



2025 BOND UNIVERSITY

High School Model United Nations Conference

Sustainable Economies, Thriving Ecosystems:
Pathways to Achieve Decent Work and Preserve Life on Land



Bond University High School Model United Nations 2025

Each year, Bond University welcomes secondary students nationwide to the Bond University High School Model United Nations (BUHMUN), an immersive two-day conference simulating the world of international diplomacy.

Established in 2017 by the Faculty of Society and Design, BUHMUN holds the distinction of being Australia's first university-run Model UN conference for high school students, an initiative the Faculty of Society and Design is proud to host and continually advance.

Assuming the roles of delegates representing various countries, students engage in dynamic debates on pressing global issues. They collaborate to negotiate and formulate innovative solutions, building critical skills in research, public speaking, and negotiation along the way. BUHMUN empowers aspiring young leaders, offering an inspiring platform to explore complex global challenges and step confidently into the role of tomorrow's leaders.

BUHMUN News



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conference action by following
the 2025 BUHMUN news here.
Produced live by our BUHMUN
Journalism team.

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Welcome

Vice Chancellor's Message

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Bond University, Gold Coast for the 2025 Bond University High School Model United Nations (BUHMUN) Conference. We are proud to host this conference at Bond, which provides an opportunity for you to engage in dialogue and debate on one of the most pressing and critical issues we face as global citizens.

As Australia's first private non-profit university, Bond University seeks to be recognised internationally as a leading independent university, imbued with a spirit to innovate, a commitment to influence and a dedication to inspire tomorrow's professionals who share a personalised and transformational student experience.

The Bond University organising committee looks forward to welcoming BUHMUN delegates from throughout Queensland and Northern New South Wales to campus and ensuring that your visit will be productive, enjoyable and memorable. A Model UN is successful because of the dedication and dynamism of its delegates: that means you. As you work together to develop a formal resolution to these pressing global issues, please accept the best wishes of the entire Bond University community.

I trust you will have an enriching and enjoyable experience with us at Bond University.

Best wishes,

Professor Tim Brailsford
Vice Chancellor and President



Executive Dean's Message

The Bond University Faculty of Society & Design is pleased to welcome you to the 2025 Bond University High School Model United Nations (BUHMUN) Conference on the Gold Coast, Australia.

The Faculty of Society & Design is one of Australia's most innovative, including the areas of Architecture, Built Environment, Communication, Creative Media, Humanities and Social Sciences. Our vision is to deliver students an innovative, practical and supportive environment in which to study. Our degrees are informed by research, flexible in structure and practical in their application. We, as a Faculty, have worked hard to ensure our programs provide students with a unique learning experience. One that ensures that they can enter into the career of their choice. Currently, our International Relations graduates are working in areas as diverse as the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Defence and other agencies.

The Faculty knows all too well, through our own innovative programs that incorporate simulations, the formidable experiential learning that is an integral part of any Model UN. Today, you will experience moments that may shape the road you choose to take in your further studies, your careers, and most importantly, your active engagement in pressing global issues. Your continuing actions and leadership which will be further developed through your participation in BUHMUN may one day help transform our world and ultimately, make it a better place for us all.

Professor Derek Carson
Executive Dean
Faculty of Society & Design



Secretary General's Message

Welcome to the 2025 Bond University High School Model United Nations (BUHMUN). It is my privilege to host so many bright students on campus for what promises to be an engaging and memorable experience.

Almost eighty years ago, a group of students, much like yourselves, gathered at Harvard University for the very first Model United Nations conference. Today, you continue that important tradition. Whether you are a seasoned delegate or attending your very first MUN, I commend your commitment to stepping into the shoes of diplomats and tackling some of the world's most pressing challenges.

When we envisioned BUHMUN 2025, our aim was not simply to organise another Model UN event. We sought to create a dynamic space where passionate young minds like yours could come together, challenge prevailing ideas, push beyond your comfort zones, and ultimately, find your unique voice on the global stage.

This year's conference centres on two critical and interconnected Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth and SDG 15: Life on Land. While seemingly distinct - one focused on economic prosperity and the other on ecological preservation - their intersection forces us to confront one of the defining questions of our time: How can we build a world where both humanity and our planet can thrive?

The debates and resolutions forged here are significant, and ensuring their clarity and reach is paramount. To our dedicated journalists covering BUHMUN: Your role is crucial. You are the essential link ensuring transparency of our proceedings. Your diligent reporting on the discussions, negotiations, and outcomes allows the wider BUHMUN community to understand the perspectives shared and solutions proposed. This transparency underpins the conference's integrity and reinforces the importance of open dialogue in addressing global issues. We thank you for your vital contribution. The world urgently needs leaders who are informed, compassionate, and courageous enough to speak truth to power. I believe the delegates participating in BUHMUN represent the next generation of changemakers. And yes, amidst the serious debate, expect plenty of laughs, unexpected alliances, and maybe even a bit of constructive chaos (as any good MUN should have!).

More than anything, I hope BUHMUN inspires you. I hope it inspires you to deepen your understanding of the world, to have confidence in yourself when it's hard to speak up, and to realise just how powerful your ideas can be. On behalf of the entire Secretariat team, thank you for dedicating your time and energy to being here. We can't wait to see you get involved over the next two days!

