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## ***South Asian Model United Nations (SAMUN), 2025***

***South Asia's First Regional Model United Nations***

*In Collaboration with*



**ESCAP**  
Economic and Social Commission  
for Asia and the Pacific



**ASEAN  
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## **About the South Asian Model United Nations (SAMUN), 2025**

The *South Asian Model United Nations (SAMUN)* is a landmark youth-diplomacy initiative by the *Centre for Development of Intellectual Property and Research (CDIPR)*, *Naovina Development of Intellectual Property and Research Foundation* in collaboration with the *United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)* and the *ASEAN University Network*. Internationally established to build a regional platform for international dialogue, policy negotiation, and leadership among students of South Asia and ASEAN member nations. SAMUN is *South Asia's First Regional Model United Nations* designed with institutional partnerships that bring academic, developmental, and diplomatic excellence under one roof.

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In 2025, SAMUN seeks to transform the way young individuals from the region perceive international cooperation. Through committees modelled on real UN bodies and regional organisations such as UNGA, UNSC, UNHRC, UNDP, UNEP, ECOSOC, WHO and UN Women, the conference encourages participants to think critically, negotiate collaboratively, and propose sustainable solutions rooted in global best practices and local realities. SAMUN is not merely a debating forum; it is an *experiential-learning ecosystem* with the participation of the UNESCAP and the ASEAN University Network, SAMUN provides young people a rare opportunity to understand the structural and political dynamics of real diplomacy, conflict resolution, global governance, and sustainable development.

### **SAMUN Objectives**

- *To cultivate diplomatic, legal, and negotiation skills among young leaders across South Asia and ASEAN.*
- *To simulate real-world UN decision-making through structured committee debates.*
- *To encourage youth dialogue on peace, human rights, climate change, digital governance, and sustainable development.*
- *To foster cross-border collaboration, cooperation, and cultural exchange among emerging leaders.*
- *To familiarise delegates with the complexities of multilateralism, global governance, and international law.*
- *To promote data-driven, inclusive, and solution-oriented policymaking through Model UN frameworks.*
- *To contribute to a Global SAMUN Report 2025, presenting collective resolutions and youth policy recommendations.*

### **Participating Countries**

The *South Asian Model United Nations (SAMUN) 2025* welcomes a diverse and dynamic set of participating nations, reflecting transregional scope and commitment to global youth diplomacy.

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Delegates from South Asia, ASEAN, Europe, North America, and the Pacific will join together on one virtual platform to deliberate on international peace, development, human rights, and global governance.

**South Asian & Regional Partners**

India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives, and Afghanistan

**Extended Regional Collaborators (Asia-Pacific & ASEAN)**

Vietnam

**Global Dialogue Partners**

United Kingdom, United States of America, Germany, France, and Australia

**SAMUN Date & Format**

- **Format:** Virtual
- **Date:** 21st December, 2025

*Delegates from all participating nations will join committee sessions and plenaries through a secure online platform to ensure seamless participation across geographies.*

**Committees & Agendas**

*The following UN organs, specialised agencies and regional bodies will be simulated at the South Asian Model United Nations (SAMUN), 2025:*

**1. United Nations General Assembly (UNGA – First Committee: DISEC)**

**Agenda:** *Cybersecurity, Digital Militarisation & Preventing Cyber-Conflicts in South Asia*

- *Cyber arms regulation*
- *Military use of AI & autonomous systems*
- *Digital espionage*
- *Countering cyber-terrorism*
- *Regional cybersecurity frameworks*

**2. United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**

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**Agenda:** *Regional Peace & Security: Hybrid Warfare, Political Instability, and Emerging Threats in South Asia*

- *Border hostilities*
- *Terror financing*
- *Peacekeeping reforms*
- *Sanctions frameworks*
- *Humanitarian corridors*

