

SSUNS 2015

Committee Information



*Push Your Horizons,
Defy the Odds.*

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COMMITTEES

At SSUNS, we're proud of our reputation for innovative and engaging committees. We think our 23 committees (for our 23 years) are in line with this tradition, and we are very excited to announce them all here!

General Assemblies and Economic and Social Councils

- World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR)
- UNGA Special Session for South American Affairs
- Disarmament and International Security (DISEC)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- Commonwealth Heads of Government (CHOGM)

Specialized Agencies

- International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- National Basketball Association (NBA)
- Printemps Érablé (Bilingual Committee)
- Gazprom Board of Directors
- Eleven Samurai: Shogun's Council
- NGO Committee on Mental Health
- Hacking Wars: America and China

Crisis Simulations

- Spanish Conquest (Joint Crisis)
- The Troubles (Joint Crisis)
- Lord of the Flies (Literary Committee)
- Hurricane Katrina Relief
- The Prohibition
- The Ad-Hoc Committee of the Secretary-General
- Russia: World War II

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

The General Assemblies (GAs) & Economic and Social Councils (ECOSOCs) are our largest and most classic committees. With delegates each representing a UN member state, discussion in every room mirrors the challenges and opportunities at the real United Nations.

Although their style may be traditional, we strive to design unique committees and to put our own spin on the more classic committees that we choose. One new committee we are excited to have is the **United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)**. In this committee, delegates will have the responsibility of working on frameworks and management plans for complex humanitarian crises.

Among many topics, delegates will notably have to consider how disasters can range from natural to man-made, and how to deal with resources in stressful and time-sensitive situations. Ultimately, they will need to work together – disasters pose a risk for all nations and diplomatic challenges need to be overcome to ensure the safety of their populations.



UNISDR

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Contact us

The Committees Team is always happy to hear from delegates and faculty advisors with suggestions, questions or comments.

Please feel free to get in touch and it will be our pleasure to answer you as soon as possible.



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SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

The Specialized Agencies (SAs) are a chance to try something different. Although they follow the same rules of procedure as GAs, they have special elements that make them particularly unique. For example, delegates may represent historical figures instead of countries, or fast-paced crisis elements may be thrown in, so there is truly an SA for everyone.

One unique SA we are featuring this year is the **NGO Committee on Mental Health**. SSUNS is proud to support initiatives that promote mental health, and we look forward to engaging our delegates in this important conversation. Taking the role of various non-governmental stakeholders, delegates will here discuss awareness, research and possible interventions to address the growing issue of mental illness in society.

This will be especially challenging given the tremendous stigma that mental illness carries in certain nations, as well as cultural differences in understanding of mental health. Bridging these gaps will be necessary to move forward and improve the lives of those challenged by mental illness.



CRISIS SIMULATIONS

The clock is ticking, the tension is mounting – and so much is at stake. Our crisis committees, targeted at more experienced delegates, offer a chance to live real-time simulations of challenging diplomatic crises. Drawing inspiration from history, fiction and real crises that have occurred, crises require delegates to be creative to think on their feet, and to never give up.

A crisis unique to SSUNS this year is the **Spanish Conquest**. This joint crisis will have two rooms of delegates living the same situation – an Aztec Council and Spanish Explorers individually deciding on how to advance their cause.

The decisions taken in one room, though, directly affect what happens on the other side. To be successful, delegates will need to think one step ahead of their rivals and work together in the face of unexpected crisis elements. At the end of the day, this committee offers a unique opportunity to learn from, and ultimately rewrite, the history of the continent as we know it.