Sienna Grubb
Secretary General



President of the General Assembly Message

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Bond University High School Model United Nations (BUHMUN) 2025. As we convene to deliberate on the pressing challenges and cultivate innovative solutions shaping our collective future, I am reminded of the profound power of collaboration and the promise of youthful innovation.

This year, our discussions are anchored by two pivotal Sustainable Development Goals: SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth and SDG 15: Life on Land. These goals underscore the intricate and vital relationship between human progress and the responsible stewardship of our planet. SDG 8 calls us to strive for inclusive, sustainable economic growth, ensuring opportunities for dignified work for all. Concurrently, SDG 15 beckons us to protect, restore, and preserve the biodiversity that sustains life on Earth, respecting the balance between development and conservation.

Within this General Assembly, you possess a unique opportunity to grapple with these critical issues. This is an opportunity to bring your creativity, courage, and commitment to constructive dialogue to the table. As delegates, remember you represent not only the nations assigned to you but also the hopes and aspirations of billions worldwide who yearn for a future that is prosperous, equitable, and lives in harmony with our natural world.

Let us embrace the rich diversity of viewpoints in this Assembly. Let us diligently explore solutions that uphold the dignity of both humankind and nature, and let us emerge from this conference not just informed but truly empowered to become advocates for meaningful and transformative action in our communities and beyond.

I look forward to witnessing your contributions and the progress we will make together.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tehgan'.

Tehgan Gee

President of the General Assembly

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MESSAGE TO THE MODEL UNITED NATIONS
2025

Dear friends,

Thank you for taking part in this Model United Nations – and for believing in the power of global cooperation.

You are leaders in your schools and communities.

And this is a time like no other for all people to raise their voices and engage in our global community.

We are living in turbulent times.

Our planet is burning, conflicts are raging, and inequalities are deepening.

Human rights are under fire.

Mistrust and misinformation are polarizing people and communities.

But none of this is inevitable.

Time and again, humanity has shown that when we unite to tackle our greatest challenges, change is possible.

The United Nations itself is a good example.

Since 1945, it has been the place for countries to unite behind global solutions to global problems.

We need that same spirit of global solidarity today.

And we need your ideas, energy, determination and voice.

The Member States of the United Nations recently adopted the Pact for the Future, the Global Digital Compact, and the Declaration on Future Generations.

These initiatives are designed to strengthen multilateralism and to actively engage young people in deeper and more meaningful ways.

I firmly believe that your voices must count in the way decisions are made, strategies are established, policies are defined, and actions are implemented.

And I have no doubt that your Model United Nations experience will help develop those skills even more.

Let's keep working to build peace, heal divisions, and extend a hand to those in need, especially the most vulnerable.

The United Nations is your ally in this important journey.

We will never give up fighting for a future of peace, dignity and prosperity for everyone, everywhere.

And I am counting on you to be a force of positive change to help get us there.

I wish you every success.

Thank you.

Keynote Speaker



Keynote speaker

Shinae Haidley

Senior Policy Officer, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)

Shinae Haidley is a Senior Policy Officer within the Climate Change Group at DCCEEW. She works with partner countries on regional decarbonisation initiatives and is focused on facilitating international cooperation on carbon capture and storage projects.

Before joining DCCEEW, Shinae completed a Master of Philosophy in Public Policy at the University of Cambridge, graduating with Distinction. While at Cambridge, she completed policy research for the UK Treasury and served on the editorial boards of the Cambridge Journal of Political Affairs and the Cambridge Law Review.

Shinae previously worked as a Senior Associate in the Infrastructure Equity team at AMP Capital, leading the sustainability and governance workstream across a \$10 billion portfolio of infrastructure investments. Shinae is also admitted as a lawyer in the Supreme Court of Queensland.

Shinae holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours Class 1), Bachelor of International Relations, and Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Bond University. Shinae was an active member of Bond's MUN program throughout her studies, joining its delegation to the JEMUN conference in Tokyo and WIMUN conference in New York. Shinae represented Bond at the University Scholars Leadership Symposium in Thailand and served as Vice President of the Bond University United Nations Student Association.

Participating Schools

- A.B. Paterson College
- All Saints Anglican School
- Assisi Catholic College
- Benowa State High School
- Clairvaux Mackillop College
- Downlands College
- Elanora State High School
- Emmanuel College
- Grace Lutheran College Rothwell
- Hillcrest Christian College
- Islamic College of Brisbane
- John Paul College
- Loreto College
- Marymount High School
- Miami State High School
- Moreton Bay College
- Pacific Pines State High School
- Padua College
- Queensland Academies Health Sciences
- Rivermount College
- Robina State High School
- Ryan Catholic College
- Saint Stephen's College
- Santa Sabina College
- Somerset College
- Southport High School
- St Hilda's School
- Stuartholme School
- The Southport School
- Trinity Lutheran College
- Varsity College
- Westside Christian College
- Whitsunday Anglican School

About BUHMUN 2025

Sustainable Economies, Thriving Ecosystems: Pathways to Achieve Decent Work and Preserve Life on Land

Under the theme “Sustainable Economies, Thriving Ecosystems: Pathways to Achieve Decent Work and Preserve Life on Land,” BUHMUN 2025 challenges delegates to explore the vital pathways connecting economic prosperity with environmental health. This year’s conference focuses on finding solutions within two critical Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- SDG 8 Decent Work and Economic Growth,
- SDG 15 Life on Land.

