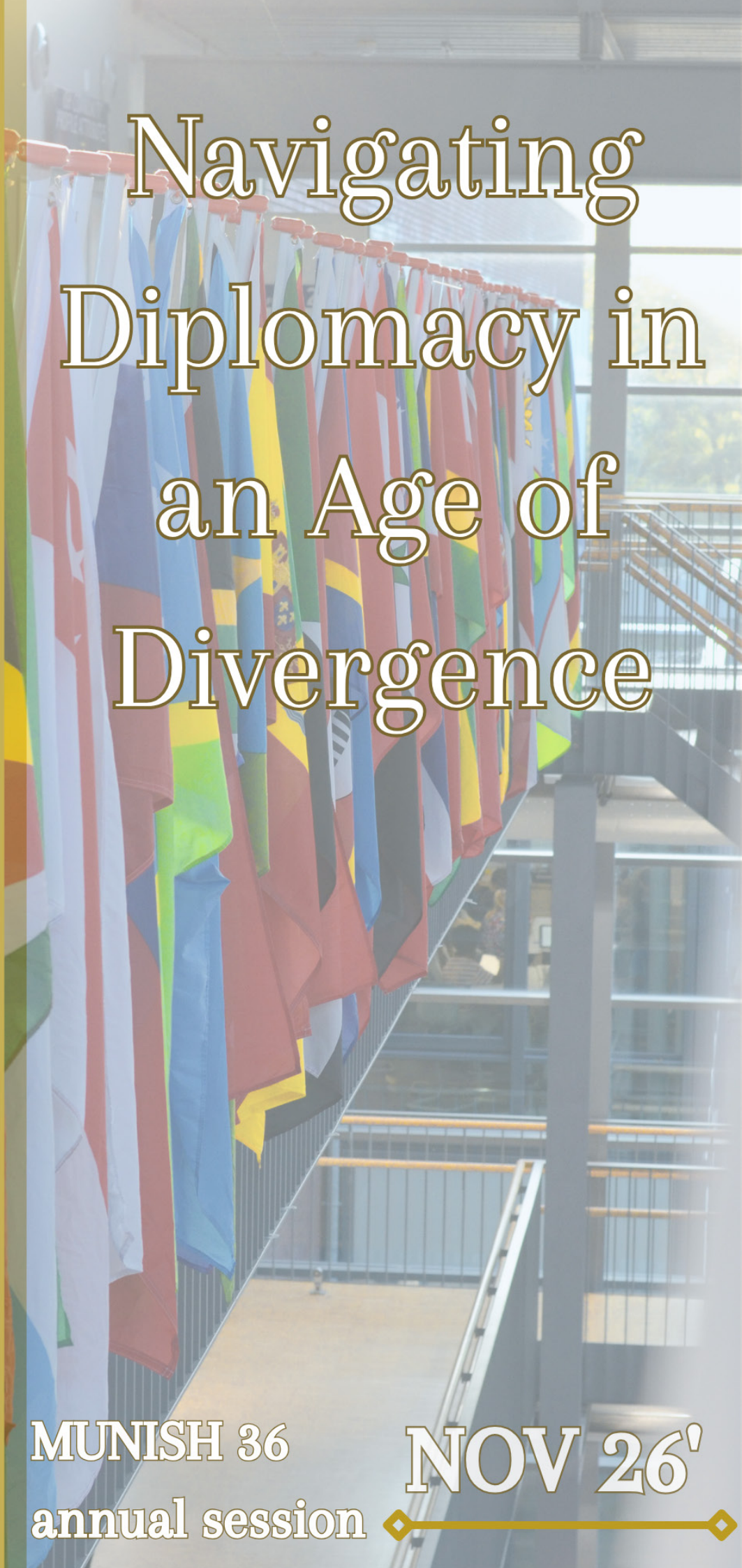
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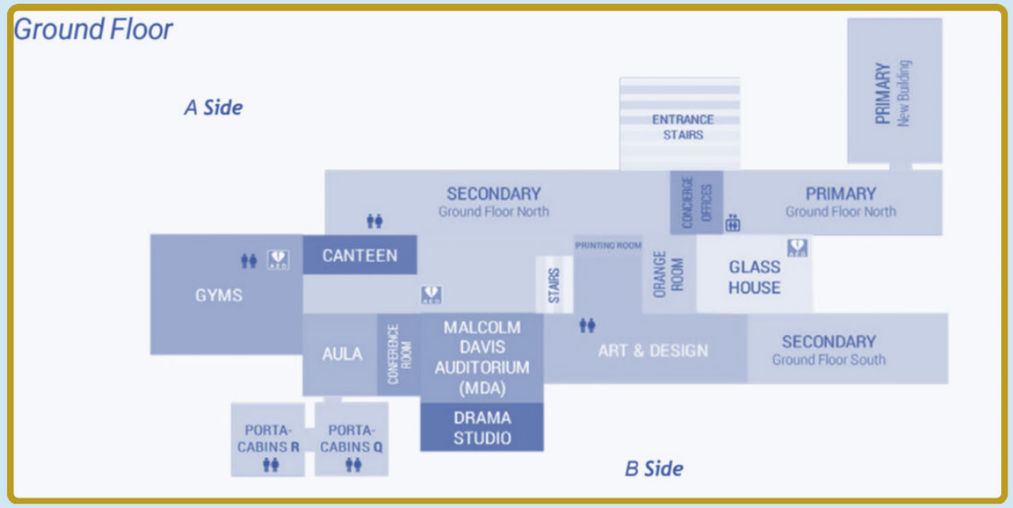


