

Committee: FAO

Topic: Discussing the Elimination of Food Waste in Developing Nations

Report of the Chairs

I. Theme of the Conference

Model United Nations San Antonio (MUNSA) is a conference dedicated to fostering authentic and passionate debate amongst delegates in order to generate solutions to current global issues. The theme of *MUNSA XXIV: Envision* encapsulates our mission to urge delegates to foresee a future in which these problems have been dissolved. With collaboration in mind, delegates from every committee are encouraged to visualize innovative resolutions and a prosperous world to come. Together, we will propel ourselves into an age in which brilliant ideas converge to transform our world and address its most paramount issues.

II. Rationale

Developed nations waste considerable amounts of food while millions of people face starvation worldwide. It is imperative that this committee finds a feasible solution to provide for those who are starving. All regions of the world contribute to this issue; however, North America, Europe, and Asia waste the most food globally. The United States and China produce the highest rates of food waste, and both have failed at implementing plans to provide excess food to developing and war-torn nations. This committee urges delegates to foresee a future in which world hunger has been eliminated, developing nations prosper, and global goals for waste mitigation have been established.

III. Background of the Topic

Food waste occurs when developed nations have a surplus of food that is unused or improperly disposed of by citizens. The US and China waste the most food in the world and have made no attempts to distribute this food to developing nations.⁴ Hunger and poverty occur as a result of regional climates and a lack of resources.³ As time has passed, developing nations have called upon larger nations to donate food, but their voices have often fallen on deaf ears.

The United Nations set up the World Food Programme to combat food waste. This program, which is still in place today, urges developed nations to donate or pay for food provided to developing nations.²

IV. Contemporary Evidence of the Topic

Developed nations in North America, Oceania, Europe, and industrialized Asia produce the most food waste. Consumers alone waste 95-115kg of food per capita per year in North American and European countries, compared to 6-11kg in African and South Asian countries.¹ Many developing nations lack access to advanced tools and infrastructure needed to decrease the amount of food lost during production.

FAO has three sublevels (macro, meso, and micro) when working with individual stakeholders and partners.¹ Each sublevel works differently in addressing the various solutions and concerns regarding food waste. At the macro level, FAO works with various governments and international groups to spread awareness and advocate for the purpose of developing a strategy to reduce food loss and waste. The meso-level collaborates with farmers, handlers, processors, traders, and citizens to manage and organize food supply chains.³ FAO works closely with people at the micro level to obtain data and understand consumer habits. With more than 1 billion people facing hunger worldwide, it is crucial that delegates develop innovative solutions to combat food waste.²

V. References and Research Resources

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VI. Note to the Delegates

Greetings, delegates!

It is our pleasure to host this year's FAO committee! We are looking forward to observing insightful debate and cannot wait to see what innovative solutions your bright minds will create.

Sincerely,

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