

TALLAHASSEE SOUTHERN MODEL UNITED NATIONS



**VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM
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WELCOME

Greetings Delegates, Faculty Advisors, and Friends,

It is a great honor for me to welcome you to the 25th annual & first ever Virtual Tallahassee Southern Model United Nations (TSMUN XXV) conference.

TSMUN has now provided young delegates with a unique and effective learning experience for 25 years. Both middle and high school students get a chance to learn about and discuss global issues in a welcoming and professional environment. During these trying times it has been a priority to provide delegates the space and resources to share their solutions for the problems of today and the concerns of the future. Throughout the preparation process, delegates research issues, write about their complexities, and discover ways to resolve them. Not only do delegates learn about these issues, they are also provided the opportunity to and enhance their public speaking, diplomatic debate, critical thinking, and leadership skills.

Moreover, the main focus will be on expanding their ideas of the world, of each other, and of themselves. With that in mind, this year's theme is "Sustainable Development Goal 5: Achieving gender equality and empower all women and girls." The United Nations has stated that there is insufficient progress on the structural issues at the root of gender inequality such as, legal discrimination, unfair social norms and attitudes, and low levels of political participation, that are undermining the ability to achieve SDG 5. Delegates will discuss a wide range of topics connected to this theme throughout the five committees represented at this year's conference. These well-researched committees will be led by a group of college students with a great interest in international relations and a special interest in having a positive impact on our local community.

It is my pleasure to serve as this year's Secretary-General of TSMUN. Collectively, we will make TSMUN XXIV a successful and fun learning experience for all involved.

Sincerely,

Taylor E. Mackin
Secretary-General

SINCERE THANKS *and* APPRECIATION *to*

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Stephen Gethins

Former Member of Parliament for the North East Fife

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2020 – 2021 TCC Model UN Team

The Entire Staff

of the 2021 TSMUN Conference

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

TSMUN is proud to award scholarships to students who show an active interest in continuing their Model UN experience at Tallahassee Community College. Finalists for the scholarships will be interviewed during TSMUN, and scholarships will be awarded during TSMUN's closing ceremony.

*Scholarships include **in-state** tuition and fees to Tallahassee Community College for two years.*

CRITERIA

The applicant must:

1. Be enrolled as a senior in high school.
2. Have a minimum 2.75 High School GPA, unweighted.
3. Demonstrate expertise in position paper and resolution writing, as well as caucusing and skills in diplomacy practiced at the TSMUN conference.
4. Actively participate in the TCC Model UN program and maintain successful academic progress.
5. Complete the online application.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



SNP

Stephen Gethins

Former Member of Parliament
for the North East Fife &
Scottish National Party
politician and Professor at the
University of St. Andrews

Stephen Gethins was Member of Parliament for North East Fife from 2015 to 2019. He was appointed the SNP's Europe Spokesperson when he was elected in 2015. After the 2017 General Election he was appointed Foreign Affairs and Europe spokesperson and led the SNP's Scotland in the World Team at Westminster. Stephen was the first SNP Member of the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee and he served for two terms. Before his election Stephen worked in democratisation and peace-building overseas including in the Western Balkans and South Caucasus. He also worked in the EU Committee of the Regions and Scotland House in Brussels. Stephen was a Special Adviser to the First Minister from 2009 to 2013 and focused on energy, climate change, rural affairs, Europe and international affairs. He is currently a Professor of Practice at the School of International Relations at the University of St. Andrews.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We continue our tradition of support and awareness of international issues by promoting education about these matters at the high school and middle school level. This conference also serves as a vehicle of community service for TCC's MUN program by spreading our knowledge and passion for international politics and global issues. Our goal is to expose students to the inner-workings of the United Nations in an effort to teach them the processes used in international relations.

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CODE *of* CONDUCT

The Student Code of Conduct is to ensure an educational and professional environment during the conference.

Delegates must act in a courteous manner, exemplifying the highest levels of professionalism.

Delegates should:

- Remain in character at all times, as they represent their respective country, through consistent advocacy of its interests.
- Collaborate with fellow delegates where possible.
- Delegates should not read outside materials, use cell phones, or act out of character during the committee session.
- Respect all facilities being used during the conference and adhere to staff requests regarding inappropriate behavior towards such facilities.

