



SNISMUN VII

The Future Cities BACKGROUND GUIDE

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Warm Welcome A note from your chairs,

We are so happy you are here. Welcome to SNISMUN 2026 and the Future Cities Committee! Cities are places where people live, work, learn, and play. Cities give people many chances to have a good life. But cities also have problems, like dirty air, too much traffic, too much trash, and not enough safe homes. As more and more people move into cities, we have to think hard about how to make them better for everyone. We need cities that are safe, clean, green, healthy, and fair. In this committee, you will each stand for a different country. Your job is to learn what your country thinks, talk about the problems, and share ideas that could help. You will also team up with other delegates to build even bigger ideas together.

Here are some questions to get your brain going:

- *How can we make cities cleaner and greener?*
- *How can every family have a safe home?*
- *How can buses and trains help more people?*
- *How can cities get ready for floods and storms?*
- *How can new technology make cities better?*
- *How can different countries help each other?*

Remember: a Model UN is not only about speaking. It is also about listening, sharing, teamwork, and finding answers together. Most of all, your voice matters. Be brave, be kind, and be ready to learn. We cannot wait to hear your wonderful ideas!

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Future Cities

Introduction to the Committee:

II. What Is a Model UN?

WHY MODEL UN IS GREAT FOR YOU

A Model UN, or MUN, is a fun activity where students pretend to be the leaders of different countries. You come together in a room, just like real world leaders do, to talk about a big problem and try to solve it.

In real life, leaders from almost every country meet at a group called the United Nations. At a Model UN, you get to be one of those leaders for a day.

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS IN SIMPLE STEPS:

- You are given a country to represent. This is called being a delegate.
- You learn what your country thinks about the topic.
- You give short speeches to share your ideas.
- You listen to other delegates and ask them questions.
- You work in teams to write down the best ideas.

The grown-ups who run the meeting are called the chairs, or the Executive Board. They keep everything fair and organised, and they help you if you get stuck.

You learn skills that help you your whole life. You practise speaking clearly, working with others, and thinking about tricky problems. You also learn about the world and the many people who live in it.

The best part? You do not need to be perfect. You just need to try your best, be respectful, and have fun.



III. WHAT IS THE UNITED NATIONS?

A TEAM OF ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY

The United Nations, or UN, is a big group where almost every country in the world works together. It was started in the year 1945, after a huge war, so that countries could solve problems by talking instead of fighting.

The countries meet to help with things like peace, health, schools, hunger, and looking after our planet. No single country can fix these big problems alone, so they help each other.

The UN also made a list of important goals for the whole world. These are called the Sustainable Development Goals, or SDGs.

There are 17 of them, and they are like a big to-do list to make life better and fairer for everyone by the year 2030.

One of these goals is very special for us. It is Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. It says that cities should be safe, welcoming to all, strong, and good for the planet.

That goal is the heart of our committee.

IV. ABOUT OUR COMMITTEE

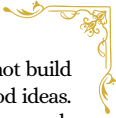
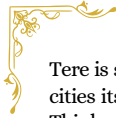
THE FUTURE CITIES COMMITTEE

WHAT WE HOPE TO DO TOGETHER

V. OUR TOPIC (THE AGENDA)

OUR BIG QUESTION

Our committee is all about cities and how to make them better by the year 2050. We are a United Nations committee, which means our job is to help countries share ideas and work together.



There is something important to understand: our committee does not build cities itself. Instead, we help countries talk, plan, and agree on good ideas. Think of us like a giant meeting where everyone shares tips, and then each country goes home and uses those tips.

So in our committee, your ideas should be things that countries can do together.

GOOD IDEAS ARE:

- Realistic — they can actually happen in real life.
- Fair — they help everyone, not just rich people or big cities.
- Cooperative — countries help each other to make them work.

Our goal is to imagine cities that are safe, green, fair, and healthy by 2050.

To get there, we want a committee where:

Both rich and poorer countries are heard and included.

We remember that a city is made of many parts. People, nature, money, and technology all connect to each other.

Our final ideas are clear and useful, so real countries could actually try them. We want you to think like a world leader: someone who dreams big but also makes plans that really work.

OUR TOPIC IS:

“Building Future Cities that are Sustainable, Fair, and Healthy by 2050.”

The word sustainable is a big one, so let's make it simple.

Sustainable means taking care of things so they last a long time and do not run out. A sustainable city is one that is good for people and good for the planet, both today and far into the future.



