

OPEC Committee Description

Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is an international organisation of 13 member states who make up 44% of global oil production and 81.5% of global oil reserves. Founded in 1965, OPEC countries worked to nationalise their industry and now have an overwhelming influence on global oil prices. The international council was originally designed to protect middle eastern interests in oil, and now to dominate global oil markets through coordinated prices, production, and the unification of petroleum policies. Most political economists consider OPEC a cartel, as the organisation aims to control prices and competition in the oil industry. Since its formation, OPEC has used oil to further the political interests of its member countries, imposing sanctions and using the power of oil to further their states' success.

This is a unique MUN experience, providing delegates with the opportunity to participate in a smaller agency whose interests and goals are very different from a generalised UN committee. Delegates will debate and collaborate to decide levels of oil production and prices, and manage the interests and possible tensions between states.

