

UNCPD Study Guide

**Please remember that the committee has been placed in 2025
and the coronavirus has been irrigated and economy
stability has once again been achieved**

Please also note that UNCPD is a fictional committee.

Note from chair

Distinguished Delegates,

MUN is a very fun and interesting experience and we are trying to make it as fun for you all during this pandemic as possible. Besides this there are some rules and regulations you must follow during a MUN here are a few

- At all times, delegates shall show respect and courtesy towards other delegates, the Secretariat and honourable guests of the MUN.
- Electronic devices being used in order to contribute to the debate are not permitted. However, its usage is recommended if possible, just for the duration of Unmoderated Caucus.
- At the beginning of each Session and upon the Motion to verify the Quorum, Chairpersons shall call in an alphabetical order on all Member States in order to state their status of attendance. Member States may reply “present” or “present and voting”. Representatives stating just “present and voting” shall have no right to abstain from any vote on considerable matters.
- If any of the Representatives were not present during the Roll Call, upon their arrival they shall send a note to the Chairpersons clarifying their status of presence.

- No inappropriate or abusive language shall be used at any circumstance.
- While speaking we expect you to be confident and go in a flow. We want you all to be thorough with your information and know what to speak, also remember that you all need to speak for your countries and not as yourselves so please refrain from using personal pronouns and speak as your delegations also avoid adding your personal opinions.
- While writing your position paper do not plagiarise any information , avoid using sites like Wikipedia
- and be as creative and out of the box as possible.
- Delegates also please raise motions and caucuses In order to stand up and speak for your country . Please don't feel timid or apprehensive to speak up and convey your point and facts to all the other delegates, even if this is your first time MUN . Be free to communicate and rebuttal against the points other delegates have said . Remember to be formal while speaking in the MUN with the delegates and the chairs

Thank you

Introduction:

UNCPD which is the United Nations Commission on Pollution and development looks at all the ways to make a change in the environment and come up with strategies for development. Since climate change has been a global issue for years with its effects worsening by the day, delegates of UNCPD have to come together to discuss the causes of rainforest fires and preventive measures to keep it from happening again. Global warming is a very big issue lately and is leading to many things such as forest fires and so UNCPD focuses mainly on global warming. The United Nations is an organization between countries to get international cooperation and to prevent another conflict. There are 193 members (countries) in the UN currently. The United Nations Security Council "veto power" refers to the power of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council (China, France, Russia, United Kingdom and the United States).

Agenda Introduction :

Agenda: Causes of rainforest fires and preventive measures to keep them from happening in the future.

Rainforest fires are the most current and talked about issue considering the very recent Australian bushfires. Forest fires the name is pretty self-explanatory it means fires in the forest. This is mainly caused by human activities such as mining, logging, etc. It can be also caused by global warming. But those are not the only causes of forest fire. Wildfires risk depends on a number of factors including temperature, soil moisture, and the presence of trees, shrubs, and other potential fuels. All these factors relate directly or indirectly to climate change. Forest fires wreak havoc on animals and plants, and communities and transportation, the infrastructure face an increased risk of erosion and rockfall following a fire. Nevertheless, species soon return to affected areas and their diversity surpasses the level of the previous forest within just a few years. Fire has long been integral part of the forest environment and has played an important role in shaping the flora and fauna. Wildfires can have immediate and long term effects on the quality of rivers, lakes, and streams. The most noticeable impact of wildfires is stormwater runoff. After the loss of vegetation, the ground's soil becomes hydrophobic and prevents the absorption of water. This inability to absorb water promotes the transportation of debris and sediment into larger bodies of water, further polluting valuable and essential resources. Post-fire flash floods become a threat and allow the introduction of heavy metals from ash and soil to infiltrate waterways. Filtering these water sources can be costly as well as time consuming. Wildfires have both immediate and long-term impacts on air quality. As a forest burns, large amounts of smoke are released into the atmosphere. These smoke particles are typically small and made up of gases and water vapor. Air pollution from fires has the potential to travel great distances and oftentimes may pose a threat to human health. These small particles can become lodged deep within our lungs, making it difficult to breathe as well as placing additional stress on our hearts. Additionally, wildfires produce an increased amount of carbon monoxide, which too can lead to a variety of health implications. Although wildfires leave an immense amount of destruction in their path, they do leave behind some beneficial qualities too. Many plants require regular burns in order to spread seeds and survive. Fires can also kill diseases and insects that may be affecting the livelihood of plants, remove excessive debris from the forest floor, and allow more access to the nutrients provided by exposed sunlight. Low intensity fires clear underbrush and prevent the damage of future fires from

spreading. After a wildfire, new grasslands are created and allow grazing animals to benefit from the change. This increase in the natural order of species allows a change in ecology that promotes growth and the continual cycle of life. Vegetation like the fireweed, requires the disturbance of fire to bloom and permit the regrowth of plants that have perished due to the fire. As plants and vegetation die away, new life begins to heal and spring.