Our topic asks you to think about how cities can grow bigger without becoming unfair or hurting nature. This is not just a problem for one town. It is a challenge for the whole world.

WHAT IS A “FUTURE CITY”?

A future city is a city planned to be clean, safe, fair, and healthy. It uses smart technology to make life better while also protecting nature.

In a good future city, everyone can get the things they need, such as:

- A safe home to live in.
- Buses, trains, or safe paths to get around.
- Clean energy and clean air.
- Parks and green spaces to play in.
- Doctors, hospitals, and schools nearby.
- Fair chances for a good life, no matter who they are.

VI. WHY CITIES MATTER SO MUCH

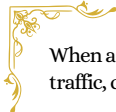
MORE PEOPLE ARE MOVING TO CITIES

WHY GOOD PLANNING IS THE KEY

Right now, more than half of all the people in the world live in cities. That is a lot of people! And it is growing fast. By the year 2050, about 2 out of every 3 people may live in a city.

This means cities will need to get ready for many more people. They will need more homes, more buses and trains, more clean water, more schools, and more parks.

Cities are also growing the fastest in two parts of the world: Asia and Africa. These places will need lots of good planning to keep up.



When a city is planned well, life gets better for everyone. There is less traffic, cleaner air, and more homes for families.

But when a city grows too fast without a good plan, problems pile up: crowded streets, dirty air, not enough houses, and rubbish everywhere.

The choices leaders make today will shape how people live for many, many years. That is why our work matters.

VII. THE BIG PROBLEMS CITIES FACE

PROBLEMS TO SOLVE TOGETHER

Cities face many challenges. Here are the biggest ones, explained simply. As a delegate, you can pick the ones you care about most and think of ways to help.

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1. Homes
 2. Traffic and getting around
 3. Clean air and climate
 4. Energy
 5. Rubbish and waste
 6. Clean water
 7. Health
 8. Fairness for everyone
 9. Technology and smart cities

1. HOMES

Many cities cannot build enough homes. When there are not enough houses, families end up in crowded or unsafe places.

Around the world, more than a billion people live in poor, unsafe housing. Every family deserves a safe home.

2. TRAFFIC AND GETTING AROUND

Too many cars cause traffic jams and dirty air. When cities have good buses, trains, bike lanes, and safe footpaths, people can get to school and work more easily, and the air stays cleaner.

3. CLEAN AIR AND CLIMATE

Cities can get very hot, and they can be hit hard by floods and storms. This is part of climate change, which means the weather on Earth is changing because the planet is getting warmer.

Cities need to get ready by planting trees, building stronger, and using cleaner energy.

4. ENERGY

Cities use lots of energy for lights, homes, and machines. Some of that energy makes pollution.

Cities can switch to clean energy, like power from the sun and the wind, which does not dirty the air.

5. RUBBISH AND WASTE

Big cities make huge amounts of rubbish. In fact, the world makes billions of tonnes of waste each year, and it keeps growing.

When rubbish is not cleaned up, it can make people sick and hurt nature. Cities need good ways to collect, reuse, and recycle their waste.

6. CLEAN WATER

Everyone needs safe, clean water to drink. But some cities are running low on water.

Cities need to save water, keep it clean, and make sure every family can get some.



7. HEALTH

When lots of people live close together, staying healthy is important.

Cities need clean air, clean water, and enough doctors and hospitals so everyone can stay well.

8. FAIRNESS FOR EVERYONE

A great city works for all people. That means children, older people, people with disabilities, and families with less money should all get good homes, transport, and parks.

No one should be left out.

9. TECHNOLOGY AND SMART CITIES

New technology can help cities run better. Computers can help control traffic lights, save energy, and warn people about floods.

This is called a “smart city.” But technology must be safe, fair, and used to help everyone, not just a few people.

VIII. WHAT MAKES A GREAT FUTURE CITY

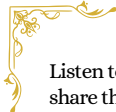
IDEAS THAT WORK

GREEN SPACES ARE SUPERHEROES

Here are some ideas that can make future cities better. You can use these as a starting point and add your own creative ideas too.

Plan ahead. Decide where homes, schools, and parks should go before the city grows too big.

Work together. National leaders, city leaders, and local people should all help make decisions.



Listen to everyone. Young people, families, and communities should get to share their ideas.

Build green. Add parks, trees, and gardens to cool the city and clean the air.

Go clean. Use clean energy and good public transport to cut pollution.

Be fair. Make sure homes, water, and services reach every single person.

