

Dear Delegates,

I would like to personally welcome each of you to the 12th Münster University International Model United Nations (MUIMUN) Conference, taking place from 24 to 28 March under the theme “Might Makes Right? - Challenging Power and Privilege”.

This conference comes at a time when we are scaling up our targets, strategizing on how to adapt and respond to contemporary challenges, while attaining sustainable and inclusive development. Doubtlessly, the conference provides an opportunity to meet and reflect on organizational power dynamics and the importance of individual agency in United Nations decision-making processes. This experience will inspire you to remain not just relevant, but at the cutting-edge of your respective areas of specialization. You can and you should make right!

At the United Nations, we believe that the youth has a pivotal role to play in creating lasting and sustainable peace for all. As you celebrate where you are, you should be equally excited about where you are headed. Under the aegis of MUIMUN 2018, you have an opportunity not only to launch an open debate on conflicts, but also to analyse underlying factors, such as power relations, environmental sustainability, economic and social fairness, gender equality, and propose innovative solutions within the framework of the UN Charter, international conventions and law.

I encourage **you** to stay fully engaged throughout the conference and be inquisitive about the work of the United Nations. With you and in you, the world has the vision, the know-how and the capabilities to pave our way into the future.

My best wishes to you, hoping that MUIMUN 2018 would prove to be a valuable learning experience.



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