Delegates who disrupt committee sessions or create problems may be barred from further participation in the conference.

The role of advisors in attendance is to make every effort to ensure their students maintain a positive and professional mindset while participating in the conference.

Advisors are invited and encouraged to attend an informal meeting to provide staff with feedback on their TSMUN experience this year at 2 P.M. in room WD 112.



GATHERLY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 9:30 AM – 10:00 AMOpening Ceremonies
- 10:10 AM – 12:10 PMMorning Committee Session
- 12:15 PM – 2:15 PMLunch
- 2:15 PM – 5:00 PM.....Afternoon Committee Session
- 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM.....Advisors Meeting
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM.....Scholarship Interviews
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PMDinner Break
- 6:45 PM – 8:15 PM.....Evening Committee Session
- 8:30 PM – 9:30 PMClosing Ceremonies

**“We are all better off when we
open doors of opportunity for
women and girls:
in classrooms and boardrooms, in
military ranks and at peace talks,
in all aspects of productive life.”**

– António Guterres
United Nations
Secretary-General

TSMUN GOES VIRTUAL

We will be hosting this year's conference on the virtual platform **Gatherly**.

Delegates will still be able to interact & develop resolutions in committee just like at in-person conferences.

Delegates will need a computer with a camera and microphone, stable Internet connection, and a positive attitude & diplomatic mindset!

If you experience issues logging into Gatherly, please check your connection at <https://test.gatherly.io/>

The above link also provides a tutorial of Gatherly and its features.

Gatherly's FAQs can be viewed at <https://www.gatherly.io/faqs>

If you continue experiencing issues,
please email us at
[**sg@tsmun.org**](mailto:sg@tsmun.org)
with subject, "Gatherly HELP."

GATHERLY TERMINOLOGY

Huddles

You automatically enter when you select that area, after clicking on the dots or number icons to join a huddle.

Elevator

A way to enter different floors (different rooms for different committee/delegates needs) 15 People may enter a huddle at a time and they may be locked, not during broadcasts.

Broadcast

Chair and Speaker use during formal session. They can add individual delegates during the speakers list. Can add multiple people. This will also be used during opening and closing ceremonies.

Messaging

Group chat functions only take place in huddles. Google doc will be used to send notes between delegates through staff.

Identifiers

Member state name and committee would be their names up to 70 characters.

RULES *of* PROCEDURE

Motion	Purpose	Debate	Vote	Explanation
**Point of Order	Correct an error in procedure	None	None	Refers to a specific rule
**Appeal of the Chair	Challenge a decision of the Chair	None	Majority	Question the Chair's ruling
Suspension of the Meeting	Recess meeting for a defined period	None	Majority	Used to go into informal debate or break for a given time
Adjournment of the Meeting	End meeting	None	Majority	Used only on final day; ends committee for the year
Adjournment of Debate	End debate without a substantive vote	2 pro/ 2 con	Majority	Tables the topic; requires a roll call
Closure of Debate	Vote on all draft resolutions / report segments; move to an immediate vote	2 con	2/3 Majority	Ends all discussion on current topic
**Roll Call Vote (Used in voting only)	Vote by roll call, rather than show of Placards	None	None	Automatically granted once requested
**Adopt by Acclamation (Used in voting only)	Adopt a draft resolution / report segment as a body by consensus	None	None	Once motioned Chair must ask if there are any dissensions
Reconsideration	Re-open debate on an issue (Motion must be made by a member who voted for "Adjournment of Debate"	2 con	2/3 Majority	Untables topic that was tabled by "Adjournment of Debate"
Set the Speakers' Time	Set or change the time allotted to each speaker	2 pro/ 2 con	Majority	It is very rarely used at the UN and may be ruled out of order by the Chair
Close the Speaker's List (also applies to re-opening the list)	No additional speakers can be added to the speakers' list	None	Majority	
Adoption of the Agenda	Approval of agenda order	None	Majority	

** These motions are only accepted during voting procedure



EXAMPLE DRAFT RESOLUTION

Provided by SRMUN

After acceptance as a draft resolution, a code will be assigned which the body will refer to it as. The first number refers to the topic being debated and the second is assigned by the dias.

