

Vilnius Model UN 2019: Global warming as a security issue

Event Introduction:

It is our absolute honor and privilege to invite you to the 2019 session of Vilnius Model United Nations (VMUN). This year's simulation once again is brought to you by the Eastern Europe Studies Centre (EESC), in co-operation with the Swedish Institute (SI), Sweden's embassy in Vilnius, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania. As usual, The VMUN 2019 edition will take place at **Vilnius city municipality (Konstitucijos pr. 3, Vilnius)** on **UN Day – October 24th**, this day marks the 74th anniversary of the United Nations. Model UN has deep-rooted traditions, being organized for the first time in 1949. From the very beginning, MUN has raised multiple future leaders of countries and international organizations.

This year VMUN continues its aim to run a simulation, which is engaging, inspiring, and provoking, and entertaining, trying once again to tackle an issue relevant to the current political stage. Participants will turn into country leaders for one day and are stimulated to use their diplomatic skills and knowledge towards formulating a solution for stabilizing international conflict zones. VMUN ensures that every participant will leave the event with unforgettable memories of a day filled with stimulating discussions and valuable experience.

VMUN is proud to introduce this year's topic "**Global warming as a security issue**". Global warming - the increase in the average temperature of the Earth's atmosphere at the surface and in the oceans has been recorded over the last decades. In the face of growing threats to the survival of our planet, world leaders must focus and seek solutions to environmental issues, which are gradually increasing in the face of global security.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was set up by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and United Nations Environment to provide an objective source of scientific information. In 2013 the IPCC provided more clarity about the role of human activities in climate change when it released its Fifth Assessment Report. It is categorical in its conclusion: climate change is real and human activities are the main cause.

Important information:

The organizers will provide lunch, coffee, and snacks during the event. Also, organizers commit to reimbursing travel expenses for those living further away from Vilnius. The official language of the event and VMUN simulation is English. Those wanting to represent a delegation at VMUN 2019 must apply by **October 7th**.

Application form: <https://forms.gle/Qwufk9AEZww3EbFt9>

Once a candidate has registered (applied) successfully they will receive a confirmation by email. We also ask to indicate a preferable nation to represent during the simulation, however, the organizers reserve the right to change the represented country for each participant. All participants will be informed about the final selection.

This year, we also invite students not only to apply for the simulation as county representatives but also to become **Chairman** and moderate the entire simulation.

In order to apply for a Chairman position, please, follow this application form:
<https://forms.gle/FeE5661tdQeowkrd7>

You can also find information about the event on Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2613830198656865/>

Selection of applications will be executed according to the quality of the admitted application. Chosen delegates are expected to submit *one* position paper *per delegation* to the following email address: andrius.prochorenko@eesc.lt by **October 21st**.

This year VMUN will pick 40 participants totaling 20 delegations (2 delegates representing each state). We encourage students from all over Lithuania to participate and get a taste of what goes on at the United Nations. Do not hesitate, register now for Vilnius Model UN 2019!

Application Questions:

1. First Name, Last Name
2. Age
3. Gender
4. Telephone Number
5. Place of residency
6. Will you need reimbursement of your trip to Vilnius?
7. E-mail
8. Link to Facebook profile
9. University/College
10. Preferable nation (Keep in mind the VMUN 2019 topic)
11. Describe your experience, motivation, and contribution to VMUN 2019