Delegates will grapple with the fundamental question inherent in our theme: How can we forge pathways that ensure inclusive economic growth and decent work for all, while simultaneously protecting, restoring, and promoting the sustainable use of our planet’s vital ecosystems? Exploring these pathways will involve tackling key global challenges, such as:

- Balancing job creation and economic development initiatives with effective environmental conservation and resource management.
- Promoting fair labour practices, particularly in industries reliant on natural resources like agriculture and mining.
- Developing and implementing robust strategies to combat deforestation, halt biodiversity loss, and reverse land degradation.

Delegates will be tasked with analysing these complex interdependencies and collaborating to identify and propose innovative pathways – through policy measures, technological solutions, and international cooperation – grounded in the principles of SDG 8 and SDG15.

BUHMUN 2025 provides a dynamic platform for thought-provoking debates and the collaborative development of actionable pathways forward. By engaging deeply with these urgent issues, delegates will gain a crucial understanding of how integrated strategies are essential for building a future defined by both sustainable economies and thriving ecosystems, fulfilling the promise of decent work and preserving life on land for generations to come.



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Conference Schedule

DAY 1: TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2025

TIME*	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
0830	Guest Arrival and Registration	Basil Sellers Foyer & Outside
0930	Opening Ceremony & Plenary	Basil Sellers Theatre
1030	Delegates move to Committee Rooms	Committee Rooms
1040	Session I Brief Training Session Committee Plenary Opening Statements	Committee Rooms
1230	Session 1 Concludes	Committee Rooms
1245	Lunch	ADCO Amphitheatre
1325	Delegates return to Committee Rooms	Committee Rooms
1350	Session II Informal session	Committee Rooms
1615	Faculty Advisor Meeting	ADCO Amphitheatre
1630	Session II Concludes	Committee Rooms
1645	Welcome Reception for BUHMUN Delegates	ADCO Amphitheatre
1800	Day One Concludes	

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY, 2025

TIME*	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
0815	Guest Arrival and Light Breakfast	Quadrangle - Faculty of Law
0900	Group Photo	Under the Arch
0930	Delegates move to Committee Rooms	Committee Rooms
0945	Session III Formal Session	Committee Rooms
1215	Session III Concludes	Committee Rooms
1230	Lunch	Princeton Room
1305	Delegates return to Committee Rooms	Committee Rooms
1325	Session IV Informal Sessions	Committee Rooms
1425	Break	
1435	Session V Action Phase	Committee Rooms
1535	Delegates move to Princeton Room	Princeton Room
1545	Closing Plenary & Awards Presentation	Princeton Room
1630	Conference Concludes	

Committee Room Locations

COMMITTEE	ROOM	QR CODE MAP
Environment Assembly 1 Beyond the Surface: Critical Minerals, Natural Resources, and Mining	3_1_06	
Environment Assembly 2 Triple Planetary Crisis: Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Pollution	4_1_30	
International Labour Organization Decent Work in the Transition to Sustainable Economic Growth	3_2_26	
Security Council Abolishing Modern Slavery and Forced Labour	3_1_12	
Peacebuilding Commission Sustainable Resource Management in Post-Conflict Regions	3b_3_19	
General Committee Sustainable Economies and Ecosystems: Balancing Work and Land Preservation in Tourism	3_1_11	
The BUHMUN Newsroom	3_1_13	



BUHMUN Awards Criteria

Diplomacy Awards

The Diplomacy Award recognises individuals who exemplify outstanding collaboration, empathy, and constructive engagement throughout the conference. Delegates deserving of this award will consistently:

- **Uphold UN Values:** demonstrate respect, professionalism, and a spirit of cooperation in all interactions, embodying the principles of the United Nations.
- **Listen Actively and Seek Understanding:** Pay close attention to diverse viewpoints and engage in constructive dialogue to find common ground and foster mutual understanding.
- **Promote Collaboration:** Actively encourage teamwork and foster a cooperative atmosphere among fellow delegates.

- **Contribute Constructively:** Engage meaningfully in the drafting process, offering valuable input and support collaborative writing efforts.
- **Negotiate Effectively:** propose thoughtful solutions and demonstrate a willingness to compromise in order to reach consensus.
- **Participate Fully:** Show commitment through active and consistent participation in all conference sessions.

Delegates receiving this award embody the consensus-building, respect, and mutual understanding central to effective diplomacy.

Position Paper Awards

The Position Paper Award recognises the delegate whose paper best demonstrates exceptional research, thoughtful analysis, clear writing, and constructive solutions relevant to the committee's agenda. The winning position paper will:

Follow Specified Format: Adhere to the provided position paper structure, ensuring clarity and consistency.

Exhibit Thoughtful Organisation: Present ideas coherently and logically throughout the document.

Demonstrate Exemplary Writing: Utilise clear, concise, professional language with polished grammar and precise wording.

Show Thorough Understanding: Reflect a deep grasp of the topic, including its complexities, nuances, and significance.

Be Solution-Oriented: Propose well-reasoned, innovative, and actionable solutions while respectfully acknowledging and engaging with differing perspectives.

