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Research – What and How?

Research in MUNs refer to the preparation or a systematic investigation which a delegate undertakes in order to debate, establish facts and develop hypothesis in the committee. Without a complete research, a delegate is unable to clear his presence in the committee.

3 Aspects of Research for an MUN

1. **Country Specific:** This helps a delegate in knowing the role played by his/her country and where the delegate's country stands with respect to discussion of the agenda. For this a delegate needs to know how his/her country is being affected by the issue and how it is dealing with it. One very important thing under country specific research, is knowing your foreign policy. A delegate needs to know who his/her country are allies and opponents with. The foreign policy of a delegate becomes the basis of the formation of alliances and groups during all lobbying sessions and un-moderated caucuses.



2. Agenda Specific: A delegate should do a comprehensive research on the agenda of the committee. Agenda refers to the topic in hand which the committee wishes to discuss and confer solutions with all member states. The study guides of each committee would be acting as a basis for agenda related research. But, delegates need to browse more sites in order to explore all potential areas of the agenda. Recognized sites of Reuters, BBC, UNO, etc. and local (to delegate's country) news media are best sources of gathering information. Agenda research helps a delegate in actual debating, preparing motions and passing solutions. Under agenda related research, a delegate needs to cover mainly three areas- the major problem area, causes/effects or repercussions of the problem and solutions to curb the problem.

3. Committee Specific: A delegate needs to know the background of his/her committee with respect to the statutory position, topics discussed and powers enjoyed by the organ. For example, committees under the EPS ambit, can't impose solutions, unlike the General Assembly committees. Their role is limited to proposing or recommending solutions.

For more details about training, contact your respective chairpersons. Research should preferably begin from the day you are allotted your countries.