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Gymnasium Haganum, The Hague

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Dear Sir, Madam,

On behalf of the executive staff of HagaMUN 2023, it is my great pleasure to invite you to the thirteenth annual session of the Haganum Model United Nations.

This year's conference will take place on the 10th, 11th and 12th of March 2023, at Gymnasium Haganum, located in the city centre of The Hague, which for many decades now has been known as the international city of peace and justice.

The Hague hosts many international summits and is home to various embassies, UN organs and international organisations, especially in the fields of international law and diplomacy.

Examples include the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Criminal Court (ICC), the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the headquarters of EUROPOL. This allows us to invite guest speakers from organisations that are internationally recognised. Besides the international involvement of The Hague, the city is also the seat of the Dutch government, the parliament, the Council of State and the Supreme Court. The Hague has a truly international atmosphere which makes this city a perfect venue for an MUN-conference.

At an MUN, participants simulate the United Nations. This raises awareness among students about both future and current global issues. It gives students with differing nationalities or religions the opportunity to share their opinions and to cooperate. The children of today work towards finding the best solutions for current problems by lobbying and debating during conferences. These solutions, of course, may be realised in the near future.

Every year in March, enthusiastic students from Gymnasium Haganum join forces to organise a high-quality MUN conference. This warm and welcoming environment will hopefully lead to interesting debates and realistic solutions. Every year, HagaMUN proves challenging enough for both experienced and first-time participants. Thanks to the MUN programme, the youth of today will be confronted with current world issues, which helps them improve the world of



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tomorrow. HagaMUN is known for its friendly character, which is shown through its appreciation for every single participating voice in the hosting of fruitful debate.

The executive staff has chosen *“Preventing and reducing the adverse effects of climate change on vulnerable communities”* as the official theme for the 2023 conference.

These past few decades have seen an increasingly disconcerting rise in natural disasters brought about by climate change, which have affected the lives of millions around the world. As the threat of global warming looms closer with every passing moment, we become more and more aware of the disastrous consequences it can have, both for the natural environment and its inhabitants.

We believe climate change is a matter that should be of great concern to every single individual on this planet. The recent increase in forest loss, ocean ecosystem devastation, mass extinction of endangered species and mass flooding has been affecting the earth catastrophically and irreversibly, with certain communities left even more vulnerable than they used to be.

In this age of sensationalist activism, the adverse effects that climate change can have for vulnerable groups on a local scale are often overlooked. For many of us, climate change seems to be an issue of the future, but millions around the world are feeling its devastating force right now. Many communities directly depend upon the natural environment in order to sustain their vital needs and the current biodegradation is forcing them into poverty and hunger. The recent floods in Pakistan, the hunger crisis in Sahel and the sea level rise in Palau are just some examples of the threats that climate change poses worldwide.

This is why we have chosen to work with the Environmental Justice Foundation, or simply the EJF, at this year’s conference. They are a non-profit organisation that focuses on the human aspect of climate change, working, in their words, ‘to secure a world where the natural world can sustain, and be sustained by, the communities that depend upon it for their fundamental human rights’ and ‘with, and for, those on the frontlines of environmental destruction to investigate, document and expose environmental and human



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rights abuses. [They] take local fights to the very heart of governments and business across the world to secure lasting, global change’.

The secretariat at HagaMUN 2023 has decided that the conference will be fully engaged and committed to unfolding this year’s theme. This means that you can expect many issues concerning the safety of and human rights threats to marginalised communities, with a special focus on those caused by climate change. Not only will our commitment shine through in our debates, but we will be donating the proceeds of this year’s conference to the EJF and selling merchandise to support the cause. Donation boxes will also be made available and we will have guest speakers help raise awareness for the theme. Further information about the EJF and their organisation and goals can be found on their website, <https://ejfoundation.org/who-we-are>.

This First Mailing contains all the information you need regarding our upcoming conference. For an impression of a typical HagaMUN conference, please have a look at the HagaMUN Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/hagamun2021/>. You can find pictures and videos of the last conference on this page. On our website, www.hagamun.org, you can find more information on every aspect of our conference.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our school and to The Hague, our bastion of international cooperation. This year registration will be possible both through MyMUN (using the following link: <https://mymun.com/conferences/hagamun-2023>), and through the links below or on our website, www.hagamun.org. The deadline for registration is the **18th of November 2022**. Of course, we are more than happy to answer any questions or inquiries that you may have, so please feel free to contact us any time at hagamunsecr@gmail.com.

We hope to see you all at HagaMUN 2023!

Yours sincerely,
Ana Badara, Secretary-General at HagaMUN 2023



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Information on COVID-19

Our conference will be held physically from the 10th to the 12th of March 2023. We shall follow Dutch governmental policy at all times and will communicate any active measures or changes in our third mailing in February.

Important dates and deadlines

School Registration deadline	18th of November 2022
Student Officer application deadline	18th of November 2022
Press Officer application deadline	18th of November 2022
Housing requests deadline	18th of November 2022
Cancellation deadline	18th of November 2022
Fee payment deadline	22nd of January 2023
HagaMUN 2023	10th, 11th and 12th of March 2023

Registration Information

Registrations for all positions can either be done via our MyMUN page, using the following link <https://mymun.com/conferences/hagamun-2023>, or via the registration forms on our website (link can be found on page 14). Further information on housing can be found on page 9.

