

# Research Resources for Model UN Prep

## General Research/Preparation Sources

### [The CIA World Factbook](#)

This site provides important country-specific information ranging from demographics to government to economy.

## United States Department of State

### <http://www.state.gov>

Although some delegates may not represent the United States, this website can help with statistical information and data when attempting to understand a committee, issue, or situation. Under the "Policy Issues" tab delegates may find information regarding certain countries or issues such as food security.

The "Countries and Regions" tab will give you information regarding these topics from the point of view of the U.S. this is helpful for general knowledge and information or a western bias. This tab also includes information on United Nations entities and international organizations.

\*\*\*It is important to understand that any government website (including the CIA World Factbook website above) will have a slight bias or view towards any specific topic or country.

## The United Nations

- [Main Page](#)
- [UN documentation](#) (Resolutions and Reports)
- [Permanent Missions to the UN](#)
- [International Organizations](#)
- [United Nations Charter](#)
- [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

## [Global Policy Forum](#)

This website is a great teaching tool that could help with general understanding and definitions of "state" actors, a "nation," or a "failed state" for example.

Look to the lefthand side under "Special Topics" and "Working Groups" for information pertaining to the World Food Programme

## For individual information from the governments of nation states:

- Search a topic or governmental department with the nation state's name and either "government" "official cite" "government policy" "foreign policy".
- To determine a source is from an official government website make sure the link end in a ".COUNTRY ACRONYM" at the end. For example if it is Canada it would be ".CAN", for United Kingdom it is ".UK", New Zealand it would be ".NZ".

## News Sources

News sources are necessary when researching contemporary world events that may provide examples for committee topics. Be sure to use **recognized** news sources, and to contact your advisor or committee director if questions arise. Please **do not** use blogs as appropriate sources. Due to the multitude of news sources, TSMUN has only incorporated a few here as quick examples.

- <https://apnews.com/>
- <http://bbc.co.uk>
- [www.un.org/news](http://www.un.org/news)
- [english.aljazeera.net](http://english.aljazeera.net)
- <http://www.npr.org/sections/world/>

- On the righthand side there is a small text box that states "World Headlines from Associated Press". This can help with further news sources or contemporary world issues.

- <http://www.globalpost.com>
- <http://www.afp.com/en/news/>

- A French news website

- <http://www.euronews.com>
- <http://english.alarabiya.net>