



Alternative Model United Nations

The normal Model UN is a student led conference that replicates the United Nations Assembly, giving students a chance to debate about international issues on a simulated world stage close to home.

Model UN is an excellent opportunity to:

- Develop new ways of seeing the world around you
- Understand matters of both global and personal importance
- Cultivate problem solving and leadership skills
- Expand your cultural horizons
- Prepare yourself for the globalized labor market
- Build lasting social networks



Service is a voluntary activity that makes a significant impact on the welfare of the community.

To enjoy justice, all must have justice.

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THE 2015 MODEL UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON WATER*

Monday, January 19, MLK Day
University of Pennsylvania



*OUR CONFERENCE IS DEDICATED
TO WATER JUSTICE AT HOME AND
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.



How is our Model UN **Alternative**?

Different **Focus**:

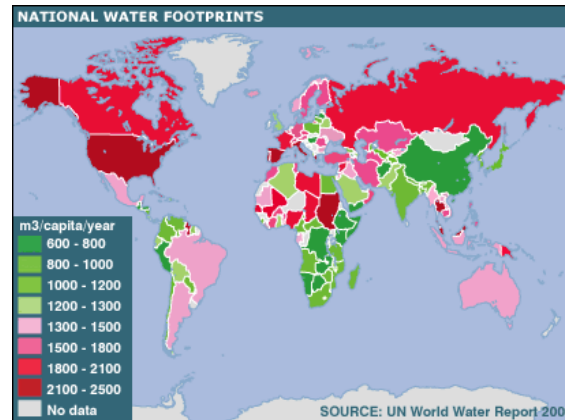
- Instead of talking about problems that only affect specific groups which students may not be able to identify with, we are talking about water, which is of universal AND LOCAL importance
- Access to safe drinking water is crucial to the attainment of many of the eight **Millennium Development Goals**



- Water related issues pose specific challenges as well as opportunities to innovate for **both** developed and developing countries

Different **Roles**:

- Instead of individual students role-playing as one of the delegates from a country, a team of students from each school will represent a **NGO**



- Students will address global water issues by discussing the role of water in development, current challenges, opportunities for innovation and sustainable technology

Different **Implications**:

- Students will critically analyze their water footprint and reflect how their actions influence individuals and groups around the world
- They will use this understanding of global and local issues linked to water to develop sustainable solutions and behaviors

- Students will prepare and adopt a resolution proposing solutions to tackle specific global water issues as per their interest and have an opportunity to present their resolutions to the **World Water Forum's Youth Task Force**

- In doing all this, we hope that students will learn how to approach problems critically and think about international issues in a constructive format
- More importantly, students will get an opportunity to appreciate how water plays a crucial role in global development and make a positive difference in their own lives and local communities



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