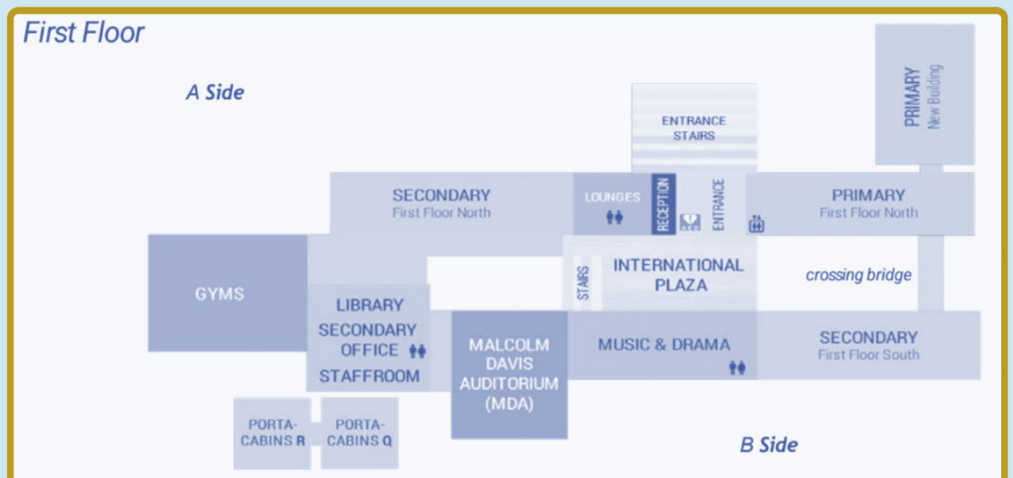
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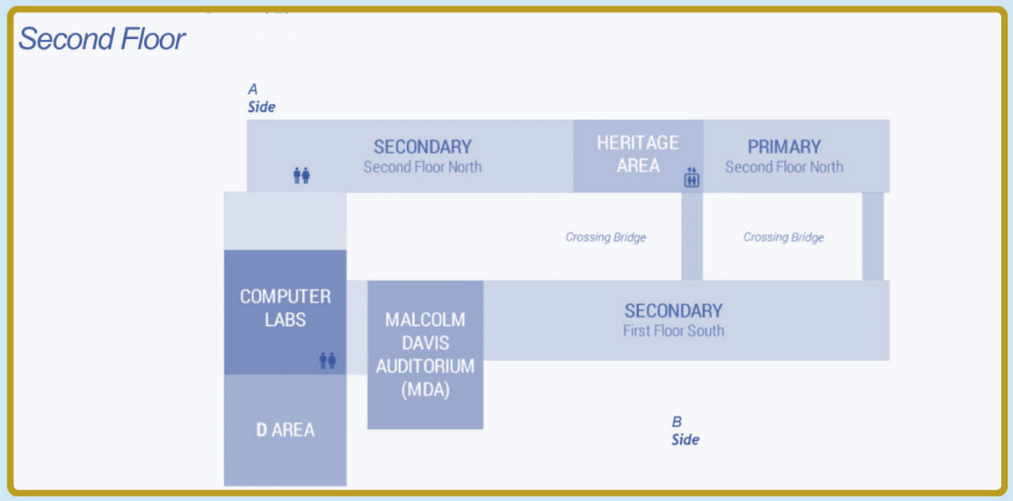
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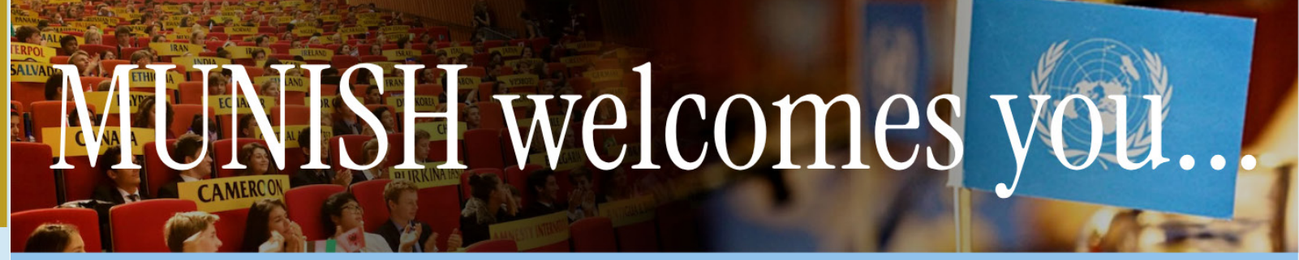
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It is our great pleasure to welcome delegates, faculty advisors and MUN directors from around the world to MUNISH 2026!