1 Draft Resolution 2-6

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3 Committee: General Assembly Plenary
4 Subject: Ensuring Global Food Security

5 Sponsors: China, Comoros, Eritrea, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, South Africa
6 Signatories: Austria, Egypt, Gabon, Iraq, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Russia,
7 South Africa, Switzerland, United States, Venezuela, Vietnam
8

9 The General Assembly, ← List committee name,
10 followed by a comma.

11 *Keeping in mind* the United Nations Millennium Project, an effort to contribute 0.7% of Gross National
12 Product To Official Development Assistance (ODA), pledged by international leaders at the International
13 Conference for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development Aid in 2002,

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15 *Fully believing* the United Nations Millennium Project to be imperative to meeting the United Nations
16 Millennium Development Goals,

17
18 *Bearing in mind* the positive correlation between the United Nations Millennium Project and
19 self-sustainability of developing nations in order to promote long-term independence of foreign aid,

20
21 *Noting with concern* that debt forgiveness is included as a misleading form of foreign developmental aid,

22
23 *Observing* the rudimentary agricultural methods and resources of developing nations as a hindrance to self-
24 sustainability,

25
26 *Recognizing* the correlation between improving global food security and the cooperation among the United Nations
27 subsidiary bodies, including but not limited to the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), World Food
28 Programme (WFP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Children's Fund
29 (UNICEF),
30

- 31 1. *Reminds* Member States of the pledge to contribute Official Development Assistance (ODA) through the
32 United Nations Millennium Project, especially during this economic downturn;
33
34 2. *Emphasizes* food, monetary, technological aid as a preferred means to ensure global food security as a
35 component of Official Development Assistance (ODA) rather than debt forgiveness;
36
37 3. *Supports* instead targeting development aid through the transfer of technology, including but not limited to:
38 a. Hybridized seed,
39 b. Fertilizers and pesticides, ← During motions for division of the question, only
40 c. Improved equipment and tools; entire operative clauses can be addressed. Operative
41 sub-clauses cannot be divided out.
42
43 4. *Encourages* the coordination among subsidiary bodies of the United Nations which work to eradicate world
44 hunger through the establishment of a platform for discussion among representatives of each body in order
45 to operate in a more cooperative and efficient manner;
46
47 5. *Further encourages* such a forum to convene in Johannesburg, South Africa every first week of June and
48 first week of December commencing in 2012:
49 a. By calling on the represented subsidiary bodies to appoint an expert from each body to create an
50 universal comprehensive agenda to avoid the mismanagement of funds and the historic problem of
51 overspending on certain issues while leaving others without funding.
b. With delegation expenses included in the allocated budget of each individual subsidiary body.

Alphabetize the
list of nations.

The list of sponsors and signatories
will be removed from the working
paper when it becomes a draft
resolution and is distributed to the
entire body as an official piece of
work.

After being
approved as a
draft resolution,
preambulatory
clauses cannot be
modified or
amended.

Only certain committees, i.e. GA Plenary
& Security Council can add an operative
clause to stay seized of the matter.

All operative clauses (except for final one) end
with a semi-colon. Following the final
operative clause all draft resolutions end with a
period.

Always check for spelling
and grammar before
submitting any working
paper! It will save precious
time during editing!!

All working papers/draft resolutions are to be typed in 10 font, times
new roman style.

EVOLUTION of a RESOLUTION



- ★ Most work is done in this stage
- ★ Flush out ideas
- ★ Collaboration/Communication
- ★ Paper should only be referred to as a “*working paper*”
- ★ Can be easily changed or edited
- ★ Expect several rounds of edits from the dais

- ★ Dais edits are complete and the working paper has been introduced to the committee as a “*draft resolution*”
- ★ No longer referred to as a working paper

- ★ Document has been voted on and accepted by the committee



MERGING

- Sometimes there are too many different working papers with similar ideas and the dais will ask groups to merge their working papers together
- Don't panic! At the beginning of the committee session, work is often done in small groups and many similar ideas are often being addressed simultaneously.
- The Dais will alert each group that the papers are too similar to accept both and will ask that the groups combine and create a collaborated working paper.
- By combining multiple papers, a comprehensive work is produced that will garner widespread support.

