



Harvard WorldMUN Ivory Coast

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About the Conference

Harvard World Model United Nations Ivory Coast is a premier international relations simulation designed to inspire and empower university students to become global leaders. Organized annually by **Harvard University** students in partnership with a local host team, the conference gathers over 2,000 delegates from more than 110 countries to simulate the United Nations and other multilateral bodies.

This program offers **a unique blend of high-level debate, cultural immersion, and social engagement, creating an environment where diverse perspectives are not only heard - but celebrated.** Through thought-provoking discussions, diplomatic collaboration, and hands-on experiences, participants explore real-world global issues and sharpen their skills in negotiation, public speaking, and leadership.

Recognized for its academic rigor and vibrant international community, **WorldMUN** is more than just a Model UN - it's a life-changing experience that fosters empathy, understanding, and a commitment to global cooperation.

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It's more than a Conference.

It's a Global Movement.

Through lively and informed debate, exciting social events, and a unique conference spirit, the **WorldMUN** experience reaches across cultures and borders to inspire both cooperation and friendship.



SUBSTANTIVE EXCELLENCE

WorldMUN features twenty simulated UN committees representing member states, international organizations, and NGOs. Led by an engaged dais, these sessions offer a dynamic platform to debate the world's most pressing challenges.



DELEGATE EXPERIENCE

The heart of WorldMUN lies in the delegate experience. From dynamic debates and diplomacy in committee to meaningful connections with peers worldwide, the conference offers an unforgettable and enriching journey.

CULTURAL CONNECTION

At WorldMUN, our goal is always to foster authentic cross-cultural connections. This is embodied by the 'WorldMUN Spirit' - a guiding principle that encourages friendship and cooperation across borders, along with a deeper understanding of cultures and perspectives beyond one's own.





WorldMUN Conference Details



In-person

at Enko Schools, Abidjan



Conference Fee

USD 400/student



Conference Dates

21st - 23rd January 2026



Duration

3 days



Eligibility

Grades 6 - 12



Certification

Certificate of Participation
from **Harvard World Model**
United Nations

WorldMUN Conference Objectives

- ◆ **Promote Global Awareness and Diplomacy**
Encourage delegates to explore and understand pressing international issues through the lens of diplomacy and international cooperation.
- ◆ **Foster Cross-Cultural Understanding**
Create an inclusive environment that celebrates cultural diversity and builds lasting friendships across borders.
- ◆ **Develop Leadership and Communication Skills**
Enhance participants' abilities in negotiation, public speaking, collaboration, and critical thinking through committee sessions and delegate interactions.
- ◆ **Simulate Real-World International Decision-Making**
Provide realistic simulations of UN bodies and multilateral organizations to help students understand the complexity of global governance.
- ◆ **Inspire Civic Engagement and Global Responsibility**
Empower young leaders to return to their communities with a deeper sense of civic duty and a commitment to positive change.





Key Benefits for Students



Enhanced Global Perspective

Delegates leave with a deeper understanding of global challenges, different cultural viewpoints, and the workings of international institutions.



Stronger Leadership and Teamwork Competencies

Delegates learn to lead, compromise, and collaborate effectively in high-pressure, multicultural settings.



Expanded International Network

Participants build lifelong connections with peers from over 100 countries, including future diplomats, scholars, and changemakers.



Improved Negotiation and Public Speaking Abilities

Through committee debates and resolutions, students strengthen their persuasive communication and diplomacy skills.



Increased Confidence and Critical Thinking

The immersive nature of WorldMUN boosts self-confidence, creative problem-solving, and the ability to think on one's feet.