As we gather to engage in meaningful debates, exchange diverse perspectives and address the pressing challenges of our time, we are reminded of the importance of diplomacy, cooperation and understanding.We hope this conference will serve as a platform for contructive conversations, lasting connections and the pursuit of shared solutions.



THE CHARITY ORGANISATION

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is the world's largest humanitarian network, dedicated to protecting human life and dignity during any conflict. It aligns closely with MUNISH due to its commitment to international cooperation, humanitarian assistance, and human rights.



The Red Cross addresses global challenges that are frequently discussed in Model United Nations. Its principles of neutrality, impartiality, and respect for international humanitarian law reflect the importance of diplomacy and collaboration among nations. The Red Cross provides a relevant framework for MUNISH delegates to explore humanitarian issues and develop effective solutions to international crises.

Navigating Diplomacy in an Age of Divergence

By: Viola Giudici



As we begin to launch the 36th annual MUNISH conference this year, we are reminded of the fraught reality of today's political climate. In the absence of amicable dialogue and communication, diplomatic relations have become strained. This year's theme: "Navigating Diplomacy in an Age of Divergence" has become a crucial statement. It aims to help this year's delegates prompt meaningful debates on what it means to champion for unity, trust, and accountability in a world rife with division.

This year's delegates will discuss a variety of topics such as the expanding usage of artificial intelligence, current controversial events, as well as the peaceful usage of outer space and nuclear weapons. These topics will encourage delegates to develop a keen understanding for how globalization and nationalism must learn to coexist in today's world. It challenges this year's youth to come together and create peaceful solutions to the fragmentation in this era's law, values, and political ideals.

