

High School Program Model United Nations

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Delegate Handbook

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Letter from the HSP Executive –



Dear HSP delegates,

Welcome to HSPMUN 2025! My name is Amy, and I have the joy of serving as this year's High School Program Executive. Outside of MUN, I am currently pursuing a history master's in politics and parliament. I have always believed in the importance of understanding how the past shapes the way we debate and make decisions today. Whether this is your first Model UN conference or your second, I am so excited to welcome you to a day of learning, growth and lively discussions.

This year's theme, the Sustainable Development Goals, calls on each of us to think beyond borders. From ending poverty to protecting the planet, the SDGs remind us that diplomacy is about more than discussion. It is about building an inclusive, just and sustainable future for all earth's inhabitants. Through your research, debate and collaboration, you'll bring these goals to life in your committees.

Over the past few months, many of you have already taken huge leaps, you have attended training days, prepared speeches, and learned how MUN works. I still remember my first big MUN; I was shaking through my opening speech, barely able to look up from my notes. It was intimidating! However, with time and practice, it got easier. So if you are still feeling nervous, that is completely normal. Just give it a try, you may surprise yourself yet!

Amy van den Broek HSP Executive



Theme of the Conference –

SUSTAINABLE GALS DEVELOPMENT GALS





































The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a set of 17 global objectives adopted by the United Nations to create a better and more sustainable future for all. They address critical issues like poverty, inequality, climate change, peace, and education. The SDGs serve as a blueprint for international cooperation.

Each of the 17 goals is connected: progress in one area often depends on progress in others. For example, improving education (Goal 4) can lead to better health outcomes (Goal 3) and more economic opportunity (Goal 8). The SDGs remind us that global challenges are deeply linked, and real solutions require cooperation across issues, sectors, and borders.



– Conference Schedule –

Radboud University, 6525 XZ Nijmegen

Time	Activity	Location
9:00 - 9:20	:00 - 9:20 Walk-in time	
9:30 - 10:30	Opening Ceremony	LIN 2
11:00 - 13:00	Committee session 1	EOS/GR
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	De Refter
14:00 - 16:30	Committee session 2	EOS/GR
17:00 - 18:00	Closing Ceremony GR 0.100	

Committee	Location
World Heal <mark>th Organisation (WH</mark> O)	EOS N 01.110
United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)	EOS N 01.120
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	EOS N 01.180
United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) - Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee)	EOS N 00.220
United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)	GR 1.112
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	GR 1.116
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	GR 1.139
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	GR 1.143
International Labour Organization (ILO)	GR 1.109

- Campus Map -



– Opening Ceremony Speaker –



Felix Lomans

Felix Lomans has worked at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 15 years. He currently serves as Team Leader and Deputy Head for Climate, Biodiversity & Forests. In previous roles he worked, amongst others, on the membership of The Kingdom of the Netherlands of the UN Security Council in 2018, Dutch foreign policy on Asia and Africa and was posted to Ghana and Ethiopia.

A dedicated diplomat and father of two, Felix also served as President of United
Netherlands in 2006–2007 and as a member of its Supervisory Board until 2011. Felix holds a MSc in Cultural Anthropology from Radboud University and a LLM in environmental law from Tilburg University.

– HSPMUN 2025 Participants –

We are please to welcome delegates from each of the following schools to HSPMUN 2025



Committees –



Strengthening Global Health Systems to Ensure Universal Healthcare and Combat Pandemics United Nations
Human Rights
Council (UNHRC)

Ensuring Equal Access to Education and Opportunities for Marginalized Communities

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Combating Hunger through Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security Measures

International Labor Organization (ILO)

Promoting Decent Work Conditions in Global Supply Chains to Achieve Sustainable Development United Nations
Commission
on the Status
of Women (CSW)

Empowering Women and Girls for a Sustainable Future: Tackling Gender-Based Inequalities United Nations
Development
Programme
(UNDP)

Advancing Sustainable Urban Development in Rapidly Growing Cities

United Nations
Educational,
Scientific and Cultural
Organization
(UNESCO)