History on the topic:

Wildfires have been happening since a long time in history even before dinosaurs existed. These rather natural occurrences have been happening since the Silurian period (about 420 million years ago), Wow jaw dropping right? But believe it or not Smouldering surface fires started to occur sometime before the early Devonian period (405 million years ago). Wildfires during the Palaeozoic and Mesozoic periods followed patterns similar to fires that occur in modern times. Surface fires driven by the dry season have been happening since forever. Trees such as those of the genera Eucalyptus, Pinus and Sequoia, which have thick barks to withstand fires.

Points to research on

- The after effects of the amazon rainforest fires on the country has demolished the economy and caused huge destruction . Not only that, the people of the country also faced a huge crisis in money and lost their shelter . The pollution caused by it harmed numerous people and the air was hazardous to breath .

Causes of which rainforest fires occur - smoking near vegetation and disposing the cigarette into dry vegetation without putting out the burning butt is the most common cause of man-made forest fire. Another leading cause of forest fire is arson or intentional fires.

The preventative measures the country has taken from forest fires happening-Only use easily controlled locations for burning. Make sure all campfires occur in fully surrounded fire pits and limit the size of all fires. No matter how something is being burned, it is important to do it in a controlled area. Fires can quickly get out of control, so it is necessary to have it in an area that will provide some containment so it can be extinguished if needed.

The cause of the Californian fires and the effect on the environment - The worst wildfires in 18 years have raged across California since August. They have been responsible for more than 30 deaths and driven thousands of people from their homes. The cause of the fires have become a political football, with California Governor Gavin Newsom blaming climate change for the conflagrations. President Trump, on the other hand, has dismissed this argument, instead pointing to land management practices as the key driver. The effect on the environment was very dangerous and detrimental. It destroyed homes, wildlife habitat and timber, and polluting the air with emissions harmful to human health. Fire also releases carbon dioxide, a key greenhouse gas into the atmosphere. Fire's effect on the landscape may be long-lasting.

Resolution

Delegates please note that the point mentioned above(moderated caucuses) can also be answered in the resolution too.

- The various actions taken by the government to prevent forest fires
- The new inventions/ technologies scientists are making to prevent or narrow down the effects and stop the forests from burning down completely.
- How will your country spread the word and what action will it take to prevent global warming?

Points to remember while writing your speech:

While writing a MUN speech you all should have a lot of background information as that is the base of your speech, give briefs of your countries policies and make it clear whether your country is for or against the topic (very important: do not speak against your countries policies even if your own opinion is different as in MUN you have to speak as your country not as yourself.) It is very important to write a resolution and all possible solutions and out here you can be as creative as you like but you cannot go against your countries. Try including as many real examples as you can here are a few:

- Californian forest fires
- Australian bush fires
- Amazon rainforest fire

Position paper

A good position paper will include:

- A brief introduction to the country and its history concerning the topic and committees;
- How the topic affects the country;
- The country's policies with respect to the issue and the country's justification for these policies;
- Quotes from the country's leaders about the issue;
- Statistics to back up the country's position on the issue;
- Actions taken by the government with regard to the issue;
- Conventions and resolutions that the country has signed or ratified;
- UN actions that the country supported or opposed;
- What the country believes should be done to address the issue; and
- What the country would like to accomplish in each committee.

Plagiarism should be strictly avoided please make your position paper as creative as possible and add anything you like related to the topic. And please note that the position paper should be 500 words maximum.

Please Note that you have to submit the position papers by 2nd November 2020 (monday)

Conclusion

To conclude please follow the guidelines mentioned above and cover all the points mentioned to achieve an award and for the resolution to pass. Looking forward to seeing you in the MUN! If you have any doubts please email us and avoid using platforms like WhatsApp and or any other social media apps to communicate. Preferably use email to do so.

Thank You.