



2017 TEXAS MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

State Conference Topics

All delegates should research and write position papers on both topics for their assigned committee.

Position papers are due March 27, 2017 to txmundirector@gmail.com

Economic and Social Council

Chair: Ryan Blackburn

ECOSOC brings people and issues together to promote collective action for a sustainable world. For more information, go to <https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/>

Topic 1: Role of youth in eradicating poverty

Topic 2: Women's roles in politics and peace processes

Human Rights Committee

Chair: Monica Earley

The Human Rights Committee is the body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights by its State parties. For more information, go to:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CCPR/Pages/CCPRIndex.aspx>

Topic 1: Rights of indigenous people

Topic 2: Reestablishing fundamental human rights in post-conflict zones

Security Council

Chair: Nandita Vegesna

Under the Charter, the Security Council has primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security. It has 15 Members, and each Member has one vote. Under the Charter, all Member States are obligated to comply with Council decisions. For more information, go to <http://www.un.org/en/sc/>

Topic 1: Territorial conflicts in the Middle East (Palestinian and Kurdish questions)

Topic 2: Peace consolidation in West Africa

UNICEF

Chair: Luana Miranda

UNICEF works to promote the rights and improve the lives of every child, in every situation. For more information, go to:

Topic 1: Combating child poverty and social exclusion

Topic 2: Child nutrition in war-torn regions

Special Political and Decolonization

Chair: Jackson Knox

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee deals with a variety of subjects which include those related to decolonization, Palestinian refugees and human rights, peacekeeping, mine action, outer space, public information, atomic radiation and University for Peace. For more information, go to: <http://www.un.org/en/ga/fourth/>



Topic 1: Gaza Strip.

Topic 2: Cyberterrorism and internet accessibility and privacy laws

World Health Organization (WHO)

The primary role of the WHO is to direct international health within the United Nations' system and to lead partners in global health responses. <http://www.who.int/en/>

Topic 1: Medical uses of nuclear technology

Topic 2: Sanitation and health considerations in refugee camps

Committee on Sustainable Development (CSD)

The United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) was established by the UN General Assembly in December 1992 to ensure effective follow-up of United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), also known as the Earth Summit. At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Member States agreed to establish a high level political forum that will subsequently replace the Commission on Sustainable Development in 2018. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.html>

Topic 1: Role of nuclear technology in sustainable development

Topic 2: Addressing economic effects of income inequality