Overview/ Instructions

With your group, you will conduct research and propose solutions for specific focal countries in your committee regions based on five different subcommittees that will meet during the UN Conference:

1. Disease & Health
2. Social & Economic Development
3. Migration
4. Urbanization & Population
5. Climate Change & Environmental Concerns

Each of you will be assigned one of the above subcommittees which you will focus your research and planning on. When the UN Conference splits into subcommittees, each person will go to their designated subcommittee to represent their region.

Example:

UN Region: Western Europe & North America

| Subcommittee | Representative Name | Focal Country |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Disease & Health | Student 1 | United States |
| Social & Economic Development | Student 2 | Canada |
| Migration | Student 3 | France |
| Urbanization & Population | Student 4 | Germany |
| Climate Change & Environmental Concerns | Student 5 | United Kingdom |

| **Region** | **Focal Countries** |
| --- | --- |
| Western Europe & North America | United States, Canada, France, Germany, United Kingdom |
| South & Southeast Asia | India, Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam, Laos (?) |
| East Asia | China, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Mongolia (?) |
| Latin America, Central America, & the Caribbean | Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, Haiti, Paraguay (?) |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | Nigeria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Africa, Kenya, Angola OR Chad? |
| North Africa | Sudan, Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia (?) |
| West Asia | Israel, Palestine, Armenia (?), Iraq (?), Saudia Arabia(?) |
| Eastern Europe | Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Bosnia & Herzegovina (?)?, Czech Republic (?) |

UN Conference

1. Work with your regional committee to determine which issues/concerns are most important to address in the subcommittee meetings.
   1. Make sure you have an idea of what type of solution you will propose.
2. Break out into subcommittee groups. Each representative will discuss the most pressing issue/concern for their region based on the discussion with the regional committee. Members of the subcommittee will take notes. Then they will discuss a way to address as many issues as possible through international cooperation. The members will fill out a proposal sheet that they will present to the UN as a whole to try to get their votes for funding.
3. Each subcommittee will present their proposal to the UN as a group.
4. UN will split back up into regional committees to discuss and vote for the proposal that is most important for them.
   1. Some regions may have an extra vote (or we can adopt veto power for certain regions) based on the UN Security Council’s Give Permanent Members: China (East Asia), France (Western Europe & North America), Russia (Eastern Europe), UK (Western Europe & North America), US (Western Europe & North America)

Notes:

* Encourage students to dress professionally for the conference
* Name tags for students? With region & subcommittee name?
* Organize the classroom with easy shift for setup between group sizes (regional committees will have five students, subcommittees will have 7-8 students)
  + Numbers are based on a class size of 40, which I know is high, but I wanted to make sure that if a larger class did this lesson it made sense. So we’ll need instructions on how to modify for smaller class sizes without getting rid of regions. Ideas?

Western Europe

# Disease & Health

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Region-Specific Case Study Research:

# Social & Economic Developments

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

# Migration

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

# Urbanization & Population

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

# Climate Change & Environmental Concerns

Region-Specific Case Study Research

South Asia

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Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* India
  + [Public Health Challenges in India: Seizing the Opportunities](https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC4799645/)
  + [The Battle Against Tuberculosis Will Be Won or Lost in India](https://harvardpublichealth.org/global-health/india-tb-efforts-are-floundering-thats-bad-news-for-the-world/)

# Social & Economic Developments

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

# Migration

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Bangladesh
  + [Bangladesh’s Economic VItality Owes in Part to Migration and Remittances](https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/bangladesh-migration-remittances-profile)
* India
  + [India is a Top Source and Destination for World’s Migrants](https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2017/03/03/india-is-a-top-source-and-destination-for-worlds-migrants/)
  + India receives largest amounts of remittances

# Urbanization & Population

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* [India Population: The Job Crisis Driving Millions to Big Cities](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-65309567)

# Climate Change & Environmental Concerns

Region-Specific Case Study Research

Latin America & the Caribbean

# Disease & Health

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Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Brazil
  + mosquito-based diseases (malaria, dengue, zika, yellow fever)

