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# 33<sup>RD</sup> MOAS FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

## WELCOMING REMARKS BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS, AMBASSADOR ALBERT RAMDIN

I am pleased to welcome you to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Model Organization of American States for High Schools. Your participation in this Model will allow you to take part in a democratic dialogue that will help you understand the work of the OAS and learn about its 34 active Member States. The topics to be discussed during this MOAS are relevant, and I am confident you will be able to contribute to finding innovative solutions to address issues, such as gender equality and women's rights; economic development with social inclusion; protection of the rights of indigenous peoples; democracy and conflict resolution; combating drug trafficking in the Americas, and terrorism. You will also find out that what Member States need the most are joint actions to promote education and employment, energy and sustainable development, the establishment of an Inter-American common agenda, and trade integration in the Americas.



This decade has presented us with significant challenges, and there is nothing more rewarding than seeing young leaders debate and discuss ideas on these current Inter-American issues. This Model represents a unique opportunity not only to learn and develop crucial skills, such as leadership, dialogue and diplomacy, but also to actively participate and help bring about positive change to the region.

I would like to congratulate Midland Senior High School, institution that will receive the "MOAS Participation Award" for having represented all 34 OAS Member States, as of this MOAS. Your commitment and constant support to the MOAS and interest in the issues affecting the Hemisphere demonstrates the value of our program and of the OAS, to the young students at Midland. We hope to continue awarding this distinction to many other schools through the following years.

We also welcome four new schools to this MOAS, Centennial High School (MD), Lake Braddock Secondary School (VA), Langley High School (VA) and New Tech Odessa High School (TX), and look forward to receive new high schools from the United States, the Caribbean and Latin America in the future, to promote cultural enrichment and networking among the youth of the Americas.

I wish you all good luck and look forward to reading your resolutions.

Ambassador Albert Ramdin



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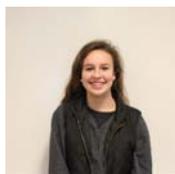
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## COMMITTEE UPDATES



General  
Committee  
Writer  
Francis Madeira

The main focus in the General Committee for this year's MOAS is gender equality and women's rights as well as economic development with social inclusion.

The General Committee plans to cover areas of gender equality dealing with the development of public policies to promote political engagement and leadership in the Americas by young women. Still on the topic of women's rights, action will be taken to implement women's entrepreneurship and ways to prevent violence. The Committee hopes to reach a conclusion, which may best support the resolution of these issues.

The second topic, economic development with social inclusion, will have the focal point kept on exactly how to advance social inclusion in rural areas and by using Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). Establishing public-private partnerships for agricultural innovation to advance sustainable economic development will too be discussed.

The Committee Chair, Michael Liu from Georgetown

Preparatory School will be in charge of leading the discussion and prioritizing certain points where he sees fit.



First Committee  
Writer  
Zack Klebanoff

This year, the delegates of the First Committee will discuss initiatives to strengthen the participation of indigenous peoples in government decision-making processes. By promoting education throughout the area, the plan is to assure indigenous peoples can take part in their government and help protect their own rights.

The delegation of El Salvador hopes to get all of Central America on the same page regarding the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples by encouraging democratic values throughout the region.

Additionally, the discussions of the First Committee should lead to the development of better conflict resolution policies throughout the Hemisphere to ensure continental tranquility. In conclusion, the First Committee delegates, headed by their Chair, Sivakon Mahasandana, have big plans for regional advancement in this MOAS for High Schools.



Second  
Committee  
Writer  
Carly Munger

The Second Committee faces the discussion of drugs and their imposing problems on the Americas, as well as terrorism in the region. Delegates will be tasked with solving problems that all countries in the Hemisphere face with small possessions of drugs, citizen awareness and knowledge of harmful and illegal drugs, and drug awareness in high schools throughout the Americas. Additionally, the delegations will work together to decide on a resolution on how to increase and strengthen aviation and maritime security in the Americas, as well as find solutions on how to identify and stop potential terrorist threats. The final task required is to determine a plan to ensure high functioning cooperation with one another throughout the Americas when it comes to security interaction. The Chair of the Second Committee is Gabriel Silva, and the Vice-Chair is Miriam Shayeb.

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Third  
Committee  
Writer  
Meg Chandler

The Third Committee will discuss strategies to establish joint actions to promote education and employment. Within the duration of MOAS, members will find ways to facilitate employment opportunities; ease the transition stage in workforces, and promote school-to-work mechanisms to generate employment for youth in vulnerable situations.

Students participating in the Third Committee will also weigh in on strategies related to the topic of energy and sustainable development, focusing on improving access to modern clean energy in rural areas, and promoting alternative energy use.

During the 33<sup>rd</sup> MOAS for High Schools, the authorities of the Third Committee, Hunter Estes as Chair, and Park Gibbs as Vice Chair, hope to establish a resolution with the fellow delegates about the issues at hand. They also hope the Committee delegates take away from the experience a better understanding of the topics outlined above as well as an appreciation for other critical problems that our world faces.



Fourth  
Committee  
Writer  
Liz Nadolski

The general topic that will be discussed under the Special Fourth Committee will be Inter-institutional Relations and Integration in the Americas.

The first topic will focus on an Inter-American Common Agenda, specifically on how to create and promote connectivity in the Americas, while also trying to manage the effects of climate change, and also to advance the mandates of the Social Charter of the Americas.

Furthermore, the Committee will find resolutions related to the topic of trade integration. Through the discussion, the members will discuss cooperation for trade facilitation; measures to reduce barriers to trade among Member States to facilitate integration in the Americas, and promotion of economic development in border regions through trade.

The Fourth Committee will be lead by the Head Chair, Aidan O'Connor, and Vice Chair, Christoph von Münchow-Pohl.



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