



Harvard Model Congress
Middle East

HARVARD MODEL CONGRESS MIDDLE EAST Conference

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About the Conference

Harvard Model Congress Middle East is the world's premier government simulation. For three days, students will take on the roles of US Representatives, US Senators and UN Representatives and tackle some of the world's most pressing issues.

Through public speaking, negotiation, and compromise, delegates will challenge themselves to understand the nuances of politics and the intricacies of legislation. Delegates will work in-hand with Harvard Student Mentors to delve deeply into world issues and develop complex solutions.

The **Harvard Model Congress Middle East** conferences will provide engaging discussion, an opportunity for public speaking, and lifelong memories for thousands of delegates.

**Step up.
Speak out.
Stand apart.**





Conference Details



In-person at

Jeddah International School



Conference Fee

SAR 1500/student



Conference Dates

9 - 11 January 2026



Duration

3 days



Eligibility

Grades 6 - 12



Certification

Certificate of Participation
from **HMCME**

What is Harvard Model Congress?

Government Activity Run by Harvard Students

- Focused on American government and international organizations.
- Delegates get a firsthand view of how policy change is made on a small-scale.

Committee-Based

- Delegates are sorted into committees are based on real-life bodies, such as committees of American Congress, where legislation is drafted.
- They are then assigned to represent a person or a country.

Emphasis on Collaboration and Education

- Delegates are expected to collaborate with other students in writing and presenting bills.
- Delegates are expected to debate and then write bills or resolutions at conference, support materials are available on the delegate portal.



Substantive and Policy-Based

- Debate is organized around two briefings, background guides that are released pre-conference.
- Committees are chaired by Harvard undergraduate students who guide debate and bill writing and provide personalized support and feedback to delegates.

Key Takeaways

- ◆ **Increased confidence and leadership skills**
Delegates learn to voice their perspectives with clarity, take initiative in discussions, and develop the confidence to lead peers in decision-making.
- ◆ **An understanding of the workings of intergovernmental organizations**
By simulating the roles of representatives, students gain first-hand knowledge of how governments and global institutions function, negotiate, and collaborate to address complex challenges.
- ◆ **Improved public speaking skills and a better mastery of English speech making**
Through debates, speeches, and negotiations, delegates refine their communication skills, learning how to articulate ideas persuasively and present with confidence in English.
- ◆ **The ability to find common ground among disparate views**
Students practice diplomacy by bridging diverse perspectives, negotiating compromises, and building consensus — skills vital for leadership in a globalized world.



Harvard Model Congress Middle East

HMC Middle East sets itself apart from other conferences through its commitment to challenging, inspiring, and teaching students. In creating an informed, intimate, and lively forum for debate, our staff exemplifies professionalism while conveying a contagious enthusiasm for each topic. By keeping our students focused and engaged, we hope to broaden delegates' awareness of the world, help them gain an understanding of the workings and principles of diplomacy and civic participation, and inspire them to discover their own leadership potential.

HMC offers students the unique opportunity to assume the role of real life senators, congressmen, and international delegations as they engage in debate throughout the course of the three-day conference. To assist the delegates, our dedicated staff of Harvard students researches and writes briefings on each committee topic. Students use these materials and the guidance of our staffers to inspire debate, cooperation, and legislation.



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Conference Schedule

DAY 1

TIME	EVENT
9:00 – 10:00	Check-in
10:00 – 11:00	Opening Ceremonies
11:00 – 12:00	Icebreakers and Parliamentary Procedure Review (in Committees)
12:45 – 15:30	Committee Debate
15:30 – 16:00	College Q&A w/ Harvard Students

Conference Schedule

DAY 2

TIME	EVENT
9:00 - 12:00	Committee Debate
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch Break
12:45 - 14:00	Committee Debate
14:00 - 14:15	Break
14:15 - 16:00	Full Congressional Session/International Summit

Conference Schedule

DAY 3

TIME	EVENT
9:00 - 12:00	Committee Debate
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch Break
12:45 - 14:00	Committee Debate
14:00 - 14:15	Seminar
14:15 - 16:00	Closing Ceremony

Committee's for the Conference



UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

The United Nations Security Council is one of the six principal bodies of the United Nations. The UNSC is tasked with maintaining international peace and security. To do this, the UNSC has the power to take decisive actions, including establishing economic sanctions, creating peacekeeping missions, and authorizing military action.



