



# JOMUNATION



## CURRENTLY AT THE UN: EBOLA OUTBREAK

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As the current United Nation conference takes place in New York City mirroring our JOMUN conference, it is essential to have exposure to the current events that are topics of the UN. To be discussing the same issues of the UN with prestigious world leaders, it is clear that our MUN conference is important. Although we are a part of the youth it is important that we exercise our ability of problem solving in an effort to find sustainable resolutions to current issues at hand.

One current event pertaining to our conference's topic of "Finding solutions for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges in Africa" is the recent outbreak of the Ebola Virus. Here's the facts. Over 6,000 people have been affected with the deadly virus and there is an outstanding number of fatalities at 2,917. Countries Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Senegal and Guinea are victims of the Ebola Virus with its devastating effect on countries and populations are only increasing the disparity of Africa to its western counterparts. Many components such as a lack of health care and resources play a main role in the ever growing increase of those infected. Support from other countries who can provide resources and aid are greatly needed for progress to be made. This is a prime example of the importance of UN conferences. Collaboration of different nations to relieve the debilitating issues that plague the world today is essential.

During the conference it was noted by both Secretary General Ban Ki Moon and President Barack Obama of "global efforts to fight the Ebola virus have fallen short". With this being said newly established initiative direct from the UN's efforts, "Ebola Response" aims to lower the amount of Ebola cases to eradicate the virus from Africa and prevent it from spreading. The initiative, founded by the UN is one that is focused on 6 aspects of development. "Stopping the outbreak, preserve sustainability, ensure essential services, treat the infected and prevent further outbreaks" (UN). In order to achieve all of this of course, financial support is needed. The UN has asked for a whopping \$1 billion dollars to help implement their strategies and hopes to receive this support soon.

Because the initiative is fairly new it is not fair to say drastic improvement has occurred however it is hoped that with the unification of willing nations the established goals will be achieved in time. By targeting each aspect of the outbreak; medical wise, sustainable strategies, and resources the "Ebola Response" will be an example of one of the many positive contributions the UN has created to conquer world issues.



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# A TECHNOLOGICAL DIVIDE

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ECOSOC began today's conference by addressing the question of the technological divide between African Countries and the economically complete. First, the African continent was recognized as to having much potential. This potential could prove economically prosperous with the improvement of technology. It should be stated that the lack of technology is due to the poverty and disparities within these African countries as well as their low economic growth as a developing country. In addition, it should be noted that this divide has been acknowledged by MEDC's rather than the developing countries themselves. The 'root problem' of this gap between MEDC's and LEDC's use of technology is uncertain.

Despite MEDC's urging the African continent to take up the use of technology, this may be physically impossible owing to the lack of economic wealth to fund this initiative. Thus, MEDC's must be familiar with the fact that "Africa does not have the current power output needed in order to support a large-scale technology-based industry." Moreover, the source, being Africa's power output, must first be enhanced in order to make technology wide spread throughout Africa. And so, appropriate infrastructural systems must be renewed or built in order to have adequate technological and economic growth within all of these African Countries.

Besides, the cultural impact must also be kept in mind. Many of Africa's developing countries have rural poverty with large disparities from the urban upper-class. Due to the large populations living rurally, many traditional customs and languages are solely used, with no knowledge to technology in the modern world. Thus, this initiative would need to be carefully planned and intricately integrated into this rural society as to not offend or lose any cultural traditions.

Regardless, technology has its benefits when there is high power availability. It can vastly improve the publicity of businesses; thus, advancing them to a global scale. Individual should have the opportunity to access power in rural Africa to become economically sustainable. For instance, the use of solar panels, pay-as-you-go financial approaches, or mobile-enabled technology that are cost-effective should be encouraged. On top of this, local Africans must be trained and educated to use the technology being implemented into the society to effectively aid their people when needed. Both governmental action and private companies should take part in making this initiative as useful as possible by joining the African Energy Forum. By joining this organization, the African country, aims to allow cost-effective and accessible power to all individuals by lowering tax rates, and promoting equality by passing legislation on the commercially viable sector and international practices.



## XII THINGS TO DO AT JOMUN XII

1. Bang the gavel
2. Cry because printing is not a reality
3. Be dressed coded like 5 times in day
4. Pass notes to everyone in your committee
5. Have an inside joke with someone in your committee
6. Sit in the president's chair
7. Talk in the accent of the country you're representing
8. Take a photo with your whole committee
9. Consume a whole plate of snack (no regrets)
10. Make a dramatic entrance at least once
11. Unapologetically stare at your crush
12. Compliment the Secretariat team

# FEATURE: DAVID LOOKS AT THINGS

"HOW DO THEY FIT THE GLASS BETWEEN THE WINDOWPANES?" DAVID QUESTIONS AS HE CONTEMPLATES THE MEANING OF LIFE



THE TANK IS FULL. DAVID IS THIRSTY.