Include Comprehensive Content Divided into Three Sections:

- Background:** Provide a concise overview of the issue, its international importance and relevant data justifying concern and action.
- National Position & Relevant Actions:** Outline the represented country's stance, actions taken by the country or key allies, and relevant UN or international body involvement.
- Proposed Solutions:** Clearly articulate specific, actionable proposal that the delegate's government supports to address the issue.

The winning paper(s) will exemplify outstanding research, critical thinking, written communication, and a constructive approach to addressing global challenges.

Delegation Awards

The Delegation Award recognises schools demonstrating outstanding overall performance, preparation and collaborative diplomacy reflecting the core values of the United Nations throughout the conference.

Awards are presented separately for large and small delegations to ensure fair comparison:

- **Large Delegations:** Schools with a total number of delegates above the median delegation size for the conference.
- **Small Delegations:** Schools with a total number of delegates at or below the median delegation size for the conference.

(This categorisation ensures delegations compete against similarly sized groups)

Winning delegations are determined based on the following criteria:

1. Overall achievement (Based on Individual Awards):

Demonstrate collective excellence, primarily assessed through the cumulative number of Diplomacy and Position Paper awards or nominations of the delegation's members across all committees.

2. **Normalised Performance** Exhibit high achievement relative to delegation size. To ensure fairness, the total number of awards won (from point 1) is normalised (e.g., calculated as a score per delegate or using a similar statistical method) for comparison between delegations within the same size category.

3. **Consistent Diplomatic Conduct** Exhibit positive and consistent diplomatic conduct across the delegation. Members, on the whole, should uphold UN values (respect, cooperation), engage constructively in their committees, and contribute positively to the conference atmosphere.

4. **Active Participation:** Ensure active and meaningful participation by the delegation's members across their assigned committees and mandatory conference sessions.

Winning delegations effectively showcase teamwork through preparation (as evidenced by performance), and commendable collaborative diplomacy, embodying the spirit of BUHMUN.

Journalism Awards

Outstanding content published by the BUHMUN Newsroom will be recognised through a range of individual awards, and one student will be awarded the Secretary-General's Award for Outstanding Contribution to BUHMUN Journalism.

Reporters receiving journalism awards will excel in the following areas:

- **News Judgement:** Demonstrate strong news judgement by identifying high-impact and nuanced stories that incorporate strong news values (e.g., timeliness, impact, conflict, prominence, novelty, proximity and human interest).
- **Compelling Storytelling:** Utilise chosen media (text, video, photography) to create powerful, creative, and engaging content relevant to the BUHMUN delegates and wider audience.
- **Ethical Reporting:** Adhere to high journalistic ethics ensuring accuracy, fairness, sensitivity, verification, and a commitment to truth in information gathering and reporting.
- **Journalistic Independence:** Exhibit journalistic courage by reporting "without fear or favour", responsibly fulfilling the media's role as a "watchdog" or Fourth Estate.
- **Collaboration & Reliability:** Work cooperatively, reliably, and flexibly with the newsroom team to produce high-quality content under deadline pressure.
- **Respect & Accurate Coverage:** Uphold UN values (unity, respect, cooperation) in professional interactions and provide accurate, fair coverage of the conference proceedings and the institution.

Code of Conduct

All participants at BUHMUN 2025 are subject to The BUHMUN Code of Conduct

1. Purpose and Objectives

The BUHMUN Code of Conduct was established to promote appropriate behaviour within the BUHMUN community, ensure fair handling of misconduct allegations, and define decision-making authority.

2. Values

BUHMUN prohibits discrimination, harassment, or bullying in all its forms. Delegates and journalists will respect differing opinions, foster inclusivity, and engage in respectful discussions.

3. Venue Restrictions

All participants at BUHMUN 2025 will wear their lanyards at all times. Only water or coffee is permitted in committee rooms. No electronic devices are permitted during sessions unless authorised by the President of the General Assembly or their delegate.

4. AI Usage

All work must be original. Plagiarism and AI-generated content exceeding 10% will result in disqualification. Participants should ensure the correct citation of their sources.

5. Attendance

Attendance to sessions will be monitored via roll calls. Continued absence may impact a participant's eligibility for awards. Please inform your chair of any anticipated absenteeism or speak with Conference staff.

6. Conduct and Debate

All participants at BUHMUN 2025 will respect the Chair's authority and adhere to the rules. BUHMUN has zero tolerance for inflammatory behaviour or slander while maintaining respectful, robust debates.

7. Speeches

Delegates may speak in formal session only with the President or their delegate's permission. All remarks must remain relevant to the discussion.

8. Harassment Policy

BUHMUN is a harassment-free environment. Any incidents of harassment should be reported to the Secretary-General or conference staff immediately for appropriate action.

9. Enforcement

Violations of the BUHMUN Code of Conduct may result in individual and team warnings, individual or team removal from the Committee room, or individual or team expulsion from the conference. Participants agree to uphold the Code for a respectful and enriching experience.

Rules of Procedure

1. SESSIONS

1. OPENING DATE

The BUHMUN General Assembly shall meet every year in regular session commencing on the Tuesday of the second week in May, counting from the first week that contains at least one working day.

2. CLOSING DATE

On the recommendation of the General Committee, the BUHMUN General Assembly shall, at the beginning of each session, fix a closing date for the session.

