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UPPER ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL



MATRIX, COMMITTEES AND TOPICS

MATRIX

REGIONAL GROUP	UN MEMBER STATE (SHORT NAME)	COMMITTEES				
		Number of Delegates per Committee				
		DISEC	ECOSOC	FAO	HRC	Max Delegates
African Group	Egypt				2	2
Eastern European Group	Bosnia & Herzegovina B			2	2	4
Eastern European Group	Russia	2		2		4
Eastern European Group	Serbia	2		2		4
Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	Cuba	2	2	2	2	8
Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)	Paraguay				2	2
Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	France	2		2		4
Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	United Kingdom			2	2	4
Western European and Others Group (WEOG)	United States			2	2	4

Committees for the May Online Conference are comprised of UE & MS students with a maximum of 44 delegates each. Please note that only the countries available as of January 15, 2020 are shown here.

COMMITTEES AND TOPICS

First Committee

DISEC

DISARMAMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

This committee aims to create a more peaceful world. Talks in this committee center around reducing weapons in the world. It also identifies threats to peace and finds solutions to international security.

This committee believes the world can become stable through cooperation. Countries can protect their people better if they work together for peace. For example, this committee might discuss how to keep weapons from terrorists. Or, how less weapons can make the world safer. Also, countries talk about policing weapons and finding ways to reduce the weapons they have.

First Committee works closely with United Nations Disarmament Commission and Conference on Disarmament. They have passed resolutions on ammunition, military spending and missiles.

Topic 1 – Nuclear Disarmament

There have been nuclear weapons in our world for more than 70 years. Many countries feel that nuclear weapons are necessary for protection. How can we work together to reduce the number of nuclear weapons in the world and encourage other countries not to pursue them.



Topic 2 – Prevention of an Arm Race in Space

Space belongs to all the people of Earth and no country can claim to own anything in space. However, countries could create weapons in space to attack other countries or get what they want. How can we keep space a peaceful place?



ECOSOC

Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council is at the heart of the United Nations system to advance the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental. It is the central platform for fostering debate and innovative thinking, forging consensus on ways forward, and coordinating efforts to achieve internationally agreed goals. It is also responsible for the follow-up to major UN conferences and summits.

The UN Charter established ECOSOC in 1945 as one of the six main organs of the United Nations.

Topic 1 – Advancement of Women

Women and girls make up half the world, however, they are not always treated as equals to men. Society needs to improve the situation for women and girls who do not have their rights respected. How can we protect the rights of women around the world?



Topic 2 - UN Forum on Forest

Forests are important to our environment, the economy and for fighting climate change. Unfortunately, deforestation and other problems threaten the world's forests. How can we make forest protection a priority?



FAO

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

FAO – The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.

Their main goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active healthy lives. The organization is focused on helping countries develop strong policies to support stable, sustainable agriculture.

The most important functions of the FAO are to:

- Promote the common welfare and raising levels of nutrition and standards of living of the people around the world
- Improving the production and distribution of all food and agricultural products
- Improving the condition of rural populations
- Contributing to an expanding world economy
- Ensuring humanity's freedom from hunger

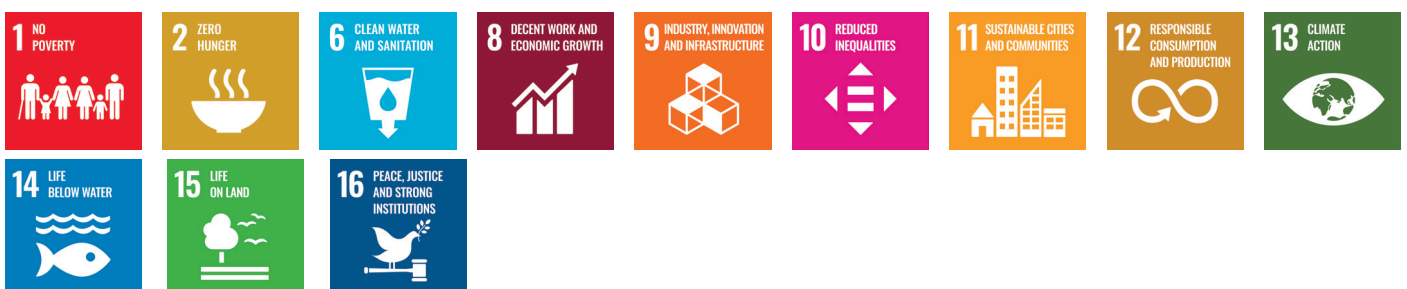
Topic 1 - Combatting Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

Fish provide food for many of the world's poor and are a healthy source of protein. However, a lot of fishing is illegal and does damage to fish stocks. How can the world protect this precious resource?



The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World

Human need access to safe, healthy and quality food each and every day. However, for the last 3 years, the number of hungry people in the world has been increasing. How can we build a world where no one is hungry?



HRC

Human Rights Council

The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system responsible for

strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe and for addressing situations of human rights violations and make recommendations on them. It has the ability to discuss all thematic human rights issues and situations that require its attention throughout the year. It meets at the UN Office at Geneva.

The Council is made up of 47 United Nations Member States which are elected by the UN General Assembly. The Human Rights Council replaced the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Topic 1 - The Safety of Journalists

Journalists have an important job – sharing information with people about what is going on in the world. Unfortunately, some people target journalists because they do not like them telling the truth. How can we make the world safer for journalists to do their job?



Topic 2 – Human Rights Situation in Yemen

Yemen is in the middle of a civil war since 2015. The conflict is very brutal with many people suffering due to both sides not allowing people to have basics such as food and medicine. How can this situation be resolved?