"WHICH ONE SHOULD I CHOOSE?" HE WONDERS



"WOW—THIS CAME FROM A COW" DAVID IS VERY IMPRESSED.



"WHY ARE PINEAPPLES CUT IN CHIUNKS, RATHER THAN CIRCLES? SOMETIMES, LIFE IS SO STRANGE." DAVID ASKS THE REAL QUESTIONS

# THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

BY: ENYA CALIBUSO



General Assembly 6 began their debate with the question: “How free is information and to what extent can the general population access it?” In response to this, GA6 noted how the information society received from sources such as; newspapers, TV, and other programs were biased. This creates an uneducated population on false facts. These programs are unfair mostly due to the fact that they are owned by governmental companies. Therefore, the government limits the amount of information provided to society to make a fair opinion on the given topic at choice. Additionally, this raises the question as to ‘the right of fair access to information.’



The truth can hold immense power. It can cause a government to rise or fall dependent on the way in which society perceives the governments use and their distribution of the truth. Within African Countries, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UNDHR) is referred to and provides the basis for which GA6 is determining the right to freedom of the press and the right to freedom of expression. Oftentimes, on topics of controversy, like war or business, it has been seen where the government has attempted to release solely the partial truth to ‘brainwash’ society in believing their morals or ethics are right.

Any sanctions passed by other countries are unknown to this population, leaving them ignorant on issues within their own country. This belief in the power of information and words on the general population can be supported through the murder of about 1,076 journalists within these African countries. Thus, displaying how despite the Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression in Africa (DPFEA) states “the fundamental importance of freedom of expression as an individual human right, as a cornerstone of democracy and a means of ensuring respect for all human rights and freedoms;” is not closely followed.

In conclusion, GA6 found that all public information should be released, allowing society fair access and awareness to information of any sort. Legislation has been passed against violence against media. The importance of education has been established by making workshops in primary, secondary, and tertiary schools. In turn, this has emphasized the idea that shared knowledge and the interchange of opinions on social, economic, and political can be beneficial to a country. One’s own decision making should be made in consideration of the information one can obtain from other forms of media. Also, the Committee to Protect Journalist (CPJ) and the International Federation of Journalists are aimed at educating journalists on personal safety while national and abroad. All in all, these African countries must collaborate together to implement these sustainable solutions in ensuring information remains free.



# FASHION POLICE: LEGS BEWARE

BY: PAULA RUBIO AND ANJALI BENJAMIN-WEBB



Jomunation has turned to fashion as a source of inspiration in light of recent events. Amidst the flurry of note passing, and dress codes, we want to take a look back at some admirable fashion choices that have roamed the halls of the UN.



We here at JOMUN make our own fashion statements, dress code or not.

¡Viva las piernas!

# WHAT TYPE OF DELEGATE ARE YOU?

**1) What is the first thing you do when you arrive in your conference room?**

- A. Get excited about the debate
- B. Admire the good-looking chair
- C. Find the comfiest place and try to sneak in a nap

**2) When the debate starts you...**

- A. Get fired up and ready to rumble
- B. Wink at that cutie across the room
- C. Hide behind the tallest delegate to avoid getting called on

**3) While other delegates deliver their resolutions, you think about...**

- A. A fiery comeback, you can't let your fans down
- B. What resolution? That face is too beautiful to concentrate on anything
- C. Giving up

**4) It's the night before your resolution is due, you're...**

- A. Reading over what you wrote 5 weeks ago
- B. Sifting through the JOMUN XII Facebook page, trying to find that cutie
- C. What resolution? You're watching your favourite TV series

**5) Your favourite part of JOMUN is...**

- A. All the interesting and fruitful debates that take place
- B. The socializing
- C. The free Wi-Fi

**6) What do you do during the breaks?**

- A. There's work to do. You're improving your resolutions
- B. You're flirting with everyone. Literally everyone.
- C. Eat

**7) How do you prepare for JOMUN in the mornings?**

- A. Watch an inspirational speech
- B. Look in the mirror and tell yourself that you look good
- C. Hit the snooze button

## RESULTS

### MOSTLY A'S : NERDY DELEGATE

You like getting your work done on time and being ready for anything. You're a master of organization, preparation and execution. Deep inside, you're a secret ruthless dictator. We mean this in the nicest way possible, of course.

### MOSTLY B'S : SWEET-TALKING DELEGATE

You're most known for your charisma and that unforgettable smile. You can be seen browsing the snack table, but we know you're not look for food... You're destined to be the charmer; the politician that wins hearts and kisses babies, all in a day's work.

