

GETTING READY FOR INOMUN 2018

Welcome to the INOMUN experience, you are now one of our delegates. In order to debate this year's topic the evolution of the world population and migration flows!

If it is your first time attending a MUN conference, please **do not panic!**

Bear in mind that about half of the delegates will be attending their first MUN conference and that all delegates present have already faced the stress of attending their first MUN conference .

Plus, all the organisers (admins, chairs, social events and others) are here to help/inform you and make you feel at ease.

1. What is INOMUN?

INOMUN stands for **International North Model United Nations**. It is an english speaking three day MUN conference organised by collaborating students of the Lycée International Wallon (Valenciennes) and the Lycée International Montebello, supervised by the two schools educational teams.

The aim of the conference is to recreate a UN debate discussing an **international issue on a smaller-scale**. We strive to imitate real UN conferences in the most realistic way possible. So, we have a **General Assembly** where your head of chairs will chair a debate with all *the 200 delegates* present and **multiple smaller committees** containing *15 to 30 delegates* discussing various issues linked to the general topic.

Ex: *“The impact of the circulation of drugs and counterfeits on sustainable development: identifying strategies to disrupt criminal investment in key sectors”*

(This was the issue for the ECOSOC committee during the 3rd edition of INOMUN. Thus, delegates debate over this issue and write a Resolution together in order to bring solutions to the problem being discussed.)

During the first two days, delegates will be in committees and will discuss an issue and lobby in groups of 15 to 30 delegates per committee. In these committees, there is only **one person per country** which means he or she is alone to defend her country and present solutions according to their country's domestic policy.

On the third day, all the delegates will gather in the hemicycle for the General Assembly. They will then discuss another issue. In the whole conference **more than one student will represent a country**, so you will first be directed to the rest of the delegates of your country so that you can discuss your strategies and write a clause. You will then be placed in the hemicycle and the debate will begin.

2. Before the conference

1. The first piece of advice we can give you is , start getting ready **at least two weeks before the conference**. Do not do all your research in one go and then just print it out, **do it gradually**. Start off by thoroughly reading the research reports on our website and getting to know your country off by heart: *Its capital, gdp, population, its opinion, its position, its domestic policy, its allies, its enemies, it's main issues, etc...*
2. Secondly, **make sure you have understood the issue tackled by your committee** and carry out some of your own research to get a good overview of the subject. If you have any problems understanding the topic **do not hesitate to ask your chair** (who will get in contact with you and your fellow delegates a while before the conference)
3. Identify your country's point of view on the issue of your committee: especially, how is your country involved? What kind of agreement or proposal would benefit the country? Are there any laws concerned and are they respected? Also, what are the policies of the current government in place? (**do not forget to refer to the RRs**).

4. **Try to think in advance about a clause(s)** you could write which would benefit your country. (*See document "Writing a clause".*) Try to write these before the conference and if you have any doubts your chairs will happily take a look at it for you.

5. As for the clauses you write in advance, **try to identify other countries sharing your opinion** in order to find co-submitters to your clause(s) or to be one for theirs. This will help you during the debates, you will have more support and your clause is more likely to pass.

6. Do not hesitate to think beforehand of any arguments you could have defending your point of view or that you could use against someone else. Also, **look for any vocabulary you will need** during the conference in order to know precisely how to defend your country. (if you do not know how to say something in English before or even during the debate, look it up or ask your chair).

7. **Remember that every delegate is equal; therefore, nobody will make fun of you!** As stated above, most people are benevolent and will not judge you, if anything everyone will be happy to help you.