**3. UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC)**

**Agenda:** *Protection of Digital Rights & Civil Liberties in the Age of AI, Surveillance & Social Media Manipulation*

- *Freedom of speech online*
- *Data privacy*
- *Rights of minorities*
- *Online hate speech*
- *State surveillance accountability*

**4. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP High-Level Forum)**

**Agenda:** *Accelerating SDG Progress: Digital Public Infrastructure, Climate Resilience & Inclusive Governance*

- *Poverty reduction*
- *Digital inclusion*
- *Climate adaptation*
- *Gender equality*
- *Economic resilience*

**5. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

**Agenda:** *Climate Crisis in South Asia: Reducing Vulnerability, Enhancing Adaptation & Financing Green Transitions*

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- *Floods, droughts, cyclones*
- *Loss & damage compensation*
- *Transboundary environmental governance*
- *Climate-smart agriculture*

**6. United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**

**Agenda:** *Economic Recovery, Social Justice & Sustainable Digital Economies in the Global South*

- *Minimum income security*
- *Post-crisis development*
- *Digital entrepreneurship ecosystems*
- *Employment transitions*

**7. World Health Organization (WHO – Regional Health Assembly)**

**Agenda:** *Post-Pandemic Health Governance: Strengthening Regional Preparedness & Digital Public Health Infrastructure*

- *Vaccine diplomacy*
- *Telemedicine*
- *Mental health governance*
- *Outbreak detection systems*

**8. UN Women**

**Agenda:** *Gender Equality in Digital Economies: Inclusion, Safety & Empowerment*

- *Digital gender divide*
- *Violence against women online*
- *Women in political leadership*
- *Financial inclusion*

**Format and Presentation**

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*SAMUN 2025 will be conducted virtually to ensure broad accessibility and participation across countries. Selected delegates will participate in live committee sessions before an international audience comprising scholars, policymakers, development specialists, and representatives from international institutions.*

*All committees will include:*

- *Live moderation*
- *Breakout caucuses*
- *Document collaboration*
- *Digital voting*
- *Resolution adoption*

*A post-conference SAMUN Diplomatic Report 2025 will document resolutions and recommendations adopted by the committees.*

## **Recognition & Awards**

*Selected participants will receive:*

- *International Certificate of Participation for all*
- *International Certificate of Excellence for Top 8 Participants*
- *Best Delegate Award with Rs. 35,000 INR (Cash)*
- *High Commendation Award with Rs. 25,000 INR (Cash)*
- *Special Mention Award with Rs. 15,000 INR (Cash)*
- *Emerging Youth Diplomat Award (for consistent excellence by early-career participants)*
- *Opportunity to be featured in the SAMUN Diplomatic Report 2025 which will be published in 13 Nations around the World.*
- *Top 10 delegates may also be invited for collaborative initiatives under CDIPR, UNESCAP and AUN youth programmes.*

## **Call for Participation Timeline**

- **Registration Opens:** 27th November, 2025

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- **Registration Deadline:** 12th December, 2025
- **Position Paper Submission Deadline:** 13th December, 2025
- **Committee Allocation Announcement:** 16th December, 2025
- **Presentation Confirmation:** 17th December, 2025  
(Selected participants must confirm attendance and complete registration.)
- **Date of Technical Session:** 21st December, 2025

### Why Participate?

- Engage in South Asia's premier virtual MUN platform.
- Learn directly from international experts and practitioners through keynote sessions.
- Strengthen diplomatic, negotiation, and public-speaking skills.
- Gain international visibility and recognition in a globally disseminated SAMUN report.
- Network with youth leaders from 15+ nations.
- Build pathways for internships, research collaborations and youth development programmes.
- Become part of a transregional movement for peace, cooperation and development.
- Enhance academic portfolios with professional certifications and awards.

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## **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

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*SAMUN* follows modified *UN4MUN* and *standard MUN rules* adapted for virtual diplomacy.