Navigating Diplomacy in an Age of Divergence

To help delegates in their mission, MUNISH organizers have prepared conferences, workshops and invited guest speakers. These are all opportunities to build upon previously existing skills, while also learning new and valuable debating techniques. The New Delegates, and the Public Speaking workshops are worthwhile tools for new participants, while the Student Officer workshop is meant to help chairs develop skills useful when directing debates. All of these opportunities are key resources meant to give delegates insight on how to advocate for their ideas and navigate divisive diplomacy.



MUNISH has always been a way to connect talented future diplomats in the hope of ushering change for the next generation. The 36th annual conference will establish a diverse community of people, all with the same goal: learning how to navigate this new political age with the hopes of healing our world's global rift. Over the coming three days, delegates will grow and change as people and as diplomats, fighting for their opinions and beliefs in this age of divergence, and we hope that they leave MUNISH having accomplished their goals.

The History behind MUNISH

By: Gabrielle Dubuisson

Since 1991, The International School of The Hague has hosted MUNISH. Over the span of three days, students from all around the world get the chance to participate in debates, lobbying and voting on amendments as well as resolutions, yet few of them know the story behind this conference. MUNISH was created with the intent of helping teenagers participate in real-world diplomacy by bringing them together and giving them a place to tackle global issues, develop critical thinking and negotiate. At first, this was a student-led initiative with just over 700 students in 2011, but quickly grew into an organization hosting 1200+ students from 30+ schools worldwide and became one of the most recognized Model United Nations conferences in Europe.





MUNISH's mantra has always stayed the same over the years: "A conference run by youth, for today's youth, to benefit the youth of tomorrow". As soon as each participant enters this conference, they realise how much this is the case as each individual plays a role over the course of three days. Within MUNISH each committee addresses specific issues and committees are often classified in different categories such as The General Assembly, Special Conferences, The Commission and Councils, including any other committees. Additionally, entirely separate administrative entities operate behind the scenes such as the Board of Directors, The Secretariat and many more.

MUNISH is also a magnet for incredible experiences and opportunities that come with meeting students from all around the world, listening to guest speakers and interacting within each committee. Overall, this conference is an opportunity for students to grow and interact with others while navigating global affairs which will undoubtedly continue for this 36th edition.

Board of Directors



Welcome to MUNISH!!

Secretary General



Juliet Alkema

"For the 36th time, the voices of the youth are presented with an opportunity to come together. As institutions built on dialogue face tension, and fragmentation tests international norms and multilateral trust, delegates are called to seek consensus. This year, allow MUNISH to demonstrate that unity remains possible even in an age of divergence. On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my honour to welcome you all to MUNISH 2026!" - Juliet Alkema

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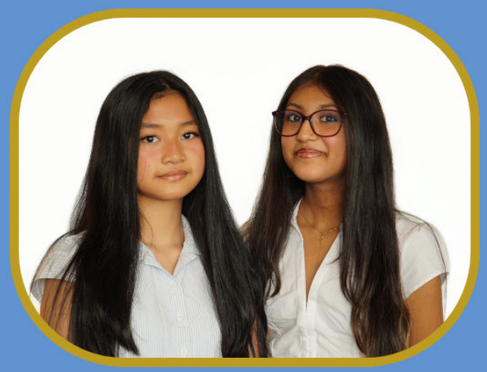
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Why Today's Youth Is Essential to Navigating Diplomacy in an Age of Divergence

Young people today are viewed as the future, but they are much more than that, they are the present. Teenagers are debatably one of the groups in society with the greatest potential to create change, and this is because of their immense exposure to diversity.

According to UNESCO since 2015, 110 million more children have entered school globally. Although lack of education is still a pressing issue in many developing countries, this is still an impressive number. Due to this, the literacy rate has reached 94% for children and teenagers, and 88% for adults. This indicates the significant expansion of access to education for younger generations, but the environment in which we are taught also plays a huge role in how we understand and interact with other cultures. Our school for example, The International School of The Hague, has approximately 100 nationalities, and that will likely increase as time goes on. Every day in class students are taught that although there are technical differences between them because of where they each come from, each coexist in a very productive environment. These teens have stopped seeing their peers as different, and now just see them as another ordinary student, when this may have been less common for previous generations. Ultimately, this means students can listen to different opinions and learn to respect them even when they are not their own. This is a strong tool to achieve peaceful negotiations on a larger scale.





