

NISSMUN Research Guide

About the NISSMUN Conference

Each year, approximately 60,000 high school (Secondary School) and University (Tertiary Institution) Students participate in a variety of “Model United Nations Conferences” worldwide and in Nigeria, the Nigerian International Secondary Schools Model United Nations (NISSMUN) conference continues in the MUN tradition with shared goals of increasing international understanding, developing the art of peaceful negotiation among potential and international leaders to achieve a consensus on strategies that will move our world closer to sustainable development, security and human rights for all.

Delegates meet, debate issues, draft and vote on resolutions. To successfully participate in the NISSMUN Conference, participants must gain a basic understanding of the United Nations – its structure and internal rules of procedure. Below are guides to aid delegates’ preparation for the conference:

- **Familiarize yourself with the country you are representing:** Get background information on the social, cultural, historical, political and economic conditions of your assigned country.
- **Gather Background information on the United Nations System** understand the purpose and structure of the UN and its Agencies
- **Gather Background information on the Assigned Committee topics:** Understand the scope of the topic; acquaint yourself with your country’s position on the topic and historical reports or resolutions related to the topic.
- **Review related online materials:** Speeches, policy statements, text of resolutions and current news on the country and assigned topic should be read and reviewed. Use the Google search engine (www.google.com) and type in the topic, visit the UN website www.un.org and read up on related issues. Other sites you can visit are:

United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/index.html>
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/followup/beijing+5.htm>

United States Institute of Peace
<http://www.usip.org>

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
www.undp.org

Model United Nations Headquarters
<http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus>

World Model United Nations

www.worldmun.org

Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN)

<http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/~hnmun>

The Hague International Model United Nations

www.thimun.org

American Model United Nations, Chicago

<http://www.amun.org>

University of Arizona

<http://wacky.ccit.arizona.edu/~amun>

Canada International Model United Nations (CANIMUN)

<http://www.canimun.org>

Embassy Newsletters and Publications

<http://www.embpage.org>

General Assembly Resolutions

[Gopher://gopher.undp.org:70/11/undocs/eed/ecosoc](http://gopher.undp.org:70/11/undocs/eed/ecosoc)

Security Council Resolutions

[Gopher://gopher.undp.org:70/11/undocs/scd/scouncil](http://gopher.undp.org:70/11/undocs/scd/scouncil)

- **Ask for assistance:** Your teachers / staff advisers, other adults and parents can help you gain a strong understanding on the depth of the issue and boost your presentation, negotiation and participation at the conference.
- **Review and learn the Rules of Procedure:** These rules of procedure are the set of rules the NISSMUN conference will be guided by.