Merging Tips:

- Be open-minded, flexible, and promote compromise and cooperation through diplomacy
- Work with different groups to discuss your similar ideas and how you can create a cohesive document
- The dais wants the committee to be successful, so the goal of merging is to create a quality comprehensive document.

Sponsors V. Signatories:

Each working paper will require a certain number of sponsors and signatories, to be considered as a draft resolution. The number required will vary by committee and will be announced by the Dais during the first committee session.

If you are a SPONSOR to a working paper:

- You actively assist in the authoring of the paper and you agree fully with the substance
- You must vote in favor of the working paper should it become a draft resolution
- You must approve all modifications and immediate changes to the draft resolution

If you are a SIGNATORY to a working paper:

- You do not have to agree with the substance of the paper, only that you want to see it debated
- You may vote in favor, against, or abstain should it become a draft resolution
- You may introduce amendments without the consent of the sponsors

PREAMBULATORY CLAUSES

The purpose of the preamble is to set the context of the issue being discussed. Delegates are encouraged to mention sections of international documents, important events, and treaties relevant to the topic at hand. Preambular clauses begin with a participle, always in italics and followed with a comma. The preamble can also reference documents that appeal to the conscience and good will of member states. Preambles are sometimes just a formality, but can be of great importance in instances where the lens through which an issue is analyzed matters a great deal.

Example: *Remembering* Millennium Development Goal 1, to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, and the effect it has had on bringing countries together to combat this issue,

Affirming	Expressing its	Noting with regret
Alarmed by	satisfaction	Noting with deep
Approving	Fulfilling	concern
Aware of	Fully alarmed	Noting with satisfaction
Bearing in mind	Fully aware	Noting further
Believing	Fully believing	Noting with approval
Confident	Further deploring	Observing
Contemplating	Further recalling	Reaffirming
Convinced	Guided by	Realizing
Declaring	Having adopted	Recalling
Deeply concerned	Having considered	Recognizing
Deeply conscious	Having considered	Referring
Deeply convinced	further	Seeking
Deeply disturbed	Having devoted	Taking into account
Deeply regretting	attention	Taking into
Desiring	Having examined	consideration
Emphasizing	Having heard	Taking note
Expecting	Having received	Viewing with
Expressing its	Having studied	appreciation
appreciation	Keeping in mind	Welcoming

OPERATIVE CLAUSES

Solutions to an issue are often presented in a coherent sequence addressing the many facets of a topic. Every operative clause must call for an action to be performed; no matter how vague or detailed. Here again, it is important to take into account the scope and mandate of your committee in determining what type of actions can be demanded. Operative clauses begin with a verb in the present tense and are followed by a semi-colon.

Example: 1. Urges nations embattled in poverty to provide accountability measures, which *encourages* transparency in building the country's social infrastructure;

Accepts	Demands	Recalls
Acknowledges	Deplores	Recognizes
Adopts	Designates	Recommends
Advises	Directs	Regrets
Affirms	Draws the attention	Reiterates
Also calls for	Emphasizes	Reminds
Also recommends	Encourages	Renews its appeal
Also strongly condemns	Endorses	Repeats
Also urges	Expresses its appreciation	Requests
Appeals	Expresses its hope	Requires
Appreciates	Expresses its regret	Solemnly affirms
Approves	Further invites	Stresses
Authorizes	Further proclaims	Strongly advises
Calls	Further recommends	Strongly condemns
Calls for	Further reminds	Strongly encourages
Calls upon	Further requests	Suggests
Commends	Further resolves	Supports
Concurs	Has resolved	Takes note of
Condemns	Instructs	Transmits
Confirms	Introduces	Trusts
Congratulates	Invites	Underlines
Considers	Notes	Underscores
Decides	Notes with satisfaction	Urges
Declares	Proclaims	Welcomes
Declares accordingly	Reaffirms	

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