Parks, trees, and gardens do a lot more than look pretty. They cool the city down on hot days, soak up rainwater to stop floods, clean the air, and give people a happy place to play and relax.

In one city called Medellín, planting more trees helped make the streets cooler. Small changes like this can make a big difference.

IX. REAL NEW CITIES BEING BUILT

THE FUTURE IS ALREADY STARTING

A CLEAN CITY STORY

Some countries are building brand-new cities right now. They want to make more room for people and try out modern ideas.

Here are a few real examples:

Nusantara in Indonesia — a brand-new capital city.

The New Administrative Capital in Egypt — built to give the busy city of Cairo more room.

Amaravati in India — a planned new city.

Konza Technopolis in Kenya — a “smart city” built around technology.



NEOM in Saudi Arabia — a giant, futuristic city project.

These projects show that people all over the world are already dreaming about future cities. Their success depends on staying fair, affordable, and kind to nature.

In India, a city called Indore became known as one of the cleanest cities in the country. People worked together to collect and sort rubbish, and it made the whole city healthier and nicer to live in.

This shows that when everyone helps, big change is possible.

X. BIG QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR IDEAS

Good delegates try to answer big questions. As you plan your ideas, think about these:

- Fairness for all. How can we make sure everyone can afford to live in a city and is treated kindly, including children, older people, and people with disabilities?
- Keeping homes safe. How can cities grow without pushing families out of their homes?
- Growing without harming nature. How can cities get bigger while keeping the air clean and the planet safe?
- Things everyone needs. How can we make sure every person has a home, clean water, transport, and healthcare?
- Helping city leaders. How can local leaders get enough money and support to fix problems?
- Using technology wisely. How can we make sure “smart city” technology is safe and fair for everyone?
- Checking our progress. How can we tell if cities are truly getting better, fairer, and healthier?



XI. HOW OUR MEETINGS WORK

SIMPLE RULES TO KEEP IT FAIR

To keep everything friendly and organised, our committee uses a few simple rules. Do not worry, the chairs will help you the whole way.

Here are the ones you will hear most often:

ROLL CALL

At the start, the chairs call out each country's name. When they call yours, you say "present" to show you are here.

SPEAKERS' LIST

This is the list of delegates who want to give a speech. When it is your turn, you get a short time (often about a minute and a half) to share your ideas.

SPEAK THROUGH THE CHAIR

When you talk, you speak to the chair, not directly to another delegate. This keeps things polite.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

If something is making you uncomfortable, like it being too hot or too noisy, you can raise this to let the chair know.

POINT OF INFORMATION

This is a question you ask a delegate after their speech, to understand their idea better.

MODERATED CAUCUS

This is a focused chat about one small topic, where the chair picks who speaks and for how long.



UNMODERATED CAUCUS

This is free time to get up, team up with other delegates, and work on ideas together.

WORKING TOGETHER ON IDEAS

Near the end, delegates team up to write down their best ideas. These written ideas are called working papers and draft resolutions.

They should be clear, kind, and possible to do in real life.

The most important rule of all: be respectful, listen well, and try to find ideas that everyone can agree on.

XII. HOW TO GET READY

RESEARCH YOUR COUNTRY

- Before the big day, learn about the country you will represent. You do not need to know everything. Just try to find a few simple facts, like:
- Does your country have big cities? Are they growing?
- What are the biggest city problems in your country, like traffic or homes?
- Is your country doing anything to help the planet, like using clean energy?
- How does your country try to make sure everyone has a home?

A great tip: try to speak and think the way your country would, even if you personally feel differently. That is what real delegates do!

A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Be on time and ready to take part.
- Speak clearly and kindly.
- Listen carefully to others.
- Use facts to back up your ideas.
- Team up and share the credit.
- Most of all, have fun and be proud of yourself!



XIII. WORDS TO KNOW

YOUR HANDY WORD LIST

Here are some words you might hear, explained in a simple way.

WORD — WHAT IT MEANS

Delegate

You! A person who stands for a country in the committee.

Chair

A grown-up leader who runs the meeting and keeps it fair.

Agenda

The main topic the committee is talking about.

Sustainable

Taking care of things so they last and do not run out.

Smart city

A city that uses technology to run better, like smart traffic lights.

Green space

Parks, trees, and gardens in a city.

Climate change

The Earth's weather changing because the planet is getting warmer.

Clean energy

Power from the sun, wind, or water that does not dirty the air.

Recycle

Turning old things into new things instead of throwing them away.

Resolution

A written list of ideas that delegates agree on together.



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