

GMUN

Global Model United Nations



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Dear Ms. Sevastano and Mr. Winters,

The student's committee and the organizing team of the Global Model United Nations 2020 are glad to address you both regarding this initiative.

The Global Model United Nations (GMUN) is the achievement of the cooperation between the Rome based State Universities – University of Rome Tor Vergata, Sapienza University of Rome and Roma Tre University, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding between IFAD and the Department of Economics and Social Sciences of the respective universities.

Recalling the first edition of the GMUN in July 2019, we would again like to express our gratitude for the opportunity of having the event hosted by the International Fund for Agricultural Development, as well as the extent of cooperation we enjoyed from the staff, both before and throughout the duration of the event.

Without any doubt, the role IFAD, and its personnel, was instrumental in the success of the conference and contributed greatly to promoting the continued collaboration among the students of the state universities of Rome.

The simulation of the organs of the United Nations gave the participants an inside look at diplomacy and problem solving on an international level, as well as a greater understanding of the complexity of the global challenges we now face.

Simulating the work of the International Fund for Agricultural Development is an endeavour which we take special pride in organizing – considering that last year was the first time any Model United Nations decided to recreate the workings of the Executive Board of IFAD. This being said, having such a simulation taking place at the actual UN agency in question is both remarkable and unprecedented. For sure an added value was that after the conference students were made aware of the issues IFAD deals with, and its contribution to their solutions, and were subsequently interested to find out more.

The support from the International Fund for Agricultural Development further emphasized the need for cooperation among students, and youth in general, and the importance that such initiatives carry, as the participants build the in-person relationships that become a community of knowledge and practice articulating and strengthening an ambitious discourse on topics of global resonance.

Upon receiving positive feedback from last year's participants, and motivated by the success of the previous event, we have decided to move forward with the idea of organizing the Global Model United Nations again this year.

Please find below the detailed description of the proposed event for your consideration.

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GMUN 2020 Event Proposal

Event Details

Event Title	Global Model United Nations 2020
Target Group	University students
Proposed by	Students of University of Rome Tor Vergata, Sapienza University of Rome and Roma Tre University
Hosting Organisation	International Fund for Agricultural Development
Event Dates	07-08 July 2020
Venue	International Fund for Agricultural Development

Event Description

In the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding between the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Department of Economics and Social Sciences of the Rome based State Universities (University of Rome Tor Vergata, Roma Tre University, Sapienza University of Rome) we launch the following initiative:

Global Model United Nations 2020 is the second edition of the Global Model United Nations conference, created by students of B.A Global Governance, University of Rome Tor Vergata, and organized by students from all the three public Universities of Rome. It is a simulation of the workings of the United Nations, where students don the hats of delegates of various countries and attempt to resolve global issues.

- The event will span two days, with the expected participation of 115-130 students, a good number of which are expected to be international students. Apart from the organisers, these students would all be part of one of four committees; namely the United National General Assembly (50 students), United Nations Security Council (15 students), Disarmament and International Security Committee (30 students) and IFAD Executive Board (18 students).
- The objectives of the event include opening students up to the world of international diplomacy and creating a real-enough environment for students to hone their debating and dispute resolution skills.

Proposed Program

A proposed programme of events would follow as such:

7th of July 2020

9:00- 9:45	Arrival and Registration
9:45-10:00	Short break
10:00-12:00	Opening Ceremony
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break and Lobbying
13:00-15:00	Committee Session 1
15:00-15:15	Short break and Lobbying
15:15-18:00	Committee Session 2 and Closing by the Chairs
18:00-20:00	Aperitivo

8th of July 2020

9:00-10:00	Speech by Guest Speaker (To be finalised)
10:00-10:15	Short break
10:15-13:00	Committee Session 3
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break and Lobbying
14:00-16:00	Committee Session 4
16:00-17:00	Briefing and closing the session by the chairpersons/ Committee games
17:00-18:30	Closing Ceremony

Rooms

As this event will see the participation of over a hundred students split into four committees, we would require at least four rooms, with one of which should be capable of hosting all 130 together for the opening/closing ceremonies and the opening speech of the second day. The rooms for the opening and closing ceremonies can ideally be reused for the “aperitivo”, or as one of the committee rooms. However, during the timings indicated as “committee sessions” in the schedule, we would require the use of four individual rooms in tandem, as it would be inconvenient if the committees were to share rooms with each other.

If approved, our requirement of rooms with its strength is provided below (the table does not indicate the rooms needed for the opening/closing ceremonies; just the committee room requirements are indicated):

Room	Strength
Room 1	50
Room 2	30
Room 3	18
Room 4	15

Equipment

Equipment requirement for the event would include projectors/screens and microphones. This is an absolute requirement during the opening/closing ceremonies and the speech by the guest speaker. Adding to this, we would enjoy having a projector/screen in the committee rooms.

Strategies to increase visibility

The visibility of the event can be ensured through multiple means. A focal point for each university has been determined - a student representative proposed by the professors of the university in question. The student representative shall be a part of the organizing team as well as carry out activities independently for the promotion of the event at the university level. These activities would mostly be presentation days in which an introduction to the GMUN and its previous achievements would be given. For the presentation days, the student representatives of all the universities shall be present as a demonstration of our cooperation and joint efforts. The responsible student shall also, in accordance with university rules, promote the conference both informally - working with university clubs, blogs, and other student associations; and formally by giving promotional material to be posted on the university website. Furthermore, a website for the event would be created for the purpose of providing information on the event, a platform for registration and promotion

Benefits for IFAD

Apart from the fact that IFAD will be opening its doors once again to grant an amazing opportunity to university students to dabble in diplomacy and negotiation, it would also be supporting cooperation between the three Roman universities in hosting such an event. The work done by IFAD will be promoted, especially with the IFAD Executive Board being represented in the simulation. More than that, an actual UN agency hosting a Model United Nations conference would go a long way in promoting the work of the whole United Nations and the Community among attending students, a good number of which would be aspiring diplomats and statespersons.