### **1. Technical Requirements**

#### ***Minimum Requirements***

- Laptop/PC/Tablet with stable internet
- Updated Browser application
- Working microphone and webcam
- Google Workspace access (Docs, Forms, Drive)

#### ***Backup Requirements***

- Alternative device
- Backup internet (mobile hotspot recommended)

#### ***For Delegates Without Strong Connectivity***

Special accommodation may be provided (audio-only mode, chat-based points, pre-recorded speeches where permitted) depending on the discretion of the SAMUN Secretariat.

### **2. Virtual Conduct Rules**

- Delegates must keep **cameras ON** during all formal sessions.
- Virtual backgrounds must be professional.
- Microphones must remain **muted** unless recognised by the Chair.
- Delegates must maintain diplomatic etiquette throughout.
- Any form of online trolling, personal attacks, or inappropriate use of chat features is strictly prohibited.
- Screenshots without permission are not allowed (except by IPC).
- Delegates must use their **country name as their profile name**.

### **3. Attendance & Punctuality**

- Delegates must log in **10 minutes before the session** starts.

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- Three late entries = Warning.
- Repeated disconnection without informing the tech team may affect awards.

#### **4. Virtual Committee Procedure**

##### ***Roll Call***

Delegates respond:

- “Present”
- “Present and Voting”

##### ***Speeches***

Time limits visible on screen. The chair may reduce timing if needed.

##### ***Caucuses***

- **Moderated Caucus** using managed speaker queue
- **Unmoderated Caucus** via breakout rooms
- Delegates can request private negotiations in monitoring rooms

##### ***Points Allowed***

- Point of Personal Privilege (technical issues)
- Point of Order
- Point of Information
- Point of Parliamentary Inquiry

##### ***Document Sharing***

- Resolutions drafted on shared Google Docs
- Real-time editing under supervision
- Sponsorship submitted via digital forms

##### ***Voting***

- Procedural votes: Zoom “Yes/No/Abstain”
- Substantive votes: Recorded vote or roll-call

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## 5. Academic Integrity & Digital Ethics Policy

- All documents must be original.
- AI-generated work must be declared.
- Plagiarism results in immediate disqualification.
- Delegates must not impersonate or use fake identities.
- Delegates are prohibited from receiving external coaching during live sessions.
- Sharing confidential committee material is banned.

## 6. Evaluation Policy

### *Evaluation Criteria*

- Consistency in attendance
- Speech quality and relevance
- Depth of research
- Diplomatic negotiation skills
- Leadership in drafting
- Clarity, innovation & realism of solutions
- Collaborative attitude
- Virtual etiquette and technical discipline

### *Disqualifications*

- Offensive behavior
- Unreported absence
- Plagiarism
- Cheating / ghost participation

## 7. Code of Conduct

### *Professional Behaviour Required*

- Respect all delegates and chairs
- Avoid disruptive behaviour in chat

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- Do not turn off camera during formal debate
- Maintain academic integrity

**Misconduct Includes**

- Mocking or trolling
- Misuse of chat / emoji features
- Interruptions
- Threats or harassment
- Sharing meeting links publicly
- Offensive virtual backgrounds

All cases will be reviewed immediately by the Secretariat.

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## **POSITION PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

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All delegates are required to submit a **Position Paper** prior to the conference. The Position Paper demonstrates your understanding of the agenda, your country/portfolio's policy, and proposed solutions. It forms the basis of moderated and unmoderated caucuses, negotiations, and resolution drafting during the conference.

*The guidelines below must be strictly followed. Non-compliance may affect awards, committee performance, and eligibility for recognition.*

### **1. Purpose of a Position Paper**

*The Position Paper is designed to:*

- Present your country/portfolio's official stance on the agenda.
- Demonstrate your research depth, factual understanding, and diplomatic approach.
- Provide policy recommendations aligned with UN frameworks.
- Display familiarity with international law, treaties, conventions, and past UN actions.
- Help the Executive Board evaluate your preparation and allocate speaking time effectively.

