

VIII MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

- VENUE AND DATE:** Fundación Botín. Pedrueca, 1 - 39003 Santander
11th March 2016
- PARTICIPANTS:** 231 Delegates (13-16 years-old) from 6 Secondary Schools representing 74 countries, 7 Non-state actors and 15 conference staff
- TOPICS FOR DEBATE:** **Millenium Development Goals**
General Assembly, 3rd Committee (Social, Humanitarian & Cultural - SOCHUM))
- **Goal 2:** Achieve universal primary education
 - **Goal 3:** Promote gender equality & empower women
Subtopic: Ensuring the rights of children with disabilities in developing countries
- Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO)**
- **Goal 4:** Reduce child mortality
 - **Goal 5:** Improve maternal health
 - **Goal 6:** Combat HIV/AIDS malaria & other diseases
Subtopic: The use of GMOs to ensure food security: Are GMOs the solution?
- The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)**
- **Goal 1:** Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
 - **Goal 8:** Develop a global partnership for development
Subtopic: The migration crisis in the Mediterranean Sea
- ROOMS FOR COMMITTEES:**
- GA- SOCHUM:** Seminar Room – Third Floor.
FAO: Assembly Hall-Ground Floor.
UNHCR: Multipurpose Room – Ground Floor.

SCHEDULE:

- 10:00-10:45 **Opening Ceremony and Keynote address:**
- Secretary-General will open the conference (Mr. Jaime Villamuera, student from CC Sagrados Corazones)
 - Representative from Fundación Botín (Mrs. Fátima Sánchez, Director of Education)
 - Representative from Consejería de Educación (Mr. Alonso Gutiérrez Morillo, Director General de Innovación y Centros Educativos)
 - Keynote Address: *UN Peacekeeping Misions* (Mr. Damián Cardona, United Nations Informacion Centre)
- 10:45-10:50 Break for setting-up Committees.
- 10:50-13:15 **Committee Session I. (SOCHUM-FAO-UNHCR)**
- 13:15-15:10 Working Lunches: each committee has 35 minutes for lunch.
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| 13:15-13:50 | FAO |
| 13:55-14:30 | SOCHUM |
| 14:35-15:10 | UNHCR |
- 15:10-17:15 **Committee Session II. (SOCHUM-FAO-UNHCR)**
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| 16:00-16:30 | School Advisor Feedback Meeting (Staff room)
(Teachers, Consejería de Educación and Fundación Botín) |
| 17:15-17:30 | Evaluation of delegations by committee
(Dais members and conference services) |
- 17:35 -18:00 **Closing Ceremony and Awards**

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Damián Cardona, Director of United Nations Information Centre in Dakar, Senegal

Since 1st August 2007, Mr. Cardona has held the position of Director of the UN Information Centre in Bogota, Colombia, an office that provides service to Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. He also has extensive United Nations mission experience, serving as the Spokesperson for the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti from September 2004 until July 2007; as a Civil Affairs Officer for the UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1996; as a Human Rights Observer with the UN Mission in Haiti in 1995; and as an Electoral Observer in South Africa and Mozambique in April and November 2004, respectively.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Cardona was the Director of International Relations with the Universal Forum of Cultures Barcelona 2004, sponsored by UNESCO, from May 2002 until August 2004; the Middle East Regional Director for Foundation FPSC, a Spanish non-governmental organization, from January 2000 until May 2002; the Middle East Regional Development and Information Delegate for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies from December 1996 until November 1999; and the West Africa Regional Development and Information Delegate for the Spanish Red Cross from September 1992 until January 1994.

Mr. Cardona holds a master's degree in Political Science and International Relations from the Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain, as well as a diploma in Political Studies from the Institut d'Études Politiques of Grenoble, France.

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Below are descriptions of the committees to be simulated at this year's conference. Please note that all committees are based on actual bodies within the United Nations system.



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

It is an intergovernmental organization, with 194 Member Nations, 2 associate members and 1 member organization, the European Union.

It works to meet the demands posed by major global trends in agricultural development and challenges faced by member nations. FAO creates and shares critical information about food, agriculture and natural resources in the form of global public goods. But this is not a one-way flow. It plays a connector role, through identifying and working with different partners with established expertise, and facilitating a dialogue between those who have the knowledge and those who need it.



The General Assembly allocates to the 3rd Committee, agenda items relating to a range of social, humanitarian affairs and human rights issues that affect people all over the world.

An important part of the work of the Committee will focus on the examination of human rights questions, including reports of the special procedures of the Human Rights Council established in 2006. The Committee also discusses questions relating to the advancement of women, the protection of children, indigenous issues, the treatment of refugees, the promotion of fundamental freedoms through the elimination of racism and racial discrimination, and the right to self-determination. The Committee also addresses important social development questions such as issues related to youth, family, ageing, persons with disabilities, crime prevention, criminal justice, and international drug control.



The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was established in 1950 by the General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.

Since 1950, the agency has helped tens of millions of people restart their lives. Today, a staff of more than 9,300 people in 123 countries continues to help and protect millions of refugees, returnees, internally displaced and stateless people.

Opening Ceremony Schedule

(10:00-10:45)

09:50	All delegates take their seats	
09:55	All Secretariat members and speakers take their seats on the stage	
09:57	Open Ceremony begins	
10:00	Secretary-General opens the conference (bang gavel) (Mr. Jaime Villamueva, student from CC Sagrados Corazones, Torrelavega)	
	Opening remarks and introduction of Fundación Botín's Representative	(3 min)
10:03	Director of Education of the Fundación Botín: welcome address	(3 min)
10:06	SG thanks Fundación Botín's Representative and introduces Consejería's Representative	(1 min)
10:07	Dtor. Gral. de Innovación y Centros Educativos welcome address	(3 min)
10:10	SG thanks Consejería's Representative, has a personal intervention and officially Opens the conference	(1 min)
	Representatives from consejería and Fundación leave the stage and listen to the special guest from the public.	
10:12	SG introduces expert (Damián Cardona)	(1 minute)
10:13	Keynote Address: <i>UN Peacekeeping Missions</i> Mr. Damián Cardona, UN Information Centre	(15 min +5 quest.)
10:38	SG Thanks all speakers for their time, briefly explain next procedures and wishes all delegates good luck	(2 min)