# Social & Economic Developments

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* [IMF Blog Latin America Faces Slowing Growth and High InflationAmid Social Tensions](https://www.imf.org/en/Blogs/Articles/2023/02/01/latin-america-faces-slowing-growth-and-high-inflation-amid-social-tensions)
* [World Bank in Latin America and the Caribbean](https://www.worldbank.org/en/region/lac/overview)
* [IDB Fact Sheet: The Complexities of Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean](https://www.iadb.org/en/news/complexities-inequality-latin-america-and-caribbean#:~:text=Latin%20America%20and%20the%20Caribbean%20is%20the%20world's%20most%20unequal,and%20the%20Caribbean%20is%20poor.)
* Brazil
  + One of the most inequal societies- huge poverty gap
    - [Agencia IBGE Noticias Article: “Poverty drops to 31.6% of the population in 2022, after reaching 36.7% in 2021”](https://agenciadenoticias.ibge.gov.br/en/agencia-news/2184-news-agency/news/38574-poverty-drops-to-31-6-of-the-population-in-2022-after-reaching-36-7-in-2021)
  + Social Inequalities based on race and gender
    - Amnesty International: [“Brazil 2023”](https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/americas/south-america/brazil/report-brazil/)

# Migration

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Brazil
  + Brazilian emigration to the US
    - [Migration Policy Institute Article: “Brazilian Immigrants in the United States”](https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/brazilian-immigrants-united-states)
  + Venezuelan immigrants & refugees in Brazil
    - [Refugees International Article: “The World should take note of Brazil’s refugee policy”](https://www.refugeesinternational.org/latinoamerica21-the-world-should-take-note-of-brazils-refugee-policy/)
* Venezuela
  + Refugees
    - [UNHCR Venezuela Situation](https://reporting.unhcr.org/operational/situations/venezuela-situation)
* Haiti
  + [Haiti Displacement Triples Surpassing One Million as Humanitarian Crisis Worsens](https://www.iom.int/news/haiti-displacement-triples-surpassing-one-million-humanitarian-crisis-worsens)

# Urbanization & Population

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Brazil
  + Sao Paulo overpopulation & urban struggles
  + *favelas*
    - [Vox article & video: Inside Rio’s Favelas, the city’s impoverished, neglected neighborhoods](https://www.vox.com/2016/8/1/12322566/rio-favela-olympics-brazil)
* Paraguay
  + [Paraguay: A New Urban Landscape for Asuncion](https://opecfund.org/news/paraguay-a-new-urban-landscape-for-asuncion)
  + [Asuncion: Booming Population, Porous Infrastructure](https://catalyst.independent.org/2023/04/03/asuncion-infrastructure/)

# Climate Change & Environmental Concerns

Region-Specific Case Study Research

* Brazil
  + Complications that accompany deforestation of the Amazon

Southeast Asia

# Disease & Health

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Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Philippines
  + Major concerns over tuberculosis outbreaks, and in particular the high impacts on the slums
  + Dengue fever
    - [Guardian Article: “Philippines officials offer cash for mosquitoes amid rise in dengue cases”](https://www.adaptation-undp.org/climate-change-impacts-indigenous-peoples-drc#:~:text=Natural%20resources%20(spring%20water%2C%20fruits,more%20frequent%20among%20indigenous%20groups.)

# Social & Economic Developments

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Philippines
  + Income inequality
    - [Outreach International Article: “The state of poverty in the Philippines: what are the causes?”](https://outreach-international.org/blog/poverty-in-the-philippines/#:~:text=Living%20conditions%20in%20densely%20populated,and%20quality%20education%20remains%20uneven.)
  + Philippines as a source for cheap outsourced labor- sweatshops(?)
* Vietnam
  + [The World Bank in Vietnam](https://www.worldbank.org/en/country/vietnam/overview)

# Migration

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Philippines
  + Emigration is a key policy to boost the economy with remittances
* Vietnam
  + [Integral Human Development’s Vietnam Country Profile](https://migrants-refugees.va/country-profile/vietnam/)
  + [Weather-Related Disasters Led to Over 43.1 Million Displacements of Children Over Six Years- UNICEF](https://www.unicef.org/vietnam/press-releases/weather-related-disasters-led-431-million-displacements-children-over-six-years)

