



20th Annual

## BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies  
Saturday, January 23, 2010 – Provo, Utah

### KEY INFORMATION FOR FACULTY ADVISORS

#### PURPOSE

The United Nations is a unique forum for world debate and discussion. It attempts to solve world problems by promoting cooperation between countries. During BYUMUN, students will act as delegates from their assigned country, addressing current world concerns, and formulating solutions in accordance with their country's policies. This will increase leadership ability, global awareness, and language arts skills.

#### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BYUMUN is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2010 in the Wilkinson Student Center (WSC) on the Brigham Young University campus in Provo, Utah. Registration will begin at 8:00 A.M. and the conference will adjourn by 7:00 P.M. following an awards ceremony. A tentative schedule of the day's events will be included with country assignments.

#### COMMITTEES

The following committees and topics will be in session at this year's conference:

- Security Council (SC)<sup>†</sup>
  1. The responsibility to protect
  2. The situation in Israel / Palestine
- General Assembly Plenary (GA Plen)
  1. Promoting the peaceful use of nuclear energy
  2. Reforming peacekeeping functions of the United Nations
- Economic and Social Council Plenary (ECOSOC Plen)
  1. Coordinating private and public humanitarian efforts
  2. The role of alternative energy in sustainable development
- Human Rights Council (HRC)
  1. Protecting the rights of children in illicit trafficking
  2. Preventing violence against women in post-conflict situations
- Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)
  1. Effective capacity building in developing states
  2. Altering unsustainable patterns of resource consumption
- Organization of American States (OAS)<sup>†</sup> – *Spanish-only*
  1. Developing methods to fully institute the hemispheric plan of action against transnational organized crime
  2. Implementing the Medellin Doctrine
- Crisis Committee (Crisis)<sup>†</sup> – *1994 Security Council*
  1. The situation in Rwanda

<sup>†</sup>Only selected countries will be represented on these committees. Please refer to the country matrix.

#### FEES

All fees are nonrefundable. The basic school registration fee is \$50.00, which includes one country assignment, with an extra \$15.00 for each additional country assignment desired. A country should be represented by the number of delegates indicated in the official country



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matrix. **No more than two students will be allowed per country per committee.** No exceptions can be made to this rule.

The application form and registration fees must be returned to us by **October 31, 2009** for equal country assignment consideration. No assignment will be made until these registration fees have been received. Also, there is an individual delegate and faculty advisor fee of \$10.00. Individual delegate and faculty advisor fees must be paid in full **on the day of the conference.**

However, in order for us to plan logistically for the conference, we need to know how many delegates you plan on bringing to the conference, and their names (for name badges) by **January 15, 2010.** An electronic spreadsheet will be provided for this purpose.

If for any reason registered schools do not attend the conference, they will still be billed. We strongly encourage all schools to contact us soon as possible with any questions or concerns regarding this policy.

### **AWARDS**

Awards will be given to deserving delegates in each committee, outstanding and distinguished delegations, best committee, position paper, top high school, and top junior high school. Judging will be based on adherence to country policy, submission of a position paper, participation in caucus and formal debate, and overall preparation. These are the same requirements expected at the Utah High School Model United Nations Conference.

### **POSITION PAPERS**

Every delegation will be required to submit a separate position paper for each committee. Papers should be approximately one page (no more than two pages) for the two topics and are to be submitted **January 15, 2010.** The background guides for your committees will have specific information on the two topics you should address.

Delegates are not required to submit a position paper by this date in order to participate at the conference. However, **only those position papers submitted before the deadline will be considered for position paper awards.** Delegates are still encouraged to submit a copy of their position paper at the day of the conference for specific feedback and evaluation.

### **BACKGROUND GUIDES**

An essential tool for delegate preparation is the background guides prepared by the BYUMUN committee directors. They will give you direction as to the history of your committee, agenda topics, and the procedure of the simulation. The guides will be posted on our website by **October 2, 2009.**

### **TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

We realize the difficulty in starting and/or preparing a Model United Nations Team. Thus, our team members will provide several regional training workshops in November for your students to attend. These sessions are not required for participation in the conference. We will send the dates of these training workshops and they will be posted on our web site.