Preserving Cultural and Natural Heritage in the Face of Climate Change United Nations
Office on Drugs
and Crime
(UNODC)

Combating Illegal Wildlife Trafficking to Protect Biodiversity and Support Livelihoods Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee/ECOFIN)

Eradicating Poverty through Economic Growth and Sustainable Infrastructure Development

United Netherlands –













United Netherlands (UNL) is a student-led foundation with 20 years of experience empowering young people through international relations, diplomacy, and leadership training. UNL focuses on Model United Nations (MUN), public speaking workshops, and academic development. By joining UNL, you'll have the chance to build your confidence, explore the world of diplomacy, and connect with a wide network of UNL alumni and diplomats. Whether you are passionate about politics, debating, or making a difference, United Netherlands is a great place to start your journey. As a university student, you can join our other programs, such as the Public Speaking Program or become part of the UNL Delegation and go to both **Oxford** and **Harvard Universities**!



- United Netherlands 21st Board -



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HSPMUN Award Policy –

1. Purpose of the Conference

The purpose of the High School Program Conference 2025, held under the theme of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is to bring together students from across the Netherlands and showcase what they have learned throughout the HSP program. The conference aims to foster collaboration, diplomacy, and creativity.

1.1. Purpose of Awards

The purpose of awards at HSPMUN 2025 is to recognize and encourage outstanding performance, diplomacy, and collaboration among delegates. Awards are given in the spirit of constructive competition and learning.

2. General Principles for Awards:

- Fairness and Transparency: All delegates are evaluated based on consistent criteria across all committees.
- Educational Emphasis: Awards are designed to reward learning, skill development, and diplomatic conduct – not just speaking time or assertiveness.
- Collaboration and Diplomacy: The diplomatic conduct and collaboration in a committee are the basis for good performances and will therefore be a significant evaluation criterion.

3. Award Categories

For each committee, the following awards may be given:

- Best Delegate (1 per committee)
- Outstanding Delegate (1 per committee)
- Honorable Mention (1 per committee)
- Best Position Paper (1 per committee)
- Verbal Commendation (1 per committee)



HSPMUN Award Policy –

4. Evaluation Criteria

Delegates will be evaluated on a rubric across the following areas:

Category	Description	Performance of Delegate
Research & Participation	Position paper quality, knowledge of country & its policies, and factual accuracy	The Delegate demonstrates deep knowledge of their country's stance, brings up relevant facts/ data, and refers to prio international actions or treaties. This knowledge is shown across the debate, more specifically in speeches, in negotiation with other Delegates, and in the Draft Resolution.
Speaking & Communication	Clarity, confidence, adherence to diplomacy, and relevance of contributions	The Delegate speaks clearly and persuasively. The speeches are on topic and throughout the whole debate, the Delegate uses diplomatic language. The Delegate knows the Rules of Procedure, speaks only when given the word by the Chair and respects the speaking rules.
Collaboration & Diplomacy	Ability to negotiate, compromise, and work constructively with others	The Delegate actively engages with other Delegates and listens carefully to their ideas. The Delegate strives to be an inclusive leader and encourages input from all Delegates and seeks common ground. They avoid dominating discussion.
Leadership & Initiative	Guiding debate, proposing resolutions, and driving bloc progress	The Delegate takes initiative in facilitating dialogue, bloc forming, and ensures productive committee sessions. They take the lead in the process of drafting resolutions.
Resolution Writing & Strategy	Quality of clauses, solutions, and organization of working papers	The Delegate collaborates effectively on written work. They draft clear, actionable, and well-structured resolutions that reflect committee discussion and real-world practicality.

4.1. Position Papers

Position papers must be submitted by the deadline to be eligible for receiving an award.

4.2. Chair Discretion and Oversight

Committee Chairs are responsible for scoring delegates throughout the conference.

