



Position Paper Guidelines

16th Annual Whitney High School Model United Nations Conference



Formatting

Please follow the following formatting when submitting position papers to the Whitney High School Model United Nations conference. **Must submit to chair's email by January 10th, 2020 (11:59 pm)**

- Use size 12 point Times New Roman, single-spaced, and 1" margins.
- PDF or Word Document (**NO** Google Docs) must be send to your respective committee email.
- Papers must be a **minimum of 2 pages**, plus a Works Cited page.
- Each position paper should feature a heading in the upper left-hand corner of EVERY page with your committee, topic, and country—in that order. For example:

Committee: 1st DISEC

Topic: Asymmetric Warfare

Country: Denmark

- Each paper should have four bold subheadings aligned with the left margin of the page:
Sustainable Development Goal, Background, UN Involvement, Country Policy and Involvement, Possible Solutions.
- *A reminder this is a no technology conference*

Guidelines

Sustainable Development Goal (relation to your designated SDG Goal)

- Background of your specific SDG.
- How is your SDG related to your topic?

Background

This section should describe the history of the topic as it would be described by the delegate's country. Delegates do not need to give an exhaustive account of the topic background, but rather focus on the details that are most important to the delegation's policy and proposed solutions.

- Background of your topic. Where and/or when did the issue root from?
- What are the causes of the problem?
- Which nations are directly/indirectly involved in your topic?

- Include a thorough summary of the historical background of the topic. What is the problem?
- When/where did it start and Who/where is affected by it now? Why has a solution not been found yet?

UN Involvement

- How is the UN involved in this issue?
- What actions has the UN taken in the past to combat this issue?
- Include organizations, NGO, any government-affiliated groups, etc. in relation to this issue.
- How/When did the UN get involved?
- What has the UN done so far?
 - Why has it not been successful?
- What organs, committees, and agencies of the UN are involved?

Country Policy & Involvement

This section should discuss the delegation's policy regarding the topic. Each paper should state the policy in plain terms and include the relevant statements, statistics, and research that support the effectiveness of the policy. Comparisons with other global issues are also appropriate here.

- Your specific nation's policy regarding the issue.
- Any and all past actions that your nation has taken on this topic (i.e. conferences, resolutions, NGOs, etc).
- Your nation's future plans with this topic.
- How is your country involved with this issue?
- What is your country's position on this topic?

Possible Solutions

This section should detail the delegation's proposed solutions to address the topic. Descriptions of each solution should be thorough. Each idea should clearly connect to the specific problem it aims to solve and identify potential obstacles to implementation and how they can be avoided. The solution should be a natural extension of the country's policy.

Works Cited

- MLA Format