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## WELCOME TO

## **CAMUN**

## **SPOTLIGHT:** Nicknora Gongich

Born in the year 1983 into what is now known as South Sudan, Nicknora Gongich Chol Ngueny, or Nyanachiediam, as his mother called him, became a child soldier at the age of 5. According to Nicknora,

"Nyanachiediam means "can not be eaten" and that name is in (his) life a great source of inspiration, an enormous drive. "

In the hope of improving awareness about child soldiers, and to promote peace, Nicknora Gongich shares his story about how he had lived and eventually survived the devastating effects of the civil war that had consumed Sudan, and had most recently led to the formation of South Sudan.

Currently, Nicknora Gongich lives in Amsterdam, the Nether-

lands, having received his Bachelor's degree from Hogenskool Rotterdam, also in the Netherlands, and is presently pursuing his Master's.

In 2007, he founded KEF (Kolnyang Education Foundation) which is focused on protecting and educating children in South Sudan. This involves building and maintaining school for disadvantaged children, and relies on donations and the help of volunteers.

"Our parents, they believed everything the rebels pinned on the sleeve. We were like sheep being led away. That would have been different if they had received a good education. Without education, the situation in Southern Sudan will not improve."

"Disarm the children from the war zone, and arm them with pens, pencils and books."

- Nicknora Gongich

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## **Q&A** with

## The Green Sheikh.

Abdul Aziz bin Ali Al Nuaimi is a member of the ruling family of the Emirate of Ajman in the United Arab Emirates and famously known as the "Green Sheikh." He is taking his message of 'holistic living' to the world, activating his networks worldwide and inspiring people of all ages, religions and backgrounds. He is currently serving as environmental advisor to the Ajman Government..., and the CEO of Al Ihsan Charity Centre, he is also Chairman of the International Steering Committee for the Global Initiative Towards a Sustainable Iraq (GITSI), UAE.

"If we cannot create change, change will create us."

### Q- Is this your first experience with Model UN?

A- This is my first time. I am very interested to learn more about this. Whenever you give me a platform to talk, eighty percent is focused on the next generation, the youth.

#### Q- Do you think there is any truth to the opinion that today's "Facebook" generation is hampered by the excesses of media?

A- I cannot say that a hundred percent. We cannot eliminate, we cannot stop, but we can adapt, and that is the challenge. Everything has pros and cons. There are always two faces to every coin.

#### Q- Your whole life is dedicated to conserving the environment. Where do you think this drive came from?

A- When I became more mature, and wiser, I went back to basics: God created me from ash, all of us; we are not coming from the UAE; we are not coming from any other country. Every part of yourself is part of

the planet. That should be your belief, and that is my motive.

Working under very harsh conditions, in oil and gas, people are affected by a lot of chemicals and pollution and that moved me to protect, rather than pollute.

# Q- You have a lot of events these days to raise awareness about global problems, like Earth Hour, aimed to educate the masses. How do you participate in events like these?

A- If you go to YouTube, you will see my challenge, which is for 6000 people in the UAE to recycle unused medicines, and if the challenge is completed, I will fast for 6 days, outside of Ramadan.

## Q- Looking at efforts such as yours, do you think that the world is doing enough to tackle such problems?

A- I think we need more awareness, and more efforts from both sides, the government and the public, because it's all about a push and a pull. We need partnership, collaboration, things other than fighting, because fighting will have no use. We need to find the middle ground, which is the main challenge, and that can only be found if people are willing to listen to each other.

#### Q- Do you have any final message for the students at CA-MUN?

A- The key is students and teachers. The teachers will follow another system, and any system cannot work after 50 years, because the problems today cannot have the same solution as the problems of tomorrow. So, we need to modify everything for both the student and the teacher to adapt to the change, together. If we cannot create change, change will create us.

# Crises

#### **DISEC**

Topic—"NATO forces in Afghanistan had attacked a holy place during Friday prayers resulting in more than 10,000 civilian casualties."

NATO blames the calamity on poor intelligence received from the GCC, but has apologized for the incident

Protests spread across the Islamic world, and Afghanistan president, Hamid Kharzai had made

a shocking appearance during the session and addressed the assembly urging drastic action and deploring the trampling of Afghanistan's authority and security.

In a shocking proposal led by Libya and Afghanistan, following a radical Islamic foreign policy, a resolution has been debated on which could effectively disband NATO.

"Afghanistan allows NATO in the country to keep peace, not to kill civilians"

- Delegate of Afghanistan





#### **ECOSOC**

Topic—"India has the record of the highest air agreement over the transipollution rate, and has 48 hours to draw up a resolution to tackle the pressing issue"

The delegate of India had declared that it is open to any solutions suggested by the international community, the bulk of which has come from Rwanda and

Indonesia.

The Assembly is in general tion to renewable energy resources, for instance, wind and hydropower.

The global community has pledged its support through a resolution to India in overcoming this crisis.

By the end of the session the resolution led by India had successfully passed.



## **CAMUN HISTORY**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

- Bring party clothes with you during tomorrow's session, as buses will go straight to the venue. (Change in school)
- Buses to Najda and back to the school after the party.

(For TCHS students only)

Beginning in October 2008, efforts of Mrs. Prabha CA-CAMUN had humble begin- MUN's membership nings. The club was born been raised from the meager from the initiative of 12 like- 12 founders, to just about 50 minded students headed by dedicated members. our first Secretary General By March 2009, the club or-Thomson George, his deputy Swetha Ganesan, and our Faculty Advisor, Prabha Sinha. The club first attended DPSMUN in Sharjah, and held their own training session that very year.

CAMUN remained dormant regularly. for the remainder of 2008, but by the next year, through the persistent and persuasive

ganized it's first conference.

The conference was a success, and marked a landmark in the history of CAMUN. Training sessions in the art of debate, and in standard MUN procedure were held

#### Founding Members.













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