



NUMUN

Northwestern University Model United Nations

Dear Honored Delegates,

Firstly, I would like to welcome you all to the African Union. My name is Aubrey Blanche, and I will be your Chair for the seventh session of the Northwestern University Model United Nations Conference (NUMUN VII). I started Model UN in college, and was active in policy debate in high school. I am a member of the Collegiate Delegation of NUMUN.

In just under a month, you will all be in Evanston to begin debate on topics where you will represent the various African Union member states. I expect you all to have prepared position papers in response to the topics that have been chosen for this conference. These treatises will outline the basic decisions of your respective and sovereign nations with regard to the subjects of discussion. I further expect these documents to present cohesive lines of reasoning supporting a plan of action with which your governments may realistically respond. Moreover, I insist on a certain degree of research as basic preparation for NUMUN, and these position papers are a good place to organize the information you may have gathered into a unified argument.

This brings me to the conference itself. When we are in session, I expect you to assume the mantles of the heads of state of your respective nations. As such, certain types of behavior and language will be deemed unacceptable. Furthermore, to act in the best interest of your countries, I would highly suggest properly researching the topics to be discussed and actively participating in debate. In return, you will be treated in accordance to your positions as heads of state.

I truly hope that the topics we have chosen for debate are interesting to you and relevant to your interests, and that you are looking forward to the conference as much as I am.

Sincerely,

Aubrey D. Blanche

Chair of the African Union