



MUNx @ UNCCD: Connecting Model United Nations to the UNCCD COP17 – Mongolia

From Simulation to Real Impact

Model United Nations teaches students to think globally, negotiate across difference, and engage with the world's most pressing challenges. But for most participants, that engagement ends when the conference does.

The MUNx @ UNCCD Initiative is designed to change that. We are building a direct bridge between the MUN community and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the multilateral convention addressing land degradation, drought, and desertification globally. Through this initiative, MUN participants and organisations can move beyond simulation and get closer to real international policymaking, culminating in COP17, to be held in Mongolia.

We are looking for organisations conducting MUN and present and former MUN delegates to join this initiative.

Are you an organisation planning a MUN?

Partner with us to bring one of the world's most critical environmental challenges into your conferences and open a door to the UN for your delegates.

We offer:

- ✓ UNCCD-aligned committee topics, ready to integrate into your programme
- ✓ Educational materials and background guides developed with UNCCD insights
- ✓ Inclusion in a growing global network of MUN organisations engaged on land and sustainability issues
- ✓ Providing joint certification to all MUN Delegates
- ✓ The opportunity to nominate up to two outstanding MUN participants to join your organisation to the upcoming COP17 in Mongolia





Are you a current or former MUN delegate?

You can express your interest directly and independently.

What's available to you:

- ✓ Submit an Expression of Interest to join the initiative as an individual
- ✓ Be considered for joining COP17 in Mongolia
- ✓ Participate in UNCCD youth programming, including the Youth Forum, curated side events, and networking with UN professionals
- ✓ Access mentorship from practitioners working at the intersection of science, policy, and diplomacy
- ✓ Travel and accommodation support for selected participants, depending on resources.

What selected participants can expect at COP17

Those selected will take part in a curated experience at COP17, but as engaged youth participants in one of the UN's key environmental conventions. This includes:

- ✓ Join the youth forum and contribute to youth statement
- ✓ Interaction with UN experts, policymakers, and civil society practitioners
- ✓ Engage in side events as speakers and participants
- ✓ Visibility with international stakeholders and institutions
- ✓ Mentorship and guidance from professionals working within the UNCCD system
- ✓ Engagement with youth participants from Mongolia and cultural exchange opportunities

Express your interest

Be part of the next generation connecting MUN to real-world impact.



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