3. PLACE OF MEETING

The BUHMUN General Assembly shall meet at the Headquarters of the Bond University High School Model United Nations unless convened elsewhere in pursuance of a decision taken at sessions or at request of a majority of the Members of the BUHMUN.

4. NOTIFICATION OF SESSION

The Secretary-General shall notify the Members of the BUHMUN, at least 60 days in advance, of the opening of a regular session.

2. AGENDA

5. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for a regular session shall be drawn up by the Secretary-General and communicated to the Members of the BUHMUN at least 60 days before the opening of the session.

6. The provisional agenda of a regular session shall include:

- a) The report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organisation;
- b) All items which the Secretary-General deems necessary to put before the BUHMUN General Assembly.

7. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

At each session the provisional agenda and the supplementary list, together with the report of the Committee thereon, shall be submitted to the BUHMUN General Assembly for approval as soon as possible after the opening of the session.

3. DELEGATION

8. COMPOSITION

The delegation of a Member shall consist of not more than five representatives and five alternate representatives and as many advisers, technical advisers, experts and persons of similar status as may be required by the delegation.

4. PRESIDENTS AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

9. ELECTIONS

Unless the BUHMUN General Committee decides otherwise the BUHMUN Organising Committee shall appoint a President and one (1) Vice-President at least three (3) months before the opening of the session over which they are to preside. The President and the Vice-President will assume their functions only at the beginning of the session for which they are elected and shall hold office until the close of the session.

10. ACTING PRESIDENT

If the President finds it necessary to be absent during a meeting or any part thereof, they shall designate their Vice-President to take their place.

11. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

12. GENERAL POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon them elsewhere by these rules, the President shall declare the opening and closing of each plenary meeting of the session, direct the discussions in the plenary meeting, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, put questions and announce decisions. They shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings at any meeting and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may, in the course of the discussion of an item, propose to the BUHMUN General Assembly the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers, the limitation of the number of times each representative may speak, the closure of the list of speakers, or the closure of debate. They may also propose the suspension, or the adjournment, of the debate on the item under discussion.

13. The President, in the exercise of their functions, remains under the authority of the BUHMUN General Assembly.

14. THE PRESIDENT SHALL NOT VOTE

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote but may designate another member of their delegation to vote in their place.

5. GENERAL COMMITTEE

15. COMPOSITION

The General Committee shall comprise of the President of the BUHMUN General Assembly, who shall preside, up to 21 Vice-Presidents and the Chairpersons of the Main Committees. No two members of the General Committee shall be members of the same delegation, and it shall be so constituted as to ensure its representative character. Chairpersons of other committees upon which all Members have the right to be represented and which are established by the BUHMUN General Assembly to meet during the session shall be entitled to attend meetings of the General Committee and may participate without vote in the discussions.

16. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

If a Vice-President of the BUHMUN General Assembly finds it necessary to be absent during a meeting of the General Committee, they may designate a member of their delegation to take their place. The Chairperson of a Main Committee shall, in case of absence, designate one of the Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee to take their place. A Vice-Chairperson shall not have the right to vote if they are of the same delegation as another member of the General Committee.

17. FUNCTIONS

The General Committee shall, at the beginning of each session, consider the provisional agenda, together with the supplementary list, and shall make recommendations to the BUHMUN General Assembly, with regard to each item proposed, concerning its inclusion in the agenda, the rejection of the request for inclusion, or the inclusion of the item in the provisional agenda of a future session. It shall, in the same manner, examine requests for the inclusion of additional items in the agenda and shall make recommendations thereon to the BUHMUN General Assembly. In considering matters relating to the agenda of the BUHMUN General Assembly, the General Committee shall not discuss the substance of any item except insofar as this bears upon the question whether

the General Committee should recommend the inclusion of the item in the agenda, the rejections of the request for inclusion, or the inclusion of the item in the provisional agenda of a future session, and what priority should be accorded to an item the inclusion of which has been recommended.

18. The General Committee shall make recommendations to the BUHMUN General Assembly concerning the closing date of the session. It shall assist the President and the BUHMUN General Assembly in drawing up the agenda for each plenary meeting, in determining the priority of its items, and in coordinating the proceedings of all committees of the Assembly. It shall assist the President in the general conduct of the work of the BUHMUN General Assembly, which falls within the competence of the President. It shall not, however, decide any political questions.

19. The General Committee shall meet periodically throughout each session to review the progress of the BUHMUN General Assembly and its committees and to make recommendations for furthering such progress. It shall also meet at such other times as the President deems necessary or upon the request of any other of its members.

20. PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS REQUESTING THE INCLUSION OF ITEMS IN THE AGENDA

A member of the BUHMUN General Assembly which has no representative on the General Committee and which has requested the inclusion of an item in the agenda shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the General Committee at which its request is discussed and may participate, without a vote, in the discussion of that item.

21. REVISION OF THE FORM OF RESOLUTIONS

The General Committee may revise the resolutions adopted by the BUHMUN General Assembly, changing their form but not their substance. Any such changes shall be reported to the BUHMUN General Assembly for its consideration.

6. SECRETARIAT

22. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Secretary-General shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the BUHMUN General Assembly, its committees and its subcommittees. They may designate a member of the Secretariat to act in their place at these meetings.

23. The Secretary-General shall provide and direct the staff required by the BUHMUN General Assembly and any committees or subsidiary organs, which it may establish.

24. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE WORK OF THE ORGANISATION

The Secretary-General shall make an annual report, and such supplementary report as are required, to the BUHMUN General Assembly on the work of the Organisation. They shall communicate the annual report to the Members of the United Nations at least 45 days before the opening of the session.

25. NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF THE CHARTER

The Secretary-General, with the consent of the Security Council, shall notify the BUHMUN General Assembly at each session of any matters relative to the maintenance of international peace and security which are being dealt with by the Security Council and shall similarly notify the BUHMUN General Assembly, or the Members of the BUHMUN if the BUHMUN General Assembly is not in session, immediately the Security Council ceases to deal with such matters.

7. LANGUAGES

26. OFFICIAL AND WORKING LANGUAGES

English shall be both the official and the working languages of the BUHMUN General Assembly, its committees and its subcommittees.

27. LANGUAGES OF THE JOURNAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

During the sessions of the BUHMUN General Assembly, the Journal of the Bond University High School Model United Nations shall be published in the languages of the Assembly.

28. LANGUAGES OF RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

All resolutions and other documents shall be published in the languages of the BUHMUN General Assembly.

29. PUBLICATIONS IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN THE LANGUAGES OF THE BUHMUN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Documents of the BUHMUN General Assembly, its committees and its subcommittees shall, if the Assembly so decides, be published in any language other than the languages of the Assembly or of the Committee concerned.

8. RECORDS

30. RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions adopted by the BUHMUN General Assembly shall be communicated by the Secretary-General to the Members of the BUHMUN within 15 days after the close of the session.

9. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS OF THE BUHMUN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ITS COMMITTEES AND ITS SUBCOMMITTEES

31. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The meetings of the BUHMUN General Assembly and its Main Committees shall be held in public unless the organ concerned decided that exceptional circumstances require that the meeting be held in private. Meetings of other committees and subcommittees shall also be held in public unless the organ concerned decides otherwise.

32. PRIVATE MEETINGS

All decisions of the BUHMUN General Assembly taken at a private meeting shall be announced at an early public meeting of the Assembly. At the close of each private meeting of the Main Committees, other committees and subcommittees, the Chairman may issue a communiqué through the Secretary-General.

10. MINUTE OF SILENT PRAYER OR MEDITATION

33. INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER OR MEDITATION

Immediately after the opening of the first plenary meeting and immediately preceding the closing of the final plenary meeting of each session of the BUHMUN General Assembly, the President shall invite the Representatives to observe one minute of silence dedicated to prayer or meditation.

Rules of Procedure

11. PLENARY MEETINGS

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

34. REFERENCE TO COMMITTEES

The BUHMUN General Assembly shall not, unless it decides otherwise, make a final decision upon any item on the agenda until it has received the report of a committee on that item.

35. DISCUSSION OF REPORTS OF MAIN COMMITTEES

Discussion of a report of a Main Committee in a plenary meeting of the BUHMUN General Assembly shall take place if at least one third of the members present and voting at the plenary meeting consider such a discussion to be necessary. Any proposal to this effect shall not be debated but shall be immediately put to the vote.

36. QUORUM

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the members of the BUHMUN General Assembly are present. The presence of a majority of the members shall be required for any decision to be taken.

37. COURTESY

Every delegate will be courteous and respectful to the Committee staff and to other delegates. The Chair will immediately call to order any delegate who does not abide by this rule. Any delegate who feels that he or she is not being treated respectfully is encouraged to speak to the chair, who will then take appropriate action.

38. ELECTRONIC AIDS

Delegates are not permitted to use any type of electronic device, included laptops, phones, etc. in the committee room when the committee is in session. All laptop use must occur outside of the committee room unless otherwise specified by the President. The President may grant the use of electronic dictionaries at his or her discretion.

39. DELEGATE CONDUCT

Delegates are warned that BUHMUN has a zero-tolerance policy for slandering, disparaging, or acting in any other way that is inflammatory to other delegates. Neither speeches nor debates with other delegates may contain remarks of this nature. Those delegates who believe that their countries' policies merit such conduct are advised to consult the chair of their Committee prior to taking any action. This rule shall not be misconstrued to prohibit robust and vigorous debate between delegates' national policies, so long as such debate is conducted with courtesy and respect.

40. SPEECHES

No representative may address the BUHMUN General Assembly without having previously obtained the permission of the chair. The chair shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The President may call a speaker to order if their remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

41. PRECEDENCE

The Chairman and the Rapporteur of a committee may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusion arrived at by their committee.

42. STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretary-General, or a member of the Secretariat designated by them as their representative, may at any time make either oral or written statements to the BUHMUN General Assembly concerning any question under consideration by it.

43. POINTS OF ORDER

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may rise to a point of order, and the chair, in accordance with these rules of procedure, shall immediately decide the point of order. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the chair. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the chair's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the members present and voting. A representative rising to a point of order may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

44. TIME LIMIT ON SPEECHES

The BUHMUN General Assembly may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker and the number of times each representative may speak on any question. Before a decision is taken, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, a proposal to set such limits. When the debate is limited and a representative exceeds their allotted time, the President shall call them to order without delay.

45. CLOSING LIST OF SPEAKERS, RIGHT OF REPLY

During the course of a debate, the chair may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the BUHMUN General Assembly, declare the list closed. They may, however, accord the right of reply to any member if a speech delivered after they have declared the list closed makes this desirable.

46. ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the adjournment of the debate on the item under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, the motion, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. The chair may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule.

47. CLOSURE OF DEBATE

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the item under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified their wish to speak. Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. If the BUHMUN General Assembly is in favour of the closure, the President shall declare the closure of the debate. The chair may limit the time to be allowed to speakers under this rule.

48. SUSPENSION OF ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. Such motions shall not be debated but shall be immediately put to the vote. The chair may limit the time to be allowed to the speaker moving the suspension or adjournment of the meeting.

49. ORDER OF PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Subject to rule 62, the motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all other proposals or motions before the meeting:

- a) To suspend the meeting;
- b) To adjourn the meeting;
- c) To adjourn the debate on the item under discussion;
- d) To close the debate on the item under discussion.

50. PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS

Proposals and amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General, who shall circulate copies to the delegations. As a general rule, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote at any meeting of the BUHMUN General Assembly unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations no later than the day preceding the meeting. The chair may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments or of motions as to procedure, even though such amendments and motions have not been circulated or have only been circulated the same day.

51. WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS

A motion may be withdrawn by its proposer at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that the motion has not been amended. A motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any member.

52. RECONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered at the same session unless the BUHMUN General Assembly, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the motion, after which it shall be immediately put to the vote.

12. VOTING

53. VOTING RIGHTS

Each member of the BUHMUN General Assembly shall have one vote.

54. TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

Decisions of the BUHMUN General Assembly on important questions shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. These questions shall include: recommendations with respect to the maintenance of international peace and security; the election of the non-permanent members of the Security Council; the election of the members of the Economic and Social Council, the election of members of the Trusteeship Council in accordance with paragraph 1 c or Article 86 of the Charter; the admission of new Members to the BUHMUN General Assembly; the suspension of the rights and privileges of membership; the expulsion of Members; questions relating to the operation of the trusteeship system; and budgetary questions.

55. Decisions of the BUHMUN General Assembly on amendments to proposals relating to important questions, and on parts of such proposals put to the vote separately, shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

56. SIMPLE MAJORITY

Decisions of the BUHMUN General Assembly on questions other than those provided for in rule 54 and 55, including the determination of additional categories of questions to be decided by a two-thirds majority, shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

57. MEANING OF THE PHRASE "MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING"

For the purposes of these rules, the phrase "members present and voting" means members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members which abstain from voting are considered as not voting.

58. METHOD OF VOTING

(a) The BUHMUN General Assembly shall normally vote by show of hands or by standing but any representative may request a roll-call. The roll-call shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members, beginning with the member whose name is drawn by lot by the General Committee. The name of each member shall be called in any roll-call, and one of its representatives shall reply "yes", "no", or "abstention". The result of the voting shall be inserted in the record in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members.

(b) When the BUHMUN General Assembly votes by mechanical means, a non-recorded vote shall replace a vote by show of hands or by standing, and a recorded vote shall replace a roll-call vote. Any representative may request a recorded vote. In the case of a recorded vote, the BUHMUN General Assembly shall, unless a representative requests otherwise, dispense with the procedure of calling out the names of the members; nevertheless, the result of the voting shall be inserted in the record in the same manner as that of a roll-call vote.

59. CONDUCT DURING VOTING

After the chair has announced the beginning of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the actual conduct of the voting. The chair may permit members to explain their votes, either before or after the voting, except when the vote is taken by secret-ballot. The chair may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The chair shall not permit the proposer of a proposal or of an amendment to explain their vote on their own proposal or amendment.

60. DIVISION OF PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS

A representative may move that parts of a proposal or of an amendment should be voted on separately. If objection is made to the request for division, the motion for division shall be voted on. Permission to speak to the motion for division shall be given only to two speakers in favour and two speakers against. If the motion for division is carried, those parts of the proposal or of the amendment which are approved shall then be put to the vote as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal, or of the amendment, have been rejected, the proposal or the amendment shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

61. VOTING ON AMENDMENTS

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the BUHMUN General Assembly shall first vote on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom, and so on until all amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter amendment shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall be voted upon. A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from, or revises part of the proposal.

62. VOTING ON PROPOSALS

If two or more proposals relate to the same question, the BUHMUN General Assembly shall, unless it decides otherwise, vote on the proposals in the order in which they have been submitted. The BUHMUN General Assembly may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

Glossary of Resolution Terms

Here is a list of preambular and operative phrases to help you when writing your resolutions. The phrases italicised are the ones that are often used in resolutions.

