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The UN Department of Public Information wants to see Model UN become an actual agent of positive change in communities across the globe. As a first step, it will collaborate with MUN Impact to hold the inaugural United Nations Model UN Youth Summit on 12 April 2019 in New York. Find our more in our fliers for <u>students</u> and <u>educators</u> – and take a look at our call for <u>presentations</u>!

# Research resources

#### **Research Guides**

Understand how the UN works through our 40+ research guides, filled with authoritative information and additional reference sources. Learn the parliamentary workings of the General Assembly, Security Council, ECOSOC and Trusteeship Council through the series of UN Documentation research guides and learn the tricks to finding UN documents. Guides are also available on various thematic fields such as Climate Change, Disarmament, Human Rights, and Indigenous issues.

#### **UN Documentation: Overview**

The UN Documentation Research Guides present an overview of selected UN documents, publications, databases and websites.

#### **UN Information for Young People**

Links you to resources on Youth available through the UN System. Also include links to easy to use resources such as How to Find UN documents.

#### **Charter of the United Nations**

Includes information on available resources available for conducting Charter research; background and drafting process and tips and resources for conducting research on Charter Articles.

### **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is a milestone document in the history of human rights. Drafted by representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 (General Assembly resolution 217 A) as a common standard of achievements for all peoples and all nations.

### **Ask Dag**

Use the Dag Hammarskjöld Library's FAQ database to find answers to frequently asked questions about the UN. Submit your questions to the library via the *submit a question* option if you cannot find an answer.

#### **Member States on the Record**

Provides direct access to official documents reflecting the views of each UN Member States. Includes links to documents related to the Member State's membership; statements made before the principal organs; draft resolutions sponsored, and more.

#### **UN Digital Library**

The UN Digital Library (UNDL) is a one-stop platform for researchers interested in accessing UN information current and historical. It offers easy access to documents, maps, speeches and voting data, as well as open access publications.

## **Yearbook of the United Nations**

The authoritative reference work on the activities and concerns of the Organization. It includes the texts of all major General Assembly, Security Council and Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions, from 1946 onwards.

#### **Basic Facts about the United Nations**

Published since 1947, Basic Facts serves as a trusted guide to the United Nations and its system of related agencies. Provides a concise overview of the Organization's work including current peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions, together with information about UN membership and structure. (Subscription based and available through the UN iLibrary. May search and read online but cannot print or download)

## The Essential UN website

This website contains all essential information about the United Nations. Find fast facts, test your knowledge with UN quizzes and watch videos about the UN's work around the world. The Essential UN's also available in print.

# Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council

Provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure since 1946. Its primary purpose is to provide Member States, including those elected to serve on the Security Council, the United Nations system, academics and others with a source of information regarding the evolving practice of the Security Council

### **United Nations Handbook**

Published by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1961, the UN Handbook is a valuable reference guide that helps everyone working with or within the United Nations navigate the UN system effectively. Includes up-to-date information on UN bodies including membership and mandates. The UN Handbook is also available as a mobile app making the content more useable and accessible.