

American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter 18–21 November 2023

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# Virtual Platform Information - Gatherly

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Please review the following communication for important information about the Virtual Committee. You are receiving this communication because your delegation is registered for at least one seat on the Virtual Committee, Human Rights Council (HRC), this year. If you believe this is in error please contact <u>mail@amun.org</u> as soon as possible.

# **Online Platform: Gatherly**

This year the virtual committee will once again be hosted on <u>Gatherly</u>. Gatherly has been used as our online platform for three years with great response from Representatives over other virtual platforms commonly used for online conferencing. Gatherly allows participants to have an avatar that they can move around in a virtual floor.



By moving their avatar over another person's avatar, a video call (or known in Gatherly as a "huddle") is created. This simulates the "caucusing" experience commonly found at Model UN conferences. You can learn more about Gatherly on <u>their website</u>.

### **Check your Computer for Compatibility with Gatherly**

The <u>technical specifications</u> of Gatherly recommend using the Chrome or Firefox browsers without any browser extensions. A microphone, headset and video camera are also recommended for the

best experience. Please review the <u>technical specifications</u> to ensure your device is compatible with Gatherly. You can verify your browser and network connection at <u>check.gatherly.io</u>.

For the best experience, we recommend representatives have their laptop or computer plugged into a secondary monitor as they will frequently be tabbing back-and-forth between Gatherly and Google Docs to draft resolutions.

Closer to the start of the Conference, your school will receive a Conference-specific link to gain access to the 2023 AMUN Virtual Conference sessions.

### **Reminder on Credential Submission - Virtual Participant Emails**

In order to ensure important communication of virtual specific instructions, including the access link for the Virtual Committee is delivered to your students, please ensure when their credentials are <u>submitted on the website</u> please include both their name **and** their student email.

We will be sending additional emails straight to your virtual participants to ensure they are able to login without delay when the simulation begins.

### **Virtual Committee Information**

All the information about our 2023 Virtual Committee is now online. For your convenience, links to each section are copied below.

- <u>General Information</u>: go here if you need information on the country and delegate fees, refund policies, and pricing structure.
- <u>Agenda</u>: the complete agenda for the conference dates 18–20 November.
  - $\circ~$  Please note that there are no sessions for the Virtual Committee ~ on Tuesday.

#### SATURDAY – 18 November

- 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. Opening Plenary Session
- 7:15 p.m. 10:00 p.m. Virtual Committee Session

### SUNDAY – 19 November

- 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Committee Session
- 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Committee Session
- 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. *Dinner*
- 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Committee Session

### MONDAY – 20 November

• 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Committee Session

- 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. *Free Afternoon*
- 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. Committee Session
- 9:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m. Closing Virtual Plenary Session
- <u>Virtual Simulation & Topics</u>
- <u>Available Countries</u>
- <u>Assigned Countries</u>

# **Conference Mailings**

AMUN sends out regular communications like these with important information and conference updates. These communications are available on our <u>website</u>. Please refer back to this page at any time to make sure that you are current on AMUN communications and feel free to distribute the link to your participants.

### **Questions, Comments or Concerns?**

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at <u>mail@amun.org</u> 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 <u>mail@amun.org</u> with updated contact information or fill out our <u>Change of Address/Contact</u> form online.

Good luck on your preparations,

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