PREAMBULAR PHRASES

- *Acknowledging*
- Acknowledging with deep gratitude
- *Affirming*
- Again requests
- *Alarmed by*
- Alarmed and concerned
- Alarmed
- Anxious
- Appealing
- Appreciating
- Approving
- Aware of
- Basing itself
- *Bearing in mind*
- Believing
- Calling attention
- Cognisant
- Concerned
- Confident
- Conscious
- Considering
- Contemplating
- Continuing to take the view
- Convinced
- Declaring
- Deeply alarmed
- Deeply appreciative
- Deeply concerned
- Deeply conscious
- Deeply convinced
- Deeply disturbed
- Deeply regretting
- *Deploping*
- Desiring
- Determined
- Dismayed
- Distressed
- *Emphasising*
- Encouraged
- Expecting
- *Expressing its appreciation*
- *Expressing its concern*
- Expressing its deep concern
- Expressing its grave concern
- Expressing its regret
- Expressing its satisfaction
- Expressing its utmost concern
- Finding
- Firmly convinced
- Fulfilling
- Fully alarmed
- *Fully aware*
- Fully believing
- Further deploring
- Further recalling
- Gravely concerned
- *Guided by*
- Having adopted
- Having approved
- *Having considered*
- Having considered further
- Having constituted
- Having decided
- Having devoted attention
- Having examined
- Having heard
- Having met
- Having received
- Having received and examined
- Having regarded
- Having reviewed
- Having studied
- Keeping in mind
- Looking forward
- *Mindful of*
- *Noting*
- Noting alarm
- Noting also
- Noting appreciation
- Noting approval
- Noting concern
- Noting deep concern
- Noting interest
- Noting further
- Noting with approval
- Noting with deep concern
- Noting with regret
- Noting with satisfaction
- Observing
- Paying tribute
- Profoundly concerned
- *Reaffirming*
- Reaffirming also
- Realising
- *Recalling*
- Recalling also
- *Recognising*
- Recognising also
- Reconfirming
- Reemphasising
- Referring
- Regretting
- Reiterating its dismay
- Reiterating its appreciation
- Reiterating its conviction
- Reiterating its call for
- Reminding
- Resolving
- Seeking
- Seriously concerned
- Seized
- Stressing
- Supporting fully
- Taking into account
- *Taking into consideration*
- Taking note
- Taking note also
- Taking note with satisfaction
- Underlining
- Underscoring
- Urging
- Viewing with appreciation
- Viewing with apprehension
- Welcoming
- Welcoming also
- Wishing

OPERATIVE PHRASES

- Accepts
- *Acknowledges*
- *Adopts*
- Advises
- *Affirms*
- Agrees
- Also calls for
- Also recommends
- Also strongly condemns
- Also urges
- Appeals
- Appreciates
- *Approves*
- Asks
- *Authorises*
- *Believes that*
- Calls
- *Calls for*
- Calls upon
- Commends
- Concurs
- *Condemns*
- *Confirms*
- Congratulates
- Considers
- *Decides*
- Declares
- Declares accordingly
- *Demands*
- Denounces
- Deplores
- Designates
- Directs
- Directs attention
- Draws the attention
- *Emphasises*
- Encourages
- *Endorses*
- Endorses the call
- *Establishes*
- Expressing
- *Expresses its appreciation*
- Expresses its belief
- *Expresses its concern*
- Expresses its hope
- Expresses its readiness
- Expresses its regret
- Expresses its sympathy
- Expresses its thanks
- Fully supports
- Further
- Further invites
- Further proclaims
- Further recommends
- Further reminds
- Further requests
- Further resolves
- Has resolved
- *Insists*
- *Instructs*
- Intends
- Introduces
- *Invites*
- Is fully conscious
- *Notes*
- Notes with appreciation
- Notes with approval
- Notes with concern
- Notes with deep regret
- Notes with gratification
- Notes with gratitude and satisfaction
- Notes with interest
- Notes with profound concern
- Notes with satisfaction
- Opposes
- Pays special tribute
- Praises
- Proclaims
- Reaffirms
- Recalls
- *Recognises*
- *Recommends*
- Regrets
- Reiterates
- *Reminds*
- Renews its appeal
- Repeats
- *Requests*
- Requires
- Reserves
- *Resolves*
- Solemnly affirms
- Stresses
- Stresses its readiness
- Strongly advises
- Strongly condemns
- Strongly encourages
- *Suggests*
- *Supports*
- *Takes note of*
- Takes note with appreciation
- Transmits
- Trusts
- Underlines
- Underlines with concern
- Underscores
- *Urges*
- *Welcomes*

Tips and Tricks for BUHMUN 2025

Public Speaking and Communication

- Speak slowly and clearly, and don't rush – clarity matters more than speed.
- Begin with formal phrases like: "Honourable Chair, esteemed delegates..." and end with "Thank you."
- Make eye contact (or look up from your notes) to connect with the audience.
- Be persuasive, not aggressive – assertive diplomacy earns more respect than confrontation.

Diplomacy and Collaboration Tips

- Build alliances early – seek out countries with shared values or regional proximity.
- Always be respectful – even when disagreeing, use polite diplomatic language.
- Don't isolate yourself; even if you're from a minor or controversial country, you can still influence negotiations.
- Compromise strategically – be willing to concede minor points to gain support for bigger ones.

In the Committee Rooms

- Stay attentive and take notes on speeches and negotiations – they'll help when forming alliances or voting.
- Stay flexible – sometimes it's better to support a compromise than stick rigidly to your draft.
- If your resolution isn't gaining traction, try to merge with others to keep your ideas alive.
- Try to speak multiple times – participating early can help establish your presence

General Advice

- Don't panic if you make a mistake – most delegates are nervous too.
- Celebrate small wins – making a speech, drafting a clause, or forming an alliance are all achievements.
- Make connections – you might meet future Bond students or people interested in global affairs like you!
- Remember: MUN is a learning experience – it's okay not to be perfect.

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