



PANAMUN

A New Beginning

Respected MUN Advisor:

The International School of Panama (ISP) is proud to invite you to join us for the 30th annual session of the Panama Model United Nations (PANAMUN), which will be held on October 19th to the 21st in the ISP campus in Panama City, Panama.

PANAMUN is the largest and oldest Model United Nations conference in Central America and is also the only local conference affiliated with the esteemed THIMUN (The Hague International Model United Nations) Organization. As an affiliate, we value the idea of giving the youth an opportunity to find their voices and engage with big-picture ideas. Our conference provides a stage for young minds who share the desire to change the world to discuss current world issues and create a gateway towards global consciousness through diversity and unity.

This year's Secretariat team will be comprised of:

- Martin Vivone (Secretary General)
- Andreina Correa (DSG of High School)
- Andrea Gomez (DSG of High School)
- Maria Fernanda Gonzalez (DSG of Middle School)
- Raul Endara (DSG of Middle School)
- Antonio Dominguez (DSG of Special Committees)
- Hannah Baker (DSG of External Affairs)
- Gabriel Naor (DSG of Marketing and Communications)
- Maria Jose Sanchez (DSG of Admin Staff)
- Giordana Perez (DSG of MUN Impact)

The theme for this year's PANAMUN is **A New Beginning**. PANAMUN has always always been a platform to celebrate unity, diversity, and change. Now as the world works to emerge from the pandemic, humanity needs these values now more than ever. Amid the innovation and resilience responsible for progress against COVID, other challenges have not stopped. Climate change, corruption, hunger, unemployment, and other issues did not take a break during the pandemic. As Melinda Gates notes, "This pandemic has magnified every existing inequality in our society – like systemic racism, gender inequality, and poverty." We must work together to solve these issues because change is needed for a new beginning. Change, built on the lessons learned from recent crises and the more distant but still resonant echoes of history, is imperative. We need

change that harnesses humanity's greatest potential, to innovate and create a better world. PANAMUN, on its 30th anniversary, looks to unite the youth and spark A New Beginning.

Here at the International School of Panama, we are keen on highlighting diversity, and all the different perspectives it can offer. That is why we offer a large variety of committees including those in English, Spanish, and a Middle School section of the conference. In addition to that, we also offer a variety of Special Committees for more experienced delegates and a MUN Impact committee that focuses on taking action regarding the 17 SDGs.

This year, we will be offering the following committees:

English:

- United Nations Security Council (UNSC)*
- International Court of Justice (ICJ)*
- Historical Crisis Committee (HCC)*
- Human Rights Council (HRC)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
- United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD)
- United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (UNPBC)
- United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)
- United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
- Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Committee (SOCHUM)
- Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- MUN Impact Committee

*for experienced delegates only

Español:

- Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)
- Consejo de Derechos Humanos (CDH)
- Comisión de Drogas y Crimen (CDN)
- Asamblea nacional (AN)

Middle School:

- Human Rights Council (HRC)

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)
- United Nations Security Council (UNSC)

Unlike past years, we will not be holding applications for the Security Council (UNSC), Historical Crisis Committee (HCC), International Court of Justice (ICJ), or our new asamblea nacional committee. Instead, we will be asking MUN advisors to assign these placements to the most experienced and passionate students.

External Chair Applications:

We would like to invite students to apply as foreign chairs for the PANAMUN conference. To apply, please complete the [application form](#). We will be accepting applications on a rolling basis, meaning that the earlier the application is sent, the higher chance the student has of getting the role. However, the final deadline will be **July 29th at 11:59 pm EST**.

Registration and Cost Information:

To register for the conference [please click here and complete the google form](#). This form will also be posted on our website: www.panamun.org. The conference will have limited space.

Below are the costs for participation in the conference:

- School Delegation Fee: 260.00 USD
- International Individual Delegate Fee: 100.00 USD
- MUN Director/Advisor Fee: 100.00 USD
- Visiting Chair fee: 50 USD
- Late Registration Fee will be applied after **September 16th, 2022**: 50 USD

Fees include all supplies (i.e. notepads, pens, placards, and ID badges), lunch for all three days, transportation to and from the hotel each day of the conference, and transportation to and from the airport.

Panama's Current State and Back-Up Plan

It is important to note that although this year we are excited to plan for an in-person model, we recognize the uncertainty created by the coronavirus pandemic. Panama's cases have risen in recent weeks. While we are hopeful the situation improves in time for the conference, if for any reason, the school administration or the local authorities deem it unsafe for PANAMUN to be hosted in-person for foreign delegates and advisors, we will have an online model that can be rapidly implemented. Unfortunately, if an in-person conference is not possible, PANAMUN can only reimburse costs for food and transportation and, depending on when it happens, any other expenses affiliated with

the conference. Refunds for other costs, such as airline tickets and hotel accommodations, would need to be negotiated directly with airlines and hotels. We ask you to keep this possibility in mind, but also understand that we are optimistic about our conference being in person. We will keep you updated on Panama's situation and any changes that might be made.

Questions and Contact Information:

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns about the conference, please do not hesitate to contact the PANAMUN 30 Secretariat by email at secretariat@isp.edu.pa, or visit our official website at www.panamun.org. Secondary contacts are ISP's PANAMUN Coordinators, Mrs. Aura Stella Urroz M. at aurroz@isp.edu.pa or Mr. Chris Miller at cmiller@isp.edu.pa. For questions about the MUN Program at ISP you can contact our MUN Coordinator, Ms. Tiffany Mozes at tmozes@isp.edu.pa.

We also encourage you and your delegates to follow us on our social media pages for updates on our officers' preparation and for pictures during the conference:

Instagram: panamun

Facebook: Panama Model United Nations (PANAMUN)

We are very excited about this year's conference, and we look forward to hearing from your school.

Best regards,

Martin Vivone

Secretary General

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