

2026 Peoria Academy Model United Nations

# Zero Hunger





## **Welcome From Your Co-Secretary Generals**

We are pleased to welcome you to the Peoria Academy Model United Nations Conference of 2026. We are your secretary generals, Iyla Robinson, Evelyn Kauffman, and Logan Farrell. We are so glad that you are here, and we hope that you will all show camaraderie and respect while at this conference. Thank you for attending, and we hope you have a good time!

Sincerely,

Iyla Robinson, Evelyn Kauffman, Logan Farrell

## **A Message From Your Chairs**

Welcome delegates, my name is Evelyn K., and this is my fourth year doing MUN. I am very excited to be your chair this year. I enjoy playing tennis, volleyball, and golf. I love going for morning runs and sleeping.

Hello delegates! My name is Appeadua. This is my first year doing MUN, and I am very excited to co-chair this year. If you have any questions, please contact me at ([ekauffman@peoriaacademy.org](mailto:ekauffman@peoriaacademy.org)) or my co-chair ([akrowrodney@peoriaacademy.org](mailto:akrowrodney@peoriaacademy.org))

## Instructions for Preparation

Welcome delegates! We hope that this conference will be a great opportunity for you to engage in diplomacy and debate concerning important and relevant issues.

### Before the Conference

- 1) Learn about your assigned UN Sustainable Development Goal. A great way to do this is to visit <https://sdgs.un.org/goals> Find your goal, then scroll down the page to look at Events and News for the latest real world activity about the topic.
- 2) Research your assigned country and topic: There are many ways to get started with this. One great resource is [Our World in Data](#). In the search bar, type in your country and your assigned committee name. You will find excellent figures and graphs to help you in your opening speech. You will also find general information about your country on their Wikipedia page.
- 3) Inquire into the connections between your UN Sustainable Development Goal and your assigned country to write your opening speech. In Google, ask:
  - a) How is your country affected by your committee's UN Sustainable Development Goal?
  - b) What actions has your country taken in this area?
  - c) Which actions might they be interested in taking in the future? If none of these apply to your country, does it affect your allies?

After researching these connections, write an opening speech. It can be no longer than one minute long when you read it aloud slowly, loudly, and with excellent diction.

### During the Conference

1. Listen and Take Notes. As your fellow delegates give their opening speeches, take notes on countries whose ideas align with yours. When the time comes to pass notes, send them a note of congratulations on their speech and say you want to work together.
2. Be brave and talk to everyone. When in unmoderated debates, try to talk to all the delegates. You need to build coalitions and work together to create ideas. Be as creative in your solutions as you can!
3. Use the Resolution Guide. Use the provided resolution guide (also found on our website) to draft an official resolution. Decide who will present and who will answer questions.

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## END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

### ZERO HUNGER GOAL

AT RISK



MORE THAN **600 MILLION** PEOPLE WORLDWIDE ARE PROJECTED TO **FACE HUNGER IN 2030**

**LITTLE TO NO PROGRESS** HAS BEEN MADE IN REDUCING ANAEMIA WORLDWIDE SINCE 2000



PREVALENCE OF ANAEMIA IN **WOMEN AGED 15-49**

HAS REMAINED STAGNANT **AT AROUND 30%**

DESPITE DROPPING IN 2021,

**HIGH FOOD PRICES** CONTINUE TO PLAGUE MANY NATIONS

SHARE OF COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING MODERATELY TO ABNORMALLY HIGH FOOD PRICES:



**1 IN 3 PEOPLE**



WORLDWIDE STRUGGLE WITH MODERATE TO SEVERE **FOOD INSECURITY**

**MALNUTRITION PERSISTS WORLDWIDE, JEOPARDIZING CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

CHILDREN UNDER AGE-5 AFFECTED BY: (2022)



STUNTING  
148 MILLION



WASTING  
45 MILLION



OVERWEIGHT  
37 MILLION

## **Background Guide**

Welcome delegates to the 2026 Peoria Academy MUN. You are on the Zero Hunger committee. In this committee, you will develop quality, reliable, sustainable, and resilient ideas for Zero Hunger. Our subtopics will be *Overconsumption and Food Waste in High Income Countries* and *Food Security and Access*.

Below are explanations of each topic, as well as resources and questions to aid you in your research. We encourage you to look at these sources before continuing to do further research. These should not be your only sources, but they are an excellent way to start.

### **Subtopics A: Overconsumption and food waste in high income countries**

- On average, 356 million pounds of food is wasted every day. 280 million pounds of it comes from the United States, the richest country. To put it in perspective, 280 million pounds of food could feed almost 712 million people.
- 673 million people in the world are in danger of starvation.
- This massive waste is largely caused by overproduction, strict cosmetic standards for food, and inefficient distribution systems.
- In many cases, perfectly edible food is discarded because it does not meet market expectations or cannot be transported quickly enough to those in need. By improving food redistribution networks, encouraging food donation policies, and investing in better storage and transportation infrastructure, global food waste can be significantly reduced while helping combat hunger.

#### **Sources to explore:**

- <https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-food-waste-day>
- <https://www.wfp.org/stories?f%5B0%5D=topics%3A2197>
- <https://wfpusa.org/news/how-to-end-world-hunger-6-zero-hunger-solutions/>

#### **Questions about Subtopic A to help prepare for the conference:**

1. Does your country struggle with waste and overconsumption or food access and hunger?
2. How does your country deal with food waste?

## **Subtopic B. Food Security and Access**

- Food security and access remain central challenges to achieving the zero hunger goal.
- Despite significant food production and billions of pounds of food being produced, people are still experiencing hunger all across the world.
- Many factors contribute to this, such as poverty, armed conflict, climate change, and inadequate infrastructure.
- Addressing food security and access requires a comprehensive global effort and large amounts of funds. It is recommended to suggest ways to collect funds.
- An alternative to raising funds might be finding ways to lessen the 13.78% of food that is lost between manufacturing and consumption.

### **Sources for Subtopic B:**

- <https://sdgs.un.org/topics/food-security-and-nutrition-and-sustainable-agriculture>
- <https://www.oxfamamerica.org/explore/issues/climate-action/food-insecurity/>
- <https://www.wfp.org/conflict-and-hunger?>
- <https://www.who.int/news/item/24-07-2024-hunger-numbers-stubbornly-high-for-three-consecutive-years-as-global-crises-deepen--un-report?>

### **Questions about Subtopic B to help prepare for the conference:**

1. How does your country combat poverty, more specifically, food access?
2. How was your country impacted by projects like the [Global Agriculture and Food Security Program](#) and others like it?

### **Additional Organizations to look into:**

Please feel free to look at the following organizations for ideas. They are working to end world hunger. Find their major takeaways to use in your position papers, opening speeches, and resolution.

**WFP (World Food Programme)**

**FA (Feeding America)**

**AAH (Action Against Hunger)**

**CARE (Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere)**

**Spoon Foundation**