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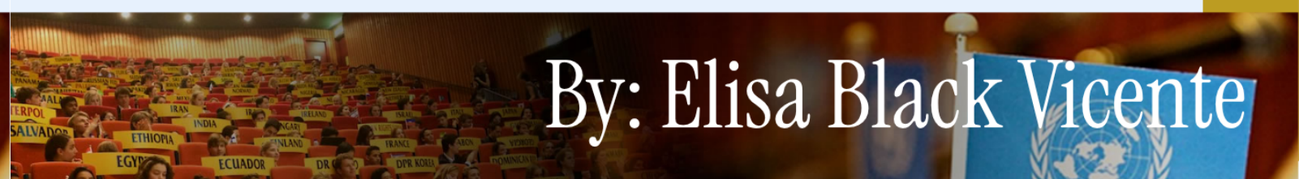


The ITU (International Telecommunication Union) states that 79% of people aged between 15-24 use the internet globally, and up to 90% in Europe. Young people have created a community that doesn't require everyone to be in the same place to enjoy the same things. Teens connect with people all around the world and bond over what could be the simple mutual liking of a book or a band, despite many differences. Social media also introduces different cultural practices, proving an especially useful tool given that not every school around the world considers cultural education and celebration such a central value. Some of the most important discussions happen or emerge online, giving young people an incredible insight into social issues that politicians or other influential adults may overlook or misunderstand.

To conclude, there are several reasons why young people should step up to diplomacy in this age of divergence. MUNISH is a great way to continue to get involved in this, because it is a unique opportunity to show how we can discuss problems and become advocates for peace. We don't need to wait to become adults to make a change, because when you think you may not have any say, or enough power, to do so... you are probably already challenging lines of discrimination that have been considered permanent for decades. All that is left is to make the conscious choice.



By: Elisa Black Vicente



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Committees

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By: Eleanor Glackin

Throughout this year, global dialogue has been dominated by questions surrounding artificial intelligence, international security and climate change, as well as human rights and the future of space and the Arctic. With this wide range of concerns in mind, the rooms of MUNISH 2026 will be far from quiet, as committees confront an international landscape marked by rapidly changing challenges.

The General Assembly will once again provide delegates with a wide variety of international concerns. First, there is GA1, the International Security and Disarmament Committee, which will discuss issues such as the military use of AI and emerging technologies, as well as nuclear non-proliferation and overseas military presence. Meanwhile, GA3 will focus on social and humanitarian issues, including the delivery of humanitarian aid during conflict and the preservation of indigenous cultures in an increasingly digital environment. Finally, GA4 will address political and decolonisation issues, ranging from the situation in Iran to questions of sovereignty in the Arctic and for disappearing island nations.

There are also two Special Conferences on Accountability and Good Governance. SPC1 will examine sanctions, global supply chain security and state compliance with international court rulings, while SPC2 will address nuclear weapons, police brutality against peaceful protesters and global AI regulation. SPC2 is particularly notable for bringing together long-standing questions of international security with emerging challenges concerning AI.



However, MUNISH 2026 offers more than traditional UN committees, with several formats taking delegates beyond the conventional General Assembly setting. The Futuristic UN Security Council will consider the regulation of autonomous systems in modern warfare and activities beyond Earth, while COPUOS will address space debris and the sustainable use of Earth's orbit. APQ will focus specifically on the Strait of Hormuz, examining its economic, political and environmental dimensions. Meanwhile, the Crisis Committee, G20, NATO and WHO will allow delegates to approach global issues from different institutional perspectives. Finally, the delegates of the ICJ will be examining the Application of the Genocide Convention in the case of Bosnia and Herzegovina vs. Serbia and Montenegro.