### MOSTLY C'S : PROCRASTINATING DELEGATE

You probably won't even bother reading this, but if you're here, we would like to commend you on getting this far. You strive to use the least amount of energy and get away with it. You're the kind of person who will capitalize on your laziness, creating some stupid invention that everyone just has to have. Bravo.

# HOW TO JOMUN

BY: ENYA CALIBUSO

There are essentially three main areas of JOMUN that need to be covered for you to do well in the conference; lobbying, speech and note taking.

## Lobbying

Lobbying can take multiple forms. In JOMUN, it refers to the act of delegates attempting to influence the decisions of the president, deputy chair, and chair to come to a conclusion on the proposed resolution. A lobbyist role includes: researching and analysing proposals, monitoring developments, cooperating with interested coalitions on the same issues, and educating officials of the various changes made. Lobbying is essential to the process of accepting and rejecting proposals to come to a conclusion on the topic at hand.

## Speech

Learning how to prepare an excellent MUN speech is fundamental to presenting a strong argument while debating. So, here's a couple pointers on how to get started!

Firstly, a persuasive speech requires you to convince the audience and make a statement that will be remembered. Ensure that you speak freely, rather than forced and off a note card. You still want to sound human! Secondly, keep in mind you want your points to flow in a logical and consecutive order that, ultimately leads to a climax. In addition to this, use specific key words to enhance the audiences' understanding. Put this all together by re-emphasizing your main points in a clear and distinguished voice. If you require any additional help on the building of your debate, ensure to read through the JOMUN booklet for further guidance on common procedures and sample speeches.

## Note Taking

Efficient and effective note taking is essential to succeeding during the JOMUN conference. There are several different methods including: the cornell method, the outline method, the mapping method, the charting method, and the sentence method. Make sure that when you choose your method of note-taking it is a method suited to your learning style. For instance, if you are a visual learner make certain to use the mapping method.

## How to Note Take

**Cornell Method:** The cornell method consists of dividing your paper into several sections. Leave a six inch margin on the left to use to review. Leave a summary section on the bottom of the paper to condense your notes. Lastly, the section left consists of the notes you take at the current time.

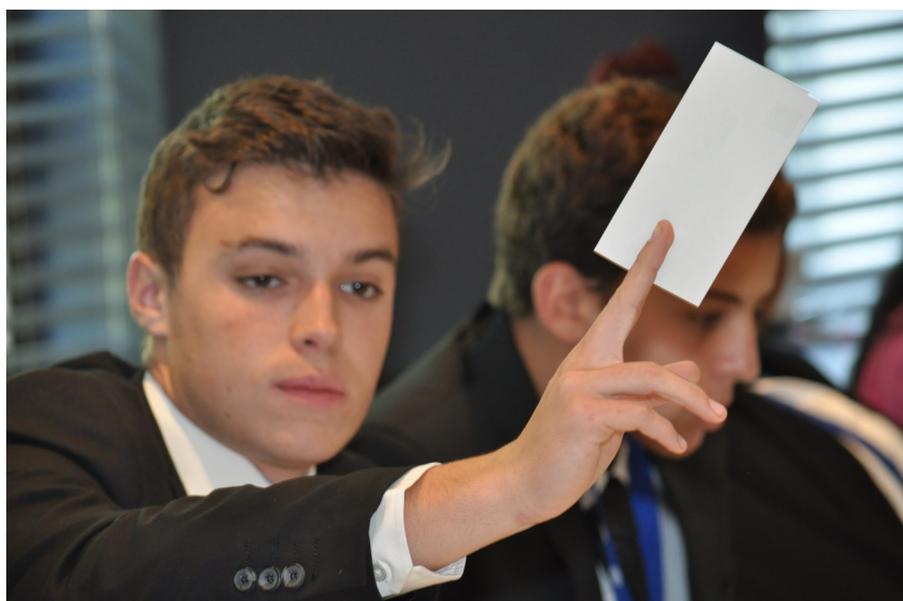
**Outline Method:** The outline method consists of indenting towards the left for main points. Then, pushing the points to the right to fall under the specified main point.

**Mapping Method:** The mapping method relates facts and idea to each other in a 'bubble method'. This allows the relationships to be seen between certain concepts and is easy for those who are visual learners to synthesize the knowledge together.

**Charting Method:** The charting method separates your paper into rows and columns with designated headings. Record your information into the appropriate category.

**Sentence Method:** The sentence method consists of writing essentially every thought, fact, definition, etc. down in a numbered format. In turn, this organizes your notes into separate points that is more effective to read quickly than whole paragraphs.