# Urbanization & Population

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Philippines
  + Overpopulation in Manila
    - [Guardian Article: “Manila: A megacity where the living must share with the dead”](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2010/oct/15/philippines-overpopulation-crisis#:~:text=But%20as%20we%20brace%20ourselves,of%20a%20million%20every%20year.)
  + Flooding in metro Manila
* Vietnam
  + [Urbanization in Vietnam](https://vietnam.opendevelopmentmekong.net/topics/urbanization-in-vietnam/)
  + [Impacts of Urbanization on the Environment of Ho Chi Minh City](https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1755-1315/505/1/012035/pdf)
  + [Urbanization in Ho Chi Minh City](https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2019/papers/ts02j/TS02J_tuan_spencer_et_al_10169_abs.pdf)

# Climate Change & Environmental Concerns

Region-Specific Case Study Research

* Geographically vulnerable to natural disasters (typhoons, floods, & droughts)
* Philippines
  + Mass pollution, especially of plastic
* Vietnam
  + Impact on economy as climate change impacts agriculture, tourism
    - [World Bank Blogs: To Fulfil Vietnam’s Economic Ambitions, Climate Action is Essential](https://blogs.worldbank.org/en/eastasiapacific/fulfil-vietnams-economic-ambitions-climate-action-essential#:~:text=The%20World%20Bank%2C%20in%20its,2050%20without%20concerted%20climate%20action.)
  + [Climate Change in Vietnam: Impacts and Adaptation](https://theconversation.com/climate-change-in-vietnam-impacts-and-adaptation-173462)
  + [Millions Affected as Super Typhoon Yagi Hits Vietnam](https://www.ifrc.org/press-release/millions-affected-super-typhoon-yagi-hits-vietnam)

Central America

# Disease & Health

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Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Mexico
  + Shift to non-communicable diseases (such as heart disease and diabetes- transitioning on ETM?)
  + High rates of maternal mortality and infant mortality rates
  + COVID impacts

# Social & Economic Developments

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Mexico
  + Gaping income inequality
  + Large informal economy
  + Large dependence on US economy

# Migration

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Mexico
  + Emigration to US

# Urbanization & Population

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* [A New Approach to Urban Transport & Housing in Mexico](https://urbantransitions.global/en/news/a-new-approach-to-urban-transport-and-housing-in-mexico/)
* [Tackling Climate Change in Mexico: Lessons from Four Frontrunning Cities](https://urbantransitions.global/en/news/tackling-climate-change-in-mexico-lessons-from-four-frontrunning-cities/)

# Climate Change & Environmental Concerns

Region-Specific Case Study Research

* Mexico
  + Climate change impacting land usable for farming
  + Water crisis

West Africa

# Disease & Health

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Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Nigeria
  + [The Double Challenge of Malaria & Malnutrition in Kano, Nigeria](https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/latest/double-challenge-malaria-and-malnutrition-kano-nigeria)
  + [Health & HIV](https://www.unicef.org/nigeria/health-hiv#:~:text=Nigeria%20has%20190%2C950%20HIV%2FAIDS,new%20infections%20recorded%20in%202015.)
  + [At a Glance: HIV in Nigeria](https://www.beintheknow.org/understanding-hiv-epidemic/data/glance-hiv-nigeria)

# Social & Economic Developments

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Record inflation of povery rates → increased violence
* Economic dependency on oil (Nigeria)

# Migration

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Nigeria
  + Concerns of “Brain Drain”, especially regarding healthcare workers
  + IDPs (internally displaced persons)- one of the highest percentages of IDPs

# Urbanization & Population

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Rapid urban growth of Lagos→ infrastructure can’t keep up, leading to informal settlements

# Climate Change & Environmental Concerns

Region-Specific Case Study Research

* Food insecurity tied to climate change
* Climate change also tied to increased conflicts over resources

