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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Participants,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to the 42nd Model General Assembly of the Organization of American States (MOAS) for High Schools of the Hemisphere. This occasion is particularly special as it marks our first in-person gathering after the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we convene once again at the historic OAS Main Building from November 15-17, we are not only celebrating a return to a cherished tradition but also embracing the resilience, adaptability, and unity that have defined our collective journey over the past few years.

The pandemic has underscored the distinct interconnectedness among our nations and the imperative for collaboration, understanding, and mutual support. It is with this spirit of unity and the lessons learned from these challenging times that we re-open the doors of the House of the Americas and welcome you into our collective space.



H.E. Nestor Mendez
OAS Assistant Secretary General

During the MOAS, high schools from across the Americas will assemble to simulate the diplomatic and decision-making processes of the OAS, addressing contemporary issues which have been brought to the forefront by the pandemic. Through these discussions and debates, we aim to cultivate deft leadership, effective communication, and a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for our hemisphere.

The House of the Americas, with its rich history and tradition, provides a suitable backdrop for such an important event. Through its hallowed halls, it is a place where the collective spirit of our nations comes alive, where ideas merge, and where the future leaders of the Americas will find their voice. As you traverse its halls and engage in negotiation, you will be following in the footsteps of many great leaders and diplomats who have shaped the trajectory of our hemisphere's history. I implore you to embrace this unique opportunity, to view it as a learning experience and also as a testament to the indomitable spirit of our shared humanity. In your deliberations, I make a clarion call to you to listen to understand and respond with good intentions as this is the epitome of a consummate diplomat.

Let us make this 42nd MOAS an inspiring and memorable event! Welcome to the OAS Headquarters, and may your deliberations be fruitful and enlightening!

1. LOCATION AND DATES



The 42nd Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools (42nd MOAS/HS) will be held at OAS Headquarters, in Washington, D.C, from November 15 to 17, 2023, in the following locations:

- The Plenary Sessions will be held at the Hall of the Americas, OAS Main Building (MNB) located on the corner of 17th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington DC 20006.
- All Committee Meetings will be held at the OAS Main Building
- Working Groups of the General Committee will be held in the Hall of the Americas.
- All Working Groups of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs and the Committee on Hemispheric Security will be held at the OAS General Secretariat Building (GSB) on 1889 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006 (corner of 19th Street and F Street, N.W).

Please see the Schedule of Events for details about the sessions.

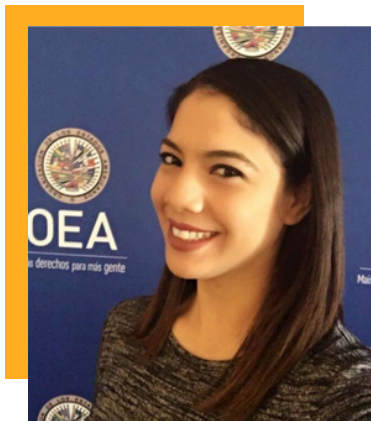


2. MOAS COORDINATION TEAM

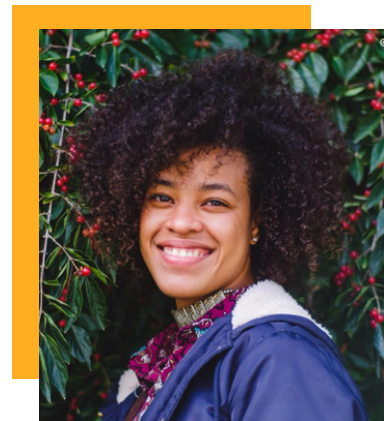


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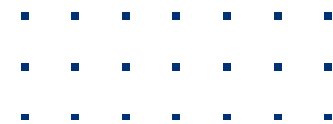


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3. BRIEFINGS WITH PERMANENT MISSIONS



As part of the preparation for participants, the MOAS Program Coordination facilitates contact between the students and the diplomatic representatives of the assigned countries. Therefore, it is recommended that the school delegations schedule a briefing with the Permanent Missions to the OAS before the beginning of the MOAS. Please be informed that there is no time allowed during the MOAS for visits to the Permanent Missions.

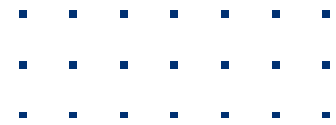
4. REGISTRATION

Distribution of credentials for participants will take place on Wednesday, November 15 from 10:00am to 11:00am, at the lobby of the OAS Main Building. During this time, students and Faculty Advisors will receive their ID tags and other relevant documents. Professors will be in charge of claiming their delegation's packet. ID tags will only be issued to those students and Faculty Advisors who have sent and signed the MOAS Code of Conduct.

Participants are required to present their ID tags to the security guards before entering any of the OAS buildings during the MOAS. Participants who do not have their ID tags will be denied entry.



