
Fellow delegates, welcome to the 2018 Model United Nations Conference here at St. Bonaventure. I am looking forward to sessions of productive and lively debate. This President's Letter is meant to help you with your research efforts and topic preparation. I have high expectations when it comes to your knowledge of the Rules of Procedure. The proper use of parliamentary language and procedure is a must and will be looked upon favorably. Knowledge of parliamentary procedure is a significant part of your score. Your score also depends on how often each delegation participates in caucuses, discussions, debates and

several fronts to achieve ~~these~~ ^{these} goals. Issues that need to be considered include climate change, rural poverty, lifestyle choices, employment, economic development, and small farming, etc....

Nutritious diets are important to maintain, especially for pregnant woman, infants, and the elderly. The Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform says adequate nutrition during the 1,000 days from the beginning of a pregnancy through a child's second birthday is particularly important. This should especially inspire plenty of proposals from ~~our~~ ^{low} countries. Those living in areas with limited access to water or other important resources must also be taken into consideration. Not only is this a concern for health reasons, but this also causes issues for plant life. Healthy land and soil, sunlight and plant genetics all play an important role in food production.

Resources:

[UNICEF: Millennium Development Goals](#)

[Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition](#)

[Sustainable Development Goals](#)

[International Food Policy Research Institute](#)

[Food security analysis](#)

effects and the proper means to combat them. There is a near-scientific consensus that climate change is man-

Preservation of wildlife and the natural world

Humans are not the only creatures that call Earth their home. There are millions of species living on land and in the sea whose survival is dependent upon the preservation of their habitat. Members of the international community have recognized the need for preserving wildlife and the environments they (and we) live in. International conservation efforts have taken aim at everything from reducing poaching to protecting endangered species.

The International Coral Reef Initiative is a UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Center (UNEP-WCMC) - led initiative to conserve coral reefs internationally. Coral reefs are often home to unique ocean life, and they have been under threat from the effects of global warming, ocean acidification, and destructive fishing practices. The Initiative has a diverse set of goals ranging from information campaigns to instructing nations on the methods they can use to reach conservation goals.

In tandem with the Paris Agreement, the UNEP-WCMC has set forth a framework for increasing biodiversity post-2020. A major component of the framework is "The 2020 Biodiversity Strategic Planning Timeline." This is an interactive timeline of initiatives and milestones leading up to the development of a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and links to details on each of the listed meetings.

Is your country involved in any international conservation efforts? If not, does your country plan on joining any such efforts?

What plans does your country have for conservation in the future?

Do those issues of wildlife conservation affect your country? Neighboring countries? How?

Individual country policies

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