SENATE HOMELAND SECURITY

The United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is the head oversight committee in the U.S. Senate. It exercises oversight over the Department of Homeland Security, as well as all other homeland security concerns. Senate Homeland Security also has jurisdiction over the functioning of the government, including the National Archives, budgets other than appropriations, the census, the federal civil service, and the postal service.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations, focused on public health. Established in 1948, the WHO has been instrumental in gathering and synthesizing data about international health problems. They have tackled a number of important health issues, including communicable and non-communicable diseases, nutrition, and the eradication of smallpox.



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HOUSE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary has jurisdiction over matters relating to the administration of justice in federal courts, administrative bodies, and law enforcement agencies. This includes a range of issues such as bankruptcy, espionage, the protection of civil l

WORLD BANK

The World Bank is a financial institution associated with the United Nations. Their official goal is reducing poverty, and they have attempted to do so through a number of initiatives, including loans to the poorest countries, raising money for food security, and creating financial education programs.



Executive Board



Salma Boukouj

President

Salma Boukouj is a junior at Harvard College studying Government and Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations. A proud Moroccan-American from Cambridge, MA, she is involved in Harvard Model Congress, the Harvard Society of Arab Students, and mentors through the Harvard Radcliffe Institute. Salma is passionate about advocacy, educational equity, and international affairs. Off campus, she enjoys quality time with friends, traveling, and discovering new music. Salma hopes to pursue a career in public service, law, or diplomacy.

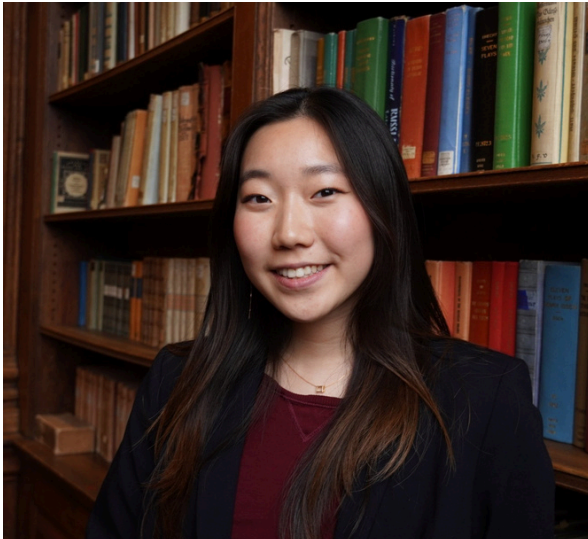


Aya Faiz

Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Aya Faiz is a junior studying Government and Economics at Harvard, proudly hailing from Boston, Massachusetts. Her primary interests revolve around business, international studies, and justice. Outside of academics, she engages in high-impact consulting with Harvard Consulting for Business and the Environment and is a senior director of the Harvard Foreign Policy Initiative. In her free time, she loves swimming, traveling, and trying new restaurants.

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Adele Raillot

Director of Programs

Adele Raillot is a sophomore at Harvard College from New Jersey studying Biology and Government. In the past, she has attended HMC Boston and Europe as a staffer. Outside of HMC, she's working in a lab and is involved with the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter and the Foreign Policy Initiative. In her free time, she crochets clothes and loves discovering new music! She's excited to serve as Director of Programs and is looking forward to meeting the faculty and delegates of HMCME 2026.



Ella Dotzler

Business Manager

Ella Dotzler is a senior studying Government and History who is hoping to attend Law School after graduating! On campus, she is heavily involved on The Harvard Crimson Business Board as one of the Programs Managers and in Harvard Model Congress, where she serves as the Business Manager for two conferences. Outside of school, she enjoys ballet, tennis, and trying new foods around Boston!

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Jahir Tineo Faculty Liaison

Jahir Tineo Castillo is a junior at Harvard College concentrating in Government and Economics. He is a proud Massachusetts resident who is passionate about law, advocacy, and civil rights. On campus, he is involved in Black Men's Forum, Phillips Brook's Housing Association, and Harvard Model Congress. When he is not in the classroom he is hanging out with friends, listening to music, and writing poetry. Additionally, he is passionate about cultural exchange and loves to chat about historical events.



Khalid Alzamil Vice President

Khalid Alzamil is a junior at Harvard University, studying Government and Economics with a strong interest in economic policy and political behavior. Originally from Saudi Arabia, he brings a global perspective to his academic and extracurricular pursuits, serving on the board of the Society of Arab Students and contributing to cultural initiatives like the Arab Conference at Harvard. Outside the classroom, he is passionate about travel, history, and design, creating art that celebrates Arab identity and community. His curiosity and dedication to cross-cultural understanding shape both his scholarship and leadership.



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