



Research

How to Research for your speech and for your committee with reliable websites and guidelines

The most essential things to do in MUN

REVIEW YOUR TOPIC SYNOPSES:

This was prepared for you by the chair to give you an overview of the topic(s). The chair may even choose to include controversial issues about the topics and what bloc positions are.

THE COMMITTEE:

Especially in specialized committees, learn how the committee is supposed to be run. The best way to do this is to visit the committee's website or by asking a fellow delegate who has been in the committee before.

YOUR COUNTRY:

Learn about your country! Specifically, the type of government, history, culture, and its policy on your topic. Know your allies and your opposition. In order to adequately represent your country during the conference, you will need to interact with delegates from other countries. Knowing their positions on your topic will help you predict their arguments during debate. This will be very useful in helping you decide in advance where it might be useful to seek cooperation or compromise.

THE TOPICS:

The most important part of your research. Study the topic's history and current issues. Read articles from newspapers and magazines. Although wikipedia is everyone's best friend, be wary of false or misinformation. Also, you are forewarned, if you only use wikipedia, you will most likely have the same information as everyone else thus not giving you an advantage

POLICY AND SOLUTIONS:

Develop the policy you want to argue and possible solutions. Be sure to consider whether or not the plan is feasible and past UN actions. This is what counts the most at the end of the day. The most unique, feasible, and best solutions will get you the award.

WEBSITES TO USE

- www.un.org
- En.wikipedia.org
- www.google.com
- <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>
 - All the facts you need to know about your country
- CNN.com
- BBC
- Yahoo News
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- www.un.int/