

African Union
Presidents Letter
2016 St. Bonaventure University Model United Nations Conference

Hello Delegates! My name is Jenna Maxwell and I will be your chair for the subcommittee of the African Union. I am currently a Sophomore Political Science major at St. Bonaventure University. For this conference, I am confident that all of you will do the required research to learn about the issues we will be discussing. I look forward to seeing all of you at our conference this spring!

There are several expectations of you as delegates:

1. **Knowledge of procedure** is critical for committee to run smoothly. You will be expected to know the basic Rules of Procedure.
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known to be one of the first countries to develop a comprehensive drought management strategy.

Questions for consideration:

1. What is your country's position on desertification / does it affect you?
2. Does your country feel there are possible short term/ long term solution(s) to this crisis?
3. How quickly can these issues be addressed to prevent future damage?
4. Is it possible to enhance sustainable agriculture in your country?
5. What recommendations or actions can the AU take to alleviate the situation in Africa: what programs can be created, who can be called upon to help fund and provide resources?
6. Do you think the UN should also intervene and offer help in resolving this issue?
7. Is this issue limited to the African continent? What other countries suffer from desertification as well?

Addressing Terror in Central Africa

Central Africa appears to be the epicenter of political violence in Africa during 2014. Undoubtedly Nigeria, particularly its northeastern border with Cameroon, Chad, and Niger, has endured the brunt of this violence. Boko Haram's insurgency cost thousands of lives, displaced countless more, and led to widespread devastation. The past year also saw Boko Haram expand its operations into neighboring Cameroon where security forces have faced challenges in containing its increasing strength and widening field of action. It has become increasingly evident that neighboring Chad and Niger, which have already received large numbers of displaced persons and refugees from Nigeria, are being drawn into the conflict. As a result, the African Union, which has, in the recent past, deployed sizeable military forces to Somalia and Mali, is considering a new mission in the area to contain and rollback Boko Haram.

Questions for consideration:

1. How does your country stand on addressing terrorism/ Boko Haram?
2. Does your country have ideas for long or short term solutions on the issue?
3. How quickly can these issues be addressed to prevent future damage?
4. What actions can the AU take to alleviate the situation?
5. What could be done to prevent the emergence of similar terrorist organizations in the future?

The Situation in Sudan/South Sudan

There are several conflicts taking place in Sudan. The most enduring one was between Southern and Northern Sudan, which ended when South Sudan became an independent country in 2011 (Republd

Another is the conflict between the marginalized and impoverished region of Darfur and the