The commissions and councils cover an equally broad range of concerns. The Human Rights Council (HRC) will, as the name of the council implies, focus on human rights and digital freedoms, while ECOSOC will examine the social and economic consequences of AI. The Security Council will address tensions in the Middle East and the Responsibility to Protect. UNHCR will focus on refugee protection, UNODC on crime and cybercrime, and the Peacebuilding Commission on conflicts including Ukraine and the Sahel. The Environment Commission will address resource depletion, water scarcity and the wider planetary crisis. Another thought-provoking committee is the Historical Security Council, where delegates will revisit 1979 diplomacy through two major geopolitical crises: the Indochina Crisis and the Question of Cyprus.



A Message from a Head of Delegate Affairs

Being a delegate is a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of politics, but it also opens the door to many other experiences. You'll meet new people, learn new things, and develop your public speaking skills. It can be really scary at first, standing in front of strangers to deliver a speech about a country you might not even be from, but that shouldn't discourage you. When I first joined MUNISH, I mumbled my POIs and never gave a speech. However, my love for MUN gave me the strength to persevere and develop my skills, ultimately bringing me to the position I hold today. Whether it's your first conference and you're hoping you don't accidentally say “I” during a speech, or you're an experienced delegate aiming for an award, we hope you enjoy our conference to the fullest, and leave feeling inspired to help shape a better future. Thank you for participating in MUNISH 2026!

- Alexander Mariner
Head of Delegate Affairs

2026 COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

Friday 6th November

09:00 - 11:00	Student Officer Briefing
10:00 - 13:00	Arrivals and Registration
11:45 - 12:45	Workshop Session 1
13:00 - 15:00	Lobbying: GA, ECOSOC, CND, HRC, EVC, PBC & SPC, COPUS, UNHCR, G20, WHO, ICJ
13:00 - 15:00	In Session: SC, HSC, FUNSC & APQSH, CC, NATO
13:30 - 14:00	MUN Directors Meeting (Compulsory)
14:00 - 15:00	Approval Panel Open
14:00 - 15:00	Workshop Session 2
15:30 - 16:35	Opening Ceremony
16:45 - 17:30	Reception on Plaza
17:00 - 17:30	Student Officers Debriefing

Saturday 7th November

08:30 - 09:00	Student Officer Briefing
09:00 - 10:00	Lobbying: SC, CC, HSC, APQSH, FUNSC
09:00 - 10:00	In session: ICJ
09:00 - 10:00	Opening Speeches: GA1, GA3, GA4, SPC1, SPC2, UNHCR, EVC, ECOSOC, WHO, G20, NATO, UNODC, PBC, HRC, COPUOS
09:30 - 10:00	MUN Director Approval Panel workshop
09:30 - 14:00	Approval Panel Open
10:00 - 17:00	All Committees and Councils in session
11:00 - 14:00	Staggered Lunch
17:00 - 17:30	Student Officers Debriefing
20:00 - 23:30	MUNISH Party at Madurodam

Sunday 8th November

09:00 - 09:30	Student Officer Briefing
09:30 - 14:00	Approval Panel Open
09:30 - 14:30	All committees and councils in session
11:00 - 14:00	Staggered Lunch
15:00 - 16:00	Closing Ceremony
16:00 - 16:30	Student Officers Debriefing

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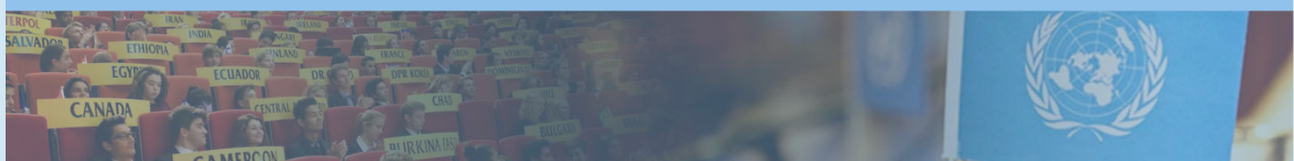


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