Middle Africa

# Disease & Health

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Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* [WHO Injects Fresh Support into DR Congo Vaccination Drive](https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/03/1161021)
* [Preventing Ebola in the Republic of Congo](https://www.unicef.org/congo/recits/preventing-ebola-republic-congo)
* [Overcoming Barriers to Tuberculosis Care in the DRC](https://ccp.jhu.edu/2025/01/27/tb-drc-overcoming-barriers/)
* [Central African Countries Vulnerable to Emerging Infectious Diseases](https://forestsnews.cifor.org/82746/central-african-countries-vulnerable-to-emerging-infectious-diseases?fnl=en)

# Social & Economic Developments

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* [Amnesty International Africa Regional Overview 2023](https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/africa/report-africa/)
* Democratic Republic of the Congo
  + Vast amount of resources, but lack of proper infrastructure makes it difficult for economy to profit from them/ distribute them
  + DRC is one of the poorest countries, with one of the highest percentages of people leaving under $2.15/day
  + Gender violence against women
    - [UNICEF article: “A fresh start through a sewing studio”](https://www.unicef.org/drcongo/en/stories/fresh-start-through-sewing-studio)
  + [Democratic Republic of Congo’s Pathway to Education System Transformation](https://www.globalpartnership.org/blog/democratic-republic-congos-pathway-education-system-transformation)

# Migration

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* Democratic Republic of the Congo
  + Internal conflicts = high levels of IDPs (internally displaced persons)
  + Lots of refugees and asylum seekers
    - [UNHCR Article: “Democratic Republic of the Congo Refugee Crisis Explained”](https://www.unrefugees.org/news/democratic-republic-of-the-congo-refugee-crisis-explained/)
  + [Democratic Republic of the Congo: Industrial Mining of Cobalt & Copper for Rechargeable Batteries is Leading to Grievous Human Rights Abuses](https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/09/drc-cobalt-and-copper-mining-for-batteries-leading-to-human-rights-abuses/)
* Women & Children leaving Angola and going to Namibia to find food and other resources
  + [Repatriated Angolan Children Face Precarious Conditions](https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/06/10/repatriated-angolan-children-face-precarious-conditions#:~:text=Many%20of%20the%20children%20are,search%20of%20food%20and%20jobs.)
  + [Azerica’s Story: An Angolan Climate Migrant in Namibia (pg 4)](https://www.undp.org/sites/g/files/zskgke326/files/migration/africa/UNDP-RBA-The-People-Edition.pdf)

# Urbanization & Population

Region-Specific Case Study Research:

* [New Report Unveils Deepening Housing Crisis in Kinshasa, DRC](https://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2025/february/new-report-unveils-deepening-housing-crisis-in-kinshasa--drc.html)
* [Displacing Lives in 21st Century Angola](https://ees.kuleuven.be/project/urban-africa-lab/stories-of-displacement-across-africa/angola.html)

# Climate Change & Environmental Concerns

Region-Specific Case Study Research

* Dependency on agriculture threatened by climate change
  + [UNDP Article: “Climate Change impacts on indigenous peoples of the DRC”](https://www.adaptation-undp.org/climate-change-impacts-indigenous-peoples-drc#:~:text=Natural%20resources%20(spring%20water%2C%20fruits,more%20frequent%20among%20indigenous%20groups.)
* [Africa: Richer Countries Must Commit to Pay at C0P29 as Climate Change Forcibly Displaces Millions Across Africa](https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2024/11/africa-richer-countries-must-commit-to-pay-at-cop29-as-climate-change-forcibly-displaces-millions-across-africa/)
* Conflicts between nomadic herders and sedentary farmers in Chad
  + [Chad: Overview of inter/intra- community conflicts (July 2024)](https://www.unocha.org/publications/report/chad/chad-overview-interintra-community-conflicts-july-2024)
* [Angola: Millions Facing Hunger, as Thousands Flee Their Homes as Drought Ravages the South of Angola](https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2021/07/angola-millions-facing-hunger-as-thousands-flee-their-homes-as-drought-ravages-the-south-of-angola-2/)