Tentative Conference Schedule

DAY 1 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

08:00 am - 09:00 am	Registrations
9:15 am - 11:00 am	Opening Ceremony
11:15 am - 11:45 am	Lunch Break
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Committee Session
2:00 pm	15 minutes break/feedback
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Committee Session
4:00 pm	15 minutes feedback

DAY 2 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

9:00 am - 10:45 am	Committee Sessions
11:00 am	15 minutes feedback
11:15 am - 11:45 am	Lunch Break
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Committee Session
2:00 pm	15 minutes break/feedback
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Committee Session
4:00 pm	15 minutes feedback

Tentative Conference Schedule

DAY 3 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

9:00 am - 10:45 am	Committee Sessions
11:00 am	15 minute feedback
11:15 am - 11:45 am	Lunch Break
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Committee Session
2:00 pm	15 minutes break/feedback
2:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Closing Ceremony



WorldMUN Committees



GA: Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)

TOPIC: Cobalt Mining in the Congo

DISEC will address the human cost of cobalt mining in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where children and civilians are exploited under inhumane conditions. While cobalt is essential to the global tech economy, its extraction raises serious ethical and security concerns. Delegates will examine the international community's role in enabling these practices and propose multilateral solutions to regulate supply chains, protect vulnerable communities, and ensure ethical resource governance.



GA: Economic and Financial Committee (ECOFIN)

TOPIC: International Monetary Fund Bailouts and their Consequences

ECOFIN will explore the effectiveness of IMF interventions in countries facing repeated financial crises. Through case studies of Pakistan, Egypt, and Côte d'Ivoire, delegates will assess whether IMF policies have fostered sustainable development or entrenched debt cycles. Using diverse economic metrics and methodologies, the committee will evaluate the long-term implications of IMF involvement and propose reforms to promote financial stability, equity, & accountability.

GA: Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM)

TOPIC: Healthcare Treatment and Stigmas Surrounding its Provision

SOCHUM will examine how cultural norms, legal restrictions, and economic barriers limit access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) worldwide. With particular focus on marginalized populations, the committee will evaluate structural inequalities and propose inclusive policies that expand access to comprehensive SRHR education, services, and protections—especially in low-resource and conservative settings.



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GA: Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL)

TOPIC: Protecting and Preserving Biodiversity

SPECPOL will address the global biodiversity crisis, with wildlife populations declining by nearly 70% since 1970. Delegates will assess the root causes of ecosystem collapse—such as habitat destruction, climate change, and overexploitation—and debate solutions that reflect their nations' ecological and geopolitical interests. The committee will work to develop cooperative strategies for preserving global biodiversity and securing a sustainable future.



ECOSOC/RB: Commission for Social Development (CSocD)

TOPIC: Collectivized and Collaborative Action of Populations for the Sake of National Development

CSocD will explore how local, community-led approaches can drive effective poverty reduction. Drawing on models like the Harlem Children's Zone, delegates will consider how systems-level interventions—coordinated across education, health, and economic support—can be adapted globally. The committee will assess the cultural, financial, and political challenges of implementing place-based strategies in diverse international contexts.

GA: Legal Committee

TOPIC: Digital Learning and Educational Inequities

The Legal Committee will investigate how disparities in digital access and literacy widen global educational inequalities. Delegates will examine the legal responsibilities of governments and institutions in ensuring digital inclusion, especially for underserved communities. Topics include teacher training, student access, funding, and data privacy. The committee will develop rights-based frameworks to support equitable digital learning worldwide.



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About Harvard World Model United Nations (WorldMUN)

Harvard World Model United Nations (WorldMUN) is the world's most diverse collegiate Model United Nations conference, bringing together thousands of university students from over 110 countries each year. With a mission to foster authentic cross-cultural connections, **WorldMUN** travels to a different international city annually, inspiring delegates to engage in global dialogue, diplomacy, and cultural exchange.

At the heart of **WorldMUN** is the **WorldMUN** Spirit—a guiding principle that encourages friendship, cooperation, and deeper understanding across borders. Past destinations have included Rome, Montreal, Panama City, Madrid, Paris, and Taipei, and the conference has featured keynote addresses by global leaders such as Pope Francis and King Felipe VI of Spain.

