

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Participants of MUN are known as delegates. They prepare for local and international MUN conferences after being placed into one of the committees (principal bodies of the UN) and assigned a country to represent.

Delegates are given topics beforehand for their committee to discuss during the actual conference. They conduct research, formulate position papers, and come up with policy proposals through the lens of the country's position in the world stage.



## WHAT IS MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN)?

Model United Nations or Model UN is an educational simulation of the United Nations. It serves as an extracurricular activity whereby students can learn about diplomacy, international relations, and conflict resolution by acting as delegates at a MUN conference.



## WHAT HAPPENS IN A MUN CONFERENCE?

On the day of the conference, delegates debate their proposals with fellow delegates of their committee. After each session, all the delegates of a committee vote on written policies known as "draft resolutions". A resolution will pass only after winning a majority vote.

At the end of a conference, the best-performing delegates in each committee or a delegation (a team of delegates representing a university) are recognised with various awards.



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## AHLIA UNIVERSITY MODEL UNITED NATIONS (AUMUN)





## HOW IT FUNCTIONS

The club will normally hold two meetings per month in preparation for local and international conferences. The preparations will usually involve teaching students to research their assigned countries and topics to create their own research binder, practice writing resolutions, and engage in parliamentary procedures and debates. The meetings will often involve mock sessions simulating a MUN conference in preparation for the actual conference.

## AHLIA UNIVERSITY MODEL UNITED NATIONS (AUMUN)

AUMUN is Ahlia University's rendition of the Model United Nations. The club was created to introduce students to the operation and structure of the Model United Nations conferences and to provide them with the opportunity to actively learn about world cultures and debate issues of international importance.

The club serves as delegation to formally represent Ahlia University in the local Bahrain Universities Model United Nations (BUMUN) conference as well as regional and international MUN conferences such as American University of Sharjah Model United Nations (AUSMUN) and Harvard World Model United Nations (WorldMUN).

## SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

By being a member of the club you will:

- Develop a deeper understanding of current world issues
- Learn to speak at a public platform
- Debate and negotiate with fellow delegates
- Write resolutions
- Engage in critical thinking
- Establish your leadership and teamwork capabilities
- Conduct research and form your own research binder

## STRUCTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The UN has six principal bodies who are collectively known as the "UN System":

- General Assembly
- Security Council
- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Trusteeship Council
- International Court of Justice
- UN Secretariat



The UN Charter gives each of the six primary bodies the ability to establish various "UN Specialized Agencies" and autonomous subsidiary organs of the United Nations to fulfil its duties. The UN performs much of its humanitarian work through its specialized agencies and subsidiary organs.

## ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS

Formed in 1947, the United Nations (UN) is the world's largest intergovernmental organization with 193 member states. The main objective of the UN as mandated by the "UN Charter" is to maintain international peace, promote international cooperation, protect human rights, distribute humanitarian aid, champion international law, and encourage sustainable development.

## UN'S ROLE IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

The Millennium Summit meeting held in September 2000 discussed the role of the UN in the 21st century. It resulted in the adoption of 8 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which were to be achieved by 2015 by all member states. All members committed to achieve international development in areas such as public health, poverty reduction, and gender equality. However, progress towards these goals were ultimately uneven across countries.

Through the "Post-2015 Development Agenda" process, 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were developed and launched in 2015 to succeed the MDGs. The SDGs espoused more collective action by all member states unlike the donor-recipient model of the MDGs.

## FAQ's

### Who can join AUMUN?

Any enrolled student at Ahlia University.

### When does the club meet?

Meetings will be scheduled twice a month based on the best day and time for most club members.

### Is there a cost?

No. There is no cost for becoming a member of the AUMUN club.

### Do I require any prior knowledge?

Not at all. Many past students learnt through the experience of participating at MUN conferences only! Thus, AUMUN was created for a smoother preparation.

### What to bring in club meetings?

It is recommended that members bring laptops, folders, pencils/pens, and highlighters.

### Will club members participate in a conference?

Club members will prepare primarily for the local Bahrain Universities Model United Nations (BUMUN). However, each year a an AUMUN delegation consisting of the best delegates will be selected to take part in an international MUN conference such as Harvard World Model United Nations (WorldMUN).

### When is the conference?

Bahrain Universities Model United Nations (BUMUN) is typically held around November each year. Dates for international MUN conferences will be notified in club meetings.