*A well-written Position Paper significantly enhances your chances of earning committee awards.*

### **2. Length Requirements**

- **Minimum:** 800 words
- **Maximum:** 1000 words

Position Papers exceeding the word limit may be disqualified or returned for revision.

### **3. Structure of the Position Paper**

Each Position Paper must include *five* mandatory sections:

#### **A. Country / Portfolio Introduction (1 paragraph)**

Briefly introduce your assigned country or role. Include:

- Basic geopolitical/organizational identity
- Relevance of the country/portfolio to the agenda

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- Key historical elements shaping its position

***B. Background of the Issue (1–2 paragraphs)***

Demonstrate your understanding of the agenda by discussing:

- Global context
- Regional relevance
- Major events, outbreaks, crises, or conflicts
- Key statistics (with citations)
- Why the issue matters to the committee

***C. Past Actions (1–2 paragraphs)***

Explain what your country or organisation has done so far:

- Legislative or policy initiatives
- International treaties signed
- UN resolutions supported or opposed
- Humanitarian, diplomatic, or regulatory steps taken
- Partnerships with NGOs, IOs, or regional blocs

***D. Country's Official Position (1 paragraph)***

Clearly outline your country/portfolio's present-day stance:

- Supportive, critical, neutral, or conditional
- Alignment or conflict with other states
- Expected negotiation preferences
- Key diplomatic red lines

***E. Proposed Solutions (2–4 bullet points or a paragraph)***

Provide actionable solutions that are:

- Realistic
- Aligned with national interests
- Compatible with international law

- Supportive of the UN Charter
- Feasible in a multilateral setting

*Solutions may include:*

- Policy reforms
- Cooperative frameworks
- Funding models
- Technology-based solutions
- Regional and global partnerships

#### **4. Formatting Guidelines**

To maintain uniformity, all submissions must adhere to the following format:

*Font & Style*

- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Body Text:** 12 pt
- **Headings:** 14 pt (Center Aligned)
- **Subheadings:** 13 pt
- **Footnotes:** 10 pt (Left Aligned)
- **Spacing:** 1.5

*Margins & Alignment*

- **Margin:** 1 inch on all sides
- **Alignment:** Justified

*File Format*

- .doc/.docx format only
- **File Name Format:** Committee\_CountryName\_DelegateName.docx  
**Example:** UNHRC\_India\_AaravSharma.docx

#### **5. Citation & Referencing Standards**

**Citation Style:** Bluebook 21st Edition (mandatory)

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***Sources Must Include***

- UN documents
- Government reports
- Scholarly articles
- International treaties
- Verified statistical databases (UNData, World Bank, IMF, etc.)

***Unacceptable Sources***

- Wikipedia
- Blogs without academic credibility
- AI-generated content
- Unverified online articles

*Footnotes must be used for all facts, quotes, data and references.*

**6. Originality & Plagiarism Policy**

- Position Papers must be entirely original.
- Plagiarism must not exceed 10%.
- AI-generated content is strictly prohibited and leads to automatic disqualification.
- Delegates suspected of copying will be asked to justify their content.

**7. Co-Authorship Rules**

- Only double delegations (where applicable) may co-author.
- Maximum 2 authors per paper.
- Both names must appear on the first page.

**8. Evaluation Criteria**

Position Papers will be assessed based on:

- Depth of Research
- Clarity of Argument & Structure
- Accuracy of Country Policy

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- Quality & Feasibility of Proposed Solutions
- Compliance with Format Guidelines
- Diplomatic Tone & Language
- Originality & Use of Evidence

*High-quality papers improve eligibility for:*

- Best Delegate
- High Commendation
- Special Mention

## 9. Deadline

**Position Paper Submission Deadline:** 13th December, 2025

No extensions will be granted except under exceptional circumstances approved by the Secretariat.

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