



IAU MODEL COP31 CONFERENCE 2026

WHO ARE WE?



IAUMUN (ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITY MODEL UNITED NATIONS) WAS FOUNDED IN 2023

It is a student-led initiative carried out under the guidance of the UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance & Education. We organise the annual IAUMUN Conference, bringing together students from around the world to promote dialogue, diplomacy, and peace.

MOST IMPACTFUL MUN ORGANIZATION

OUR VISION

We aim to empower young people through the language of diplomacy and peace, and to build a legacy of leadership, respect and global awareness.

OUR MISSION



Host high-quality
MUN
conferences that
exceed
expectations

Provide a platform
for debate,
negotiation, and
global problem-
solving

Develop
participants' skills
in public speaking,
leadership, research
and diplomacy

OUR IMPACT

STUDENTS AGED 16–25 FROM
DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES

Fields of study include
International Relations,
Engineering, Business,
Media and Law.

Digitally active,
socially aware and
future diplomats,
entrepreneurs, and
leaders.



BY THE NUMBERS

- 500+ DELEGATES EXPECTED
- 6 SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES
- 2-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (24-25 Oct 2026)
- FOUNDED IN 2023 — GROWING AT RECORD SPEED
- UNESCO SUPPORTED ACADEMIC FRAMEWORK
- GLOBAL DELEGATION: EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, ASIA & AMERICAS
- LED BY A UNESCO CHAIR WITH 20+ YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC EDUCATION EXPERTISE



UNESCO SUPPORT

IAUMUN operates under the guidance of the UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance & Education at Istanbul Aydın University.

This UNESCO Chair is part of the official global UNESCO network coordinated from UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.

The Chair provides advisory support, academic endorsement and institutional credibility to the conference. It is a student-led initiative carried out under the guidance of the UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance & Education.

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Dr. Osman Gültekin

UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy,
Governance and Education

Dr. Osman Gültekin is the academic supervisor, mentor, and a distinguished source of pride for IAUMUN. As Director of International Relations and Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Istanbul Aydın University, Dr. Gültekin also holds the UNESCO Chair on Cultural Diplomacy, Governance and Education and serves as the Country Director of the STAR Scholars Network.

With over 20 years of experience in international education and youth travel, Dr. Gültekin has mentored more than 10,000 students and visited over 50 countries. His academic background includes studies at Boğaziçi University and Bahçeşehir University, followed by postdoctoral research at Carleton University in Canada.

Dr. Gültekin's academic work focuses on International Relations theories, public diplomacy, foreign policy, and the internationalization of higher education. As the author of the Education and Power book series, Dr. Gültekin has made significant contributions to understanding the role of education in global soft power. Through his academic leadership and dedication, Dr. Gültekin continues to advance global education, promote intercultural understanding, and inspire students and academic communities worldwide.

WHAT IS ASOV?



By connecting the wisdom of the past with future needs,
we accompany a generation inspired by
tradition and poised to make a global impact.

ASOV is a foundation dedicated to supporting young people, the architects of our future, in every aspect of life. In alignment with the core principles of National Education, ASOV was founded with the mission of preparing youth for life and sharing accumulated values and experience with the next generation.

ASOV is a pioneering foundation that draws on centuries-old values to build a brighter tomorrow, carrying forward the shared heritage of Turkey's most deep-rooted high schools with a history of more than a century. We envision a society where every young person has equal access to quality education and the chance to realize their potential transforming not just individuals, but society itself.

WHAT IS COP31?

COP31 (the 31st Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC) serves as a pivotal milestone in global climate diplomacy, bringing nations together to forge stronger emissions commitments, accelerate green finance, and shape next-generation energy and sustainability policies worldwide.

As the summit's host, Türkiye solidifies its leadership on the international stage, leveraging its pioneering Zero Waste initiative to drive regional collaboration, inspire low-carbon economic transformation, and pave the way toward a climate-resilient future.



WHAT IS MODEL COP31?

In a Model COP31 simulation, participants are assigned roles as country delegates, NGO observers, or international body representatives, forming specialized committees such as Loss and Damage, Finance, or Adaptation to tackle real-world climate agendas. Through a sequence of formal debates, informal caucuses, and unmoderated negotiations, delegates form regional blocks to draft comprehensive resolution papers that address global carbon targets, green transition strategies, and climate equity. The simulation culminates in a plenary voting session where resolutions are debated, amended, and formally adopted, mirroring the exact consensus-driven diplomatic workflow of the actual United Nations framework.



COMMITTEES

CMA

Conference of
the Parties to
the Paris
Agreement

NCQG / SCF

Standing
Committee on
Finance

AOSIS

Alliance of
Small Island
States

SBI

Subsidiary
Body for
Implementation

SBSTA

Subsidiary
Body for
Scientific and
Technological
Advice

YOUNGO

Official Youth
Constituency
to the UNFCCC



WHY SHOULD YOUR STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

- Provide your students with hands-on experience in diplomacy, negotiation, and international policy-making.
- Develop leadership, public speaking, critical thinking, and teamwork skills in a global environment.
- Strengthen students' understanding of the UNFCCC framework, climate governance, and sustainable development.
- Connect your students with ambitious young leaders and future professionals from around the world.
- Complement academic learning with practical experience that prepares students for future careers in international affairs, diplomacy, and sustainability.

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird Applications Deadline: 30 SEPTEMBER

CATEGORY	INTERNATIONAL (USD)
Individual Participation	30 USD
Delegation (5+ Delegates)	30 USD /per person
Accommodation (Per Night)	60 USD
Full Package (Includes 4 Nights Acc.)	430 USD

Thank You!

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