HSPMUN 2025 – Rules of Procedure in a nutshell –

1. Rules Governing Speech

- Always address chairs + committee when starting speech (both in GSL and mod
 - "Honourable Chairs, distinguished delegates, …"

Yielding:

- After a General Speakers List (GSL) speech, you can:
 - Yield your remaining time back tot he chair. (easiest option)
 - Yield your remaining to an other Delegate. (diplomatically give other Delegates the chance to speak – inform this Delegates beforehand!)
 - Yiel your remaining time to questions. (allows you to speak for a longer time by answering questions)
 - "We yield our time to ..."

2. Rules Governing Debate

Caucuses:

- Moderated Caucus: specify topic, total duration, speaker time
- Unmoderated Caucus: specify total duration

Introducing Draft Resolutions:

- Hand in Draft Resolution to Chair
- Chair (dis)approves tells conclusion to delegate
- If Chairs approves, delegate may motion to introduce draft resolution
- Chair, time permitting, reads out Draft Resolution
- Committee votes on the introduction (50%+1 majority) (diplomatic to always vote in favour)

· Introducing Amendments:

- · Hand in Amendment to Chair
- Chair (dis)approves tells conclusion to delegate
- If Chairs approves, delegate may motion to introduce Amendment
- Chair, time permitting, reads out Amendment
- Committee votes on the introduction of the amendment (50%+1 majority)
- If committee passes motion, Chair will assign max. 2 speakers in favour and against
- Committee votes on the adoption of Amendment (2/3 majority)

· Voting:

- Motion for closure of debate:
 - 2 speakers against are appointed –
 (chair may decide to appoint
 2 speakers in favor)
 - Committee votes (2/3 majority)
 - If passes, move into voting procedure (no more draft resolutions or amendments can be accepted)

• Passing a Draft Resolution:

- Vote on Draft Resolutions in order of introduction (50%+1 majority)
- Motion to vote by Roll Call is optional
- Delegates can vote
 Yes/No/Abstain/Pass All and only
 delegates that pass will vote in a second round of voting
- Delegates can vote: Yes/No/Abstain –
 In case of abstention, the 50%+1 majority changes accordingly
 - You can only abstain if you stated that you are "present".



- HSPMUN 2025 - Rules of Procedure in a nutshell -

- Order of Precedence (software used during the HSPMUN Conference - MUN Command - orders motions automatically):
- 1. Point of Personal Privilege
- 2. Point of Order
- 3.Po<mark>int of Parliamen</mark>tary Inquiry
- 4. Unmoderated Caucus
- 5. Moderated Caucus
- 6. Introduction of a Draft Resolution
- 7. Introduction of an Amendment
- 8. Closure of Debate

3. Rules Governing Writing

- Draft Resolutions layout:
 - Heading should include:
 - Resolution title (delegate chooses)
 + number (given by chair after motion to introduce has passed)
 - Committee + Topic
 - Signatories: 1/5th of the committee, in alphabetical order
 - Address the Committee

- Pre-ambulatory clauses: define the problem and refer to any past action by the committee itself or other members of the international community.
 - Not numbered
 - First word underlined + right verb (ends with -inq)
 - Ends with a ','
- Operative clauses: proposed solutions of the committee – answer the QARMA's
 - Numbered
 - First word underlined + right verb (ends with -es)
 - Ends with a ';'
 - Last operative clause ends with a .
- Amendments layout:
 - Amendment title (delegate chooses)
 + number (given by chair after motion to introduce has passed) + specifies to which resolution the amended is directed
 - Signatories: 1/5th of the committee, in alphabetical order
 - Add/Change/Remove Clause x
 - In case of Add/Change Clause, include the full new clause in the correct formatting

WiFi during the HSPMUN Conference –

Step by step instructions on how to arrange WiFi for May 23rd on our campus:

- The WiFi code is unlocked from <u>May 19th onwards</u>, which means you can only start this process in the week of HSPMUN.
- Text the password "hspmun25" to +316 3574 4774.
- One of Radboud University's IT employees will respond with login details for the eduroam network.
- Login with your provided details on May 23rd when you arrive on campus.