This year applicants must register via the online registration form. Entire delegations should be registered by an MUN-director. After the 'send' button at the end of the form is clicked, the filled-out form will be sent to us. You do not have to be logged in on a specific email account when you fill in the forms.

To welcome all potential applicants to our conference, registration should be



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completed by the **18th of November**. Soon after that, we will assign you the number of delegates, MUN-directors, Student Officers and Press Officers you have requested. However, Student Officer and Press Officer positions are assigned at our discretion. By sending the registration form you enter into an agreement with the HagaMUN foundation. You are entitled to withdraw your registration until the 18th of November. After this deadline, all are obliged to fulfil their down payments, for which the school is held responsible. In case of unforeseen circumstances due to the coronavirus, a refund is in order. For more information regarding payment see the 'Payment Information' on page 10.

Delegation Information

HagaMUN has adopted the traditional MUN structure for its conference. This means we will be entertaining a Security Council, four General Assemblies, Special Conferences, a Human Right Council, an Environment Commission, an Economic and Social Council and a Group of 20 Summit. However, we might also add several special committees to our conference, such as a Crisis Committee, Conflict Committee or a Historic Security Council. This will depend on the number of delegate and Student Officer applications.

A regular delegation will consist of eight delegates, a Security Council delegation will consist of ten delegates, and a delegation which includes the Security Council and the G20 will consist of eleven delegates. It is possible, however, to attend the conference with a different number of delegates. Please fill in the number of delegates you wish to bring to the conference on the Registration Form, along with their past MUN-experience. HagaMUN is a conference that also allows one-man delegations and student delegations; this is defined as delegations without a teacher as MUN-director. In that case, however, there must be one student assuming the position of a Student MUN-director, who will be held responsible for the delegation as a whole.



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United Nations Member States

Countries printed in **bold** are represented in the current Security Council.

Afghanistan	Germany	Pakistan
Albania	Ghana	Peru
Angola	Greece	Poland
Argentina	Guatemala	Republic of Korea
Australia	India	Russian Federation
Belgium	Indonesia	Rwanda
Bolivia	Iran	Saudi Arabia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Iraq	South Africa
Brazil	Ireland	Spain
Canada	Israel	Sri Lanka
Chad	Italy	Sudan
Chile	Japan	Sweden
China	Jordan	Switzerland
Colombia	Kazakhstan	Syria
DR Congo	Kenya	Thailand
Costa Rica	Kuwait	Togo
Côte d'Ivoire	Libya	Turkey
Cuba	Lithuania	Ukraine
Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)	Luxembourg	Uganda
Denmark	Madagascar	United Arab Emirates
Dominican Republic	Malaysia	United Kingdom
Ecuador	Malta	United States of America
Egypt	Mexico	Venezuela
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco	Vietnam
Ethiopia	Mozambique	Zimbabwe
Finland	Netherlands	
France	New Zealand	
Gabon	Nigeria	
	Norway	



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Non-Member Delegations

Amnesty International

Food and Agricultural Organisations (FAO)

Greenpeace

Holy See

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

INTERPOL

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Palestinian National Authority (PNA)

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR)

Group of Twenty (G20 Summit)

Argentina

Australia

Brazil

Canada

China

European Union

France

Germany

India

Indonesia

Italy

Japan

Mexico

Russian Federation

Saudi Arabia

South Africa

Republic of Korea

Turkey

The United Kingdom

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Housing Information

The HagaMUN Foundation and the Gymnasium Haganum provide community housing. This means students participating in any way in the conference can reside, for the duration of the conference, at the houses of Gymnasium Haganum students, where besides lodging, breakfast and dinner will also be provided. Please note that the duration of the conference is two nights, those in between the conference days (from Friday to Saturday and from Saturday to Sunday). Special requests for longer stays can be made and will be considered, but we are not able to guarantee this at this moment.

We shall try our hardest to fulfil every request, but we have a limited amount of housing available. Especially because of COVID-19, there's only a limited number of places available since fewer host families are willing to participate this year. The principle is first come, first served when this limit is exceeded. We will give housing priority to those who have to travel the longest distance or who would not be able to participate otherwise, but we aspire to fulfil every request.

Housing requires a small contribution of € 5, - per participant. Participants interested in housing are obliged to request this before the **18th of November 2022**. Housing requests can be made by sending your wishes to housinghagamun@gmail.com or by filling in the form on page 14. Requests made after this deadline will be more difficult to entertain. After your housing request has been granted, we will send you additional forms to fill in in order to finalise the process.



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Travel Information

For schools from abroad, getting a visa is your own responsibility. We are not able to provide flights, public transport or any other means of getting around. However, we will of course indicate various ways to reach our building via public transport in further mailings. We definitely recommend delegations to arrive a few days in advance or remain a few days after the conference to get a better view of The Hague and the Netherlands, and we would be more than welcome to give you some tips and must-sees, just let us know. In the Second Mailing, you will also receive information regarding possible activities and current transport information. The conference will be held in the monumental school building of the Gymnasium Haganum at Laan van Meerdervoort 57 in The Hague, The Netherlands. We are very proud to host the conference at our venue, with its classical atmosphere and modern facilities.