5. LODGING IN WASHINGTON D.C.



Hotel: Hampton Inn DC Whitehouse

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/washshx-hampton-washington-dc-white-house/>

Website: Address: 1729 H Street N.W. Washington DC 20006

Contact: Denise Kee 202.921.0742

Hotel: AC Hotel by Marriott Washington DC Downtown

Address: 1112 19th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

Website: [AC Hotel by Marriott Washington DC Downtown in Washington, District of Columbia - ReservationCounter.com](https://www.marriott.com/hotels-and-reservations/usa-dc-ac-hotel-by-marriott-washington-dc-downtown-in-washington-district-of-columbia-reservationcounter.com)

Contact: Denise Kee 202.921.0742

Hotel: State Plaza

Web: <https://www.stateplaza.com/>

Address: 2117 E St NW, Washington, DC 20037 (Also entrance on F Street between 21st and 22nd Streets).

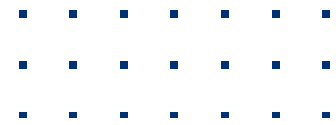
OAS Preferred Rates for individual rooms (1 to 9 rooms): 10% off The Best Available Rates for GS/OAS from January 1, 2023, until December 31, 2023 (Add \$20/night for each additional guest in room)

- To book individual rooms (1 to 9 rooms) with OAS preferred rates go to <https://www.stateplaza.com/> and enter code "OAS" under booking code; or contact David Manalang at 1.800.424.2859 or at dmanalang@stateplaza.com and refer to the OAS code "S1047" to guarantee the preferred rate.

- To book for groups (10 or more rooms), complete this contract template with your group needs and send it to David Manalang at dmanalang@stateplaza.com.



5. LODGING IN WASHINGTON D.C.



Hotel: Hotel Hive

Web: <https://hotelhive.com/>

Address: 2224 F St NW, Washington, DC 20037

OAS Preferred Rates for individual rooms (1 to 9 rooms): \$ 149

- To book individual rooms (1 to 9 rooms) with OAS preferred rates use the following link or contact Hotel Hive Information (info@hotelhive.com) and cc Cresma Reotutar (creotutar@modushotels.com).
- To book for groups (10 or more rooms), contact Tricia Ualat Guardado at Tguardado@modushotelsdc.com

Hotel: The River Inn

Web: <https://www.theriverinn.com/>

Address: 924 25th St NW, Washington, DC 20037

OAS Preferred Rates for individual rooms (1 to 9 rooms): \$ 179

- To book individual rooms (1 to 9 rooms) with OAS preferred rates use the following link or contact River Inn Reservations (reservations@theriverinn.com) and cc Cresma Reotutar (creotutar@modushotels.com).
- To book for groups (10 or more rooms), contact Tricia Ualat Guardado at Tguardado@modushotelsdc.com.

Hotel: Placemakr

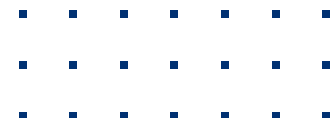
Web: <https://www.placemakr.com/>

Address: 2500 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20037

The OAS Preferred Corporate Rate: \$ 188

- To book individual rooms (1 to 4 rooms) with OAS preferred rates contact to Sales Manager Vivian Cohencious at vcohencious@placemakr.com or 703-909-4327 with special requests and VIP bookings.

6. AIRPORTS IN WASHINGTON D.C.



Ronald Reagan National Airport:

It is the closest airport to Washington, DC. It is located approximately 4.3 miles from OAS Headquarters.

- Address: 2401 S Smith Blvd, Arlington, VA 22202
- Web page: <http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/210.htm>
- Information about transportation:

<http://www.metwashairports.com/reagan/1179.htm>

Dulles International Airport:

It is located 26.6 miles from OAS Headquarters.

- Address: 1 Saarinen Cir, Sterling, VA20166
- Web page: <http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/dulles.htm>
- Information about transportation:

<http://www.flydulles.com/iad/parking-transportation>.

Note: Please consider that taxi fares to Washington, DC and surrounding areas are between US\$50 and US\$70.

Baltimore/Washington International Airport:

It is the farthest airport from Washington, DC, but flight prices tend to be lower than in the other two airports. It is located 44 miles from OAS Headquarters.

- Address: Baltimore, MD 21240
- Web page: <http://www.bwiairport.com/en>
- Information about transportation:

<http://www.bwiairport.com/en/travel/ground-transportation>.

Note: We do not recommend taking a taxi due to extremely high fares.

7. OAS BUILDINGS



OAS MAIN BUILDING

Located at 17th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC, 20006. The House of the Americas, Headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS), was inaugurated in 1910.

It is located 200 yards from the White House and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2021 for its architecture and its role in international diplomacy.



THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT BUILDING (GSB)

Located on 1889 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, USA (corner of 19th and F Streets)



8. PLACES TO EAT

1 MET Café The Venue

Address
1750 New York Ave NW
Washington DC 20006
Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

2 California Tortilla

Address
1809 E St NW, Washington, DC 20006
Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m

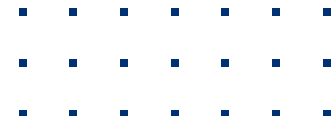
3 Devon & Blakely

Address
1776 G St NW, Washington, DC 20006
Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

4 An Uncommon Cafe

Address
1800 G St NW, Washington, DC 20006
Hours: 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m

9. LOGISTICS



- The weather in Washington, D.C. during the dates of this MOAS ranges from lows between 28 to 37 degrees F, and highs between 48 to 58 degrees F.
- Each delegation will assume the costs of all expenses related to their travel and accommodations in Washington, D.C. The MOAS Coordination is unable to provide transportation from the airport to the hotel (and vice versa) and between the hotel to the OAS Headquarters (and vice versa). Delegations must bear these costs. The MOAS Coordination will provide recommendations.
- As this will be a Green MOAS, computers with printer(s) will be very limited. We encourage students to bring their laptops to facilitate the work during the drafting of resolutions in the working groups.
- Coffee and light snacks will be provided by the MOAS Coordination Team during the morning and afternoon sessions of the MOAS. Lunch is not provided during the Model. There are, however, a number of inexpensive eating establishments located near OAS headquarters. Please see a list of recommended eateries above in item 8.
- We have reserved a room for Faculty Advisors at the GSB, appropriate for networking and for conducting one-to-one consultations with students.
- No parking spaces for participants or the Faculty Advisors can be provided during office hours.
- The MOAS Program Coordination is not responsible for lost or stolen articles, nor will replace programs or publications, once they have been distributed to participants.
- Important: The MOAS Coordination does not assume any responsibility or financial commitment regarding any incident suffered by the participants due to theft, sickness, accident or death, or due to problems associated with travel arrangements or accommodation during the 42nd MOAS/HS. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that participants purchase travel insurance to cover any unforeseen events that may arise during your trip.

10. DOCUMENTS



Participants are required to bring their own printed or digital copies of the MOAS basic documents. The MOAS team will provide a QR code on each badge with access to all documents related to the Model.

MOAS RULES OF PROCEDURES

Will be uploaded soon.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

https://www.oas.org/en/asg/moas/high_schools/42_MOAS_HS/42nd%20MOAS-HS_Schedule_of_Events.pdf

AGENDA OF TOPICS

https://www.oas.org/en/asg/moas/high_schools/42_MOAS_HS/Theme_and_Topics.pdf

WORKING GROUPS ASSIGNMENTS

Will be uploaded soon.

MOAS AUTHORITIES

Will be uploaded soon.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND COUNTRY ASSIGNMENTS

Will be uploaded soon.

11. AGENDA OF TOPICS



General theme:

“Digital Transformation for Sustainable Development in the Americas: Empowering the Youth to be Catalysts for Change”

GENERAL COMMITTEE

1. CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLEAN ENERGY

- a. Promoting innovation and cooperation to mitigate the impacts of climate change in the Americas.
- b. Strengthening the regional and international legal framework to address climate change.
- c. Sharing best practices on inclusive and equitable energy-efficient transportation infrastructure and urban designs.

2. DIGITAL EDUCATION

- a. Best practices for implementing a digital education action plan to include new technologies in the classroom.
- b. Analyzing the use of digital technologies in educational curricula for the promotion of inclusive and quality education in the Americas.
- c. Proposals for national initiatives to combat the long-term consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on education in rural communities in the Americas.

COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

1. DEMOCRACY IN THE DIGITAL ERA

- a. Analyzing the role of youth in combating corruption and holding governments accountable.
- b. Strengthening the use of open data and technological resources to foster transparency in government processes.
- c. Encouraging multi-stakeholder forums for dialogue among the public sector, the private sector, and civil society, including youth organizations, to strengthen democratic practices and respect for human rights.

2. OPEN GOVERNMENT AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

- a. Promoting regional efforts to share knowledge and digital tools to accelerate digital transformation and open government in the Americas.
- b. Analyzing the impact of emerging technologies on the right to privacy and the protection of personal data.
- c. Strengthening national policies on open government through the use of digital tools.

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COMMITTEE ON HEMISPHERIC SECURITY

1. TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

- a. Promoting regional cooperation to effectively address the challenges of transnational organized crime with particular attention to strengthening international legal frameworks and public policies in the digital era.
- b. Measures to mitigate and counter the impact of transnational organized crime on youth in the Americas.
- c. Enhancing collaboration and technological capacities to protect citizens and local economies in the Americas in the face of transnational organized crime activities.

2. CYBER-SECURITY


- a. Developing digital literacy among young people in the Americas to encourage appropriate digital behaviors in cyberspace.
- b. Improving digital technologies to combat cyber-security threats and safeguard critical infrastructure.
- c. Strengthening collaboration among international agencies and regional public entities, and Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) to manage cybersecurity incidents.



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