m. Central

23 October

- Graduate School and Career Expo, 2-5 p.m. Central
- FA/PR Feedback Meeting, time TBD

24 October

- FA/PR Feedback Meeting, time TBD

25 October

- FA/PR Feedback Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Central
- 2021 Country Lottery 10:30 a.m. Central

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at mail@amun.org and we will be happy to help. As always, if you are no longer the primary contact for your school's Model UN club or class, please contact us at mail@amun.org with updated contact information or fill out our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form online.

Good Luck on Your Preparations,

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2020 Secretary-General

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