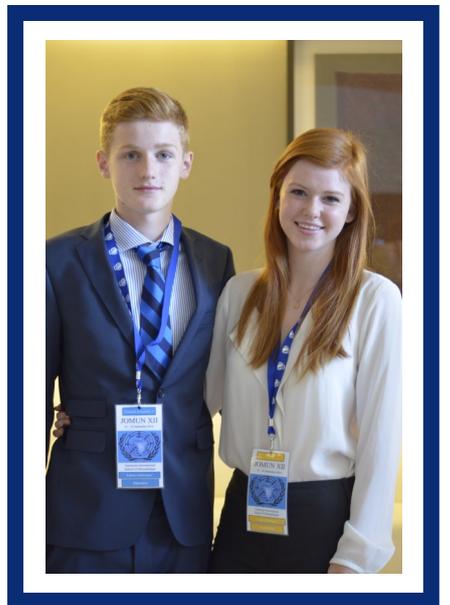
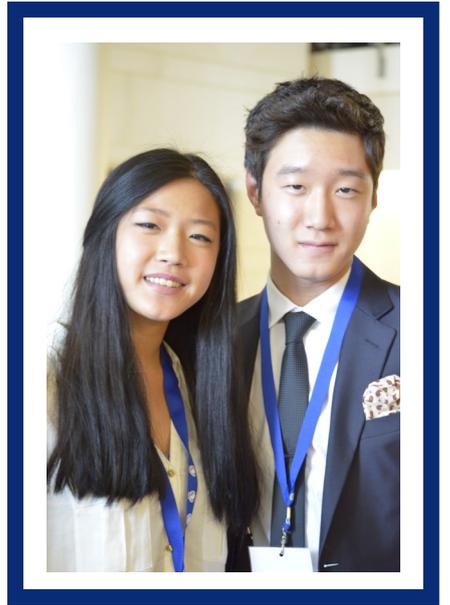
I hope these pointers on how to survive your JOMUN conference lead you to success. Good Luck!





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## Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Focus on reorganizing yourself this September. You will feel a need to respond to the demands of others. While this benefits both parties, importance must be placed on your own health. Organization of time, relationships, and work will clarify any questions about the roles of others in your life.



## Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

This month demands focus at home, in your personal relationships, and with your creative endeavors. Previous understandings will be challenged, but with this comes a new focus to address a problem that may have been brushed under the rug. As the month comes to an end, you will face changes within an important relationship.



## Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

This month demands attention to your home life, as difficult as it may be. Confidence begins to rise as routine becomes more seamless. Mistakes no longer consume your focus as you weed out what previously kept you from productivity.



## Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

This month marks a newfound clarity in your personal relationships. Jupiter and Uranus will assist you this month with your self-confidence, allowing you to understand your importance in relation to others. As the end of the month approaches, work becomes easier. High idea flow can benefit any endeavor that you decide to pursue.



## Leo (July 23 - August 22)

This month will benefit you financially as you find security in the little things. Be sure to recognize when your home life needs managing, and respond accordingly. The end of the month comes on a more positive note. You will be motivated to ask more questions and establish new relationships.



## Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

This month marks a conscious change in your own self-image. Emotional healing is in order, as you look deeper inside yourself to find who you were always meant to become. Intellectual pursuits become of interest and creative endeavors may lead you to a new perspective on an important relationship.



## Libra (September 23 - October 22)

This month begins on a lethargic note, leading you to search for answers where they cannot be found. Luckily, the end of the month grants you time to reassess your transient mental state. Personal plans will receive a new push forward by Venus on the 29<sup>th</sup>, allowing you to take control of your own direction.



## Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

This month makes interacting strategically easier for you. While social aspects of your life will demand your attention, be sure to make room for introspection. Personal matters may become complex, requiring you to reassess the time you devote to the people who truly matter in your life. Do not be afraid to take time to reflect on what has happened recently in your life. A little reflection may do a world of good.



## Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)

This month strengthens your status amongst peers and superiors. Your heightened energy and charisma take you far. Be sure to use this momentum to your advantage. Figure out what you truly want and go for it. Breaking routine to pursue a new interest will work in your favor. Self-expression becomes easy. Use this to your advantage. Be creative, rethink an old idea and create something



## Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

This month is all about perspective. You have the extraordinary gift of being able to see the overall scheme of things. Be sure to control desire as it may push you backwards in a time where moving forward is encouraged. Remember that the past will return when you least expect it. Looking forward is the best way to counteract it. You are proactive, ready to take on challenges and renew the optimist inside of you.



## Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

This month begins quietly, with you reflecting on the past. As the month progresses, you will emerge from this place of reflection a new thinker. Your interactions will have new meaning to you. Friendships, work and your home life become open to change. It is your responsibility to be proactive and let your voice be heard.



## Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

This month, relationships reflect your own desires, weaknesses and inadequacies. Be sure to separate yourself from the complexities of engaging with others. You must be willing to make sacrifices for the things you truly desire. Do not rush decisions about relationships; rather give time and thought to the nature of the connection. Take control no matter how emotionally taxing that may be.