Payment Information

Fee for Delegates	€ 55,-
Fee for Student Officers	€ 40,-
Fee for Press Officers	€ 40,-
Fee for MUN-directors	€ 50,-

Please note that every school must pay an additional delegation fee of € 55, - on top of the registration fee per delegate. The deadline for the payment of all fees is set on the **22nd of January 2023**. If this deadline is not met by the participant or school, his or her registration will be cancelled.



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If for any reason a delegate or an entire delegation is suddenly unable to attend the HagaMUN 2023 conference, a cancellation must be sent to the Executive Staff. Please notify us as soon as possible, in order for us to make the necessary changes. In case of cancellation before the deadline set on the **18th of November**, the full payment will be refunded. In case of cancellation after the deadline, the payment will not be refunded, unless the cancellation is related to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

Participant's responsibility

It is of great importance that all participants behave according to the general rules of diplomatic behaviour to maintain an atmosphere full of dedication, inspiration and acceptance. We expect every delegate to make draft resolutions and speeches by using their own creativity and sources, therefore any form of plagiarism will not be tolerated. All participants are to prepare for the conference by being acquainted with the country or organisation they are representing and their specific view on the issues discussed in their committee. It is every participant's duty to take an active role in lobbying and debating. Therefore, every participant must write at least one resolution as preparation, which will result in productive lobbying sessions.

MUN-director's responsibility

At least one attending (Student) MUN-director is required for every participating school. The MUN-director is expected to organise the participation and registration of the delegations and will be responsible for his or her students. We highly recommend every MUN-director to organise meetings prior to the HagaMUN to ensure every participant is acquainted with the simulation of the United Nations and prepared for the conference.



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General Conduct and Policies

Formal attire is required for every participant and MUN-Director. Formal attire consists of a formal suit and (bow)tie, including formal shoes for boys. Girls are to wear either appropriate skirts and dresses, long enough to reach the knee, or formal trousers. High heels are allowed, within reasonable limits. All forms of informal clothing are prohibited (for example military uniforms, traditional clothing, sportswear etc.). Student Officers have the right to deny the floor to delegates who are not dressed appropriately. Since our building is to be thoroughly ventilated at all times, it might be a bit chilly in the committees. We recommend all participants wear an extra layer of clothing.

Conduct in the conference building

The consumption of alcoholic beverages and narcotic drugs is strictly forbidden at all times during the conference. Smoking cigarettes is only allowed outside school grounds and will only be permitted during outdoor recesses and at lunchtime. Mobile devices must be switched off during the conference and Student Officers have the right to confiscate mobile devices if they are used during the debate.

Conduct in private homes

Please keep in mind that your host-family provides students with accommodation during the conference voluntarily, and therefore deserves to be treated with great respect. Students should accept the house rules, including curfews, given by the host family. To be able to welcome as many delegates as possible to our conference, housing is a crucial matter. This



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is why we urge students to behave their best since host families might decide not to volunteer next year if they have had an unpleasant experience with their guests.

Information for Student Officer applicants

The Student Officers are the ones who lead the debate in the committees. They are the experts in the field of Model United Nations and are expected to know the Rules of Procedure by heart, as well as to write good quality Research Reports on the issues their committee will be debating and afterwards prepare a short summary presentation of each of their research reports. To be given a Student Officer position, a student is required to have plenty of MUN-experience, as well as good leadership qualities. A letter of Motivation and a Letter of Recommendation should be added to the Student Officer Application, which must be returned by the **18th of November 2022**. The Letter of Motivation is written by the applicant, explaining why he or she would make a good Student Officer and a valuable addition to our conference. A Letter of Recommendation is written by an MUN-Director or teacher and simply outlines the qualifications the candidate has for his or her preferred position, as well as a ranking if there are multiple applicants from a school.

Information for Press Officer applicants

There are several positions available in the Press Team, so please specify in the Press form, found on page 14, whether you would like to apply for deputy editor-in-chief, reporter, artist or layout artist. Together you will produce the HagaMUN newspaper, also called HagMUNDus. Putting together the HagaMUNDUS is not only aimed at providing every participant with a small break and a laugh but is also meant to trigger a critical eye on what is happening around the world as well as to report on the conference itself.



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School Delegations:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJYSyyAx_v2OwsuS62BKJegvU_F4r3JiaRIWgKuvTEU9Xz0g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Single Delegates:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf75_r8uI0E8i1QRPV2_pBOzvQZ-Kz5jYV7Wg-MG_-eHY3tqQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Student Officers:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemUg64ogPjDb_qefnP3orW4WLZBHfoL-igi-JOKtalbGFLVg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Press Officers:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSep3KEE3U_sME5B_gCzDgvi28cl4biNk5lP5-Siry8rAcnbew/viewform?usp=sf_link

Housing:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1WVUQrSiHmXN1oICl_KkLNca9xnKUAWXkjPnZwMjC4Ik/edit