



# WHSMUN 2021 Position Paper

## Guidelines



### Format

- Times New Roman, 12 point font
- Single-spaced
- 1” Margins
- A PDF or Word Document (**NO** Google Docs) of your paper must be sent to your respective committee email by **midnight on Friday, January 15**
- Papers must be a minimum of 2 pages, plus a page or more for a Work Cited.
- Each paper should feature a heading in the upper left-hand corner of EVERY page with your committee, topic, and country—in that order.
  - Example:  
**Committee:** UNEP  
**Topic:** Mitigation and Adaptation to Desertification and Drought  
**Country:** France
- Each paper should have five bold subheadings aligned with the left margin of the page.
  - Background
  - UN Involvement
  - Country Policy and Involvement
  - Possible Solutions
  - Work Cited

### Guidelines

#### 1. Background

This section should describe the history of the topic as it would be described by the delegate’s country. Delegates do not need to include an exhaustive account of the topic background, but rather focus on the details that are most important to the delegation’s policy and proposed solutions.

- When did the issue begin?
- What are the causes of the problem?
- Which nations are directly/indirectly involved with the topic?
- Include a summary of the historical background of the topic
- Who is affected by the issue now?

- Why has a solution not been found yet?

## 2. **UN Involvement**

- What actions has the UN taken in the past to combat this issue?
  - Have past UN actions been successful?
- Include organizations, NGO, any government-affiliated groups, etc. related to the issue.
- Why did the UN get involved?
- What organs, committees, and agencies of the UN are involved?
- What specific UN resolutions have been passed?

## 3. **Country Policy & Involvement**

This section should discuss the delegation's policy regarding the topic. Each paper should state the policy in plain terms and include the relevant statements, statistics, and research that support the effectiveness of the policy. Comparisons with other global issues are also appropriate here.

- Your nation's specific policy regarding the issue.
- Any and all past actions that your nation has taken on this topic (i.e. conferences, resolutions, NGOs, etc).
- Your nation's future plans with this topic.
- How is your country involved with this issue?

## 4. **Possible Solutions**

This section should detail the delegation's proposed solutions to address the topic. Descriptions of each solution should be thorough. Each idea should clearly connect to the specific problem it aims to solve and identify potential obstacles in implementation and how they can be avoided.

## 5. **Works Cited**

This section should include all sources used in the paper in MLA Format.