Led by a team of experienced student organizers from Harvard University, the conference combines academic excellence with immersive cultural experiences and impactful diplomacy. **WorldMUN** provides a platform for young leaders to explore international relations, debate pressing global issues, and build meaningful relationships that transcend geography.

In an ever-evolving global landscape, **WorldMUN** stands as a symbol of collaboration, cooperation, and hope for the next generation of changemakers.

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Vinny Li is a senior in Winthrop House from Los Angeles, California concentrating in Applied Math with a secondary in Economics. Aside from WorldMUN, she is also involved in an Evening with Champions and MakeHarvard. During her free time, she loves biking along the Charles and trying new Matcha spots with her friends!



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Jessica Zhuo is a junior at Harvard College from New York concentrating in Neuroscience with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. On campus, she is a researcher at Brigham Women's Hospital & Harvard Medical School, an intern at the Harvard Global health Institute, and Outreach Chair for the Health Disparities Think Tank. She is also involved with Harvard Model Congress and the Institute of Politics. During her free time, she enjoys cafe-hopping, going on runs, and making new pieces for her jewelry business!

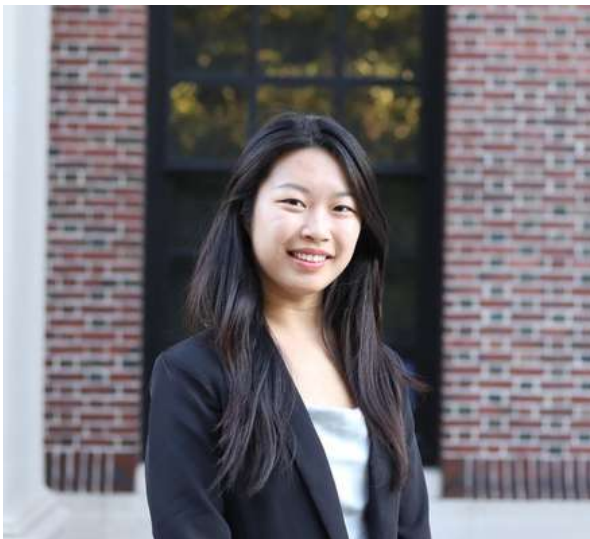
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Jonathan Huang is a senior from Houston, Texas studying Molecular & Cellular Biology on the pre-medical track. Outside of WorldMUN, Jonathan actively works as an EMT and participates in public service through CrimsonEMS, Harvard Undergraduate UNICEF Club, and Circle K International. Prior to joining WorldMUN, Jonathan helped with organizing various large-scale events through his other extracurriculars, and looks forward to bringing a new perspective to this year's team. In his free time, Jonathan loves exploring new food places and going out into Boston with friends!



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Gissell Chapa is a Senior from Dallas, Texas studying Human Developmental and Regenerative Biology with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. Aside from WorldMUN, she is a certified phlebotomist and sings with the Harvard Radcliffe Collegium Musicum currently serving as their financial manager. She is also involved in the World Pre-Health Conference and the Latina Empowerment and Developmental Conference on campus. In her free time, Gissell enjoys running, exploring new coffee shops and amusement parks.

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Ted Sunshine is a senior in Cabot House concentrating in History with a secondary in Economics. Although originally from Boston, much of Ted's family comes from the Philippines. Besides WorldMUN, Ted is an avid photographer, outdoorsman, and a film enthusiast. He has a keen interest in learning about other cultures and their histories, which is part of the reason why he loves WorldMUN! Ted also was an Alpine Ski racer for a decade, and currently plays for the Harvard Polo team. He is a veteran of WorldMUN now entering his fourth consecutive year with the organization.



SEBASTIAN JUAREZ

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Sebastian Juarez is a junior in Leverett House concentrating in Government and Anthropology. Aside from WorldMUN, Sebastian competitively debates for the Harvard College Debate Union and leads Harvard CIVICS. Originally from Los Angeles, CA, he enjoys drinking boba, swimming at the beach, and binge-watching new shows!



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