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Conference Art: Leonora Krause, 9th grade at the Innerstädtisches Gymnasium Rostock

Welcome Letter

Dear participants of BALMUN 2021,

Over the past 50 years, the planet's average surface temperature has risen at the fastest rate in recorded history. Experts see the trend accelerating, with the five warmest years on record taking place since 2010. The earth's 2016 surface temperatures have been the warmest since modern record-keeping began in 1880, according to independent analyses by NASA researchers and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Climate change encompasses not only rising average temperatures but also extreme weather events like heat waves, heavy downpours, and increased flooding as well as severe droughts inducing water shortages. Additional consequences of global warming include more coastal flooding precipitated by rising sea levels, melting glaciers, and early snowmelt, furthermore endangering many plant and animal species due to the disruption of habitat by e.g., wildfires and a range of other impacts. Moreover, global warming and climate change, which influence not only the environment but also our health and economy, are most likely to escalate if current trends continue.

It is our task to curb the dangerous climate change, which may require for instance very deep cuts in emissions, new, energy-efficient technologies, and the use of cleaner fuels worldwide. Questions that occur are what we will and can do to slow down global warming and how we will cope with the changes that have already been set in motion. The challenge is to find solutions that can be applied and widely adopted. International cooperation becomes essential and existential to promote prosperity while protecting the planet.

As we are facing a second major crisis that influenced us on a global level, the **World Health Organization** has been added to one of the BALMUN organs in 2021. The WHO has proven to be crucial to combat the Coronavirus pandemic.

We all, especially being young students, have a responsibility for this planet. The climate crisis and the effects of the Coronavirus directly affect our future. Participating in this year's conference means having the opportunity to interchange and collaborate on a greater future for our and younger generations. At BALMUN you set an example for young people all over the world to participate in their political surroundings, make their voices heard, and make change happen.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Pohsin
Secretary-General

Chelsea Wilp
President of the
General Assembly

Fabian Elsen Sicard
Deputy Secretary-
General

Emily Thiessenhusen
Deputy Secretary-
General

Conference Schedule

Thursday, May 6, 2021

17:00 - 18:00 | STOFF meeting

18:00 - 19:00 | Informal Opening with Introductory Film, Icebreakers and Mock Debate in all Committees

Friday, May 7, 2021

08:45 - 09:30 | Opening Ceremony

President of the General Assembly Chelsea Wilp

Dr. Markus Riemer, Principal of the ISG

Greeting by Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary

Greeting by Bettina Martin, MV Minister of Education, Science and Culture

09:30 - 10:15 | Keynote Speech

Diederik Samsom

10:15 - 10:30 | Selected Opening Speeches

10:30 - 10:45 | Break

10:45 - 12:00 | Committees in Session

12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch Break

13:00 - 13:45 | Speech Darion Akins and Q&A

13:45 - 16:00 | Committees in Session

Saturday, May 8, 2021

08:30 - 12:00 | Committees in Session

12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch Break

13:00 - 16:00 | Committees in Session

Sunday, May 9, 2021

08:45 - 10:45 | Committees in Session

10:45 - 11:00 | Break

11:00 - 12:00 | Closing Ceremony in Plenary

Secretary-General Charlotte Pohsin

Useful Links

[BALMUN Platform](#)

[BALMUN Press](#)

Delegate Preparation and Downloads

- [Virtual Conference Guide](#)
- [BALMUN Delegates Handbook](#)
- [Research Reports](#)

Committee Topics

GA 1:

- Expanding the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons of 2020 to assure global peace and security
- Creating obligatory ethical rules for the use of autonomous weapon systems to prevent inhumane warfare

GA 4:

- Strengthening decolonization in order to address anthropogenic climate change among indigenous peoples
- Implementing global guidelines giving instructions on the handling of peaceful protests in order to prevent violent escalations

Security Council:

- Securing peace in the Middle East with regards to the situation of the Kurds
- Defusing the situation in Yemen to combat the political, humanitarian and developmental crisis

Economic and Social Council:

- Rethinking trade with emission permits in order to promote the advantages of renewable energies
- Reducing economic and social impacts of the increasing number and fortitude of natural disasters caused by climate change

Environment Assembly:

- Combating the extinction of species caused by climate change
- Preventing loss of land due to rising sea levels and supporting affected areas

World Health Organization:

- Preventing the spread of diseases caused by climate change
- Giving instructions to manage global pandemics more effectively in the future

Opening Ceremony Speeches

Saudi Arabia	SIS Swiss International School Regensburg
USA	PORG Gymnázium
Malaysa	Katholische Schule Liebfrauen Berlin
Israel	Innerstädtisches Gymnasium Rostock

General Rules and Information

General Rules

The organizers of BALMUN reserve the right to dismiss any participant from the conference due to unruly behavior. Please refer to the Virtual Conference Guide for more details or contact your chair, secretariat, or MUN Director if you have any questions.

Guidebooks

Please see the guides that have been published on the [BALMUN Website](#). These include information about the special digital conference format, a delegate instructional guide, and a specific guide for writing resolutions.

Dress Code

Delegates and faculty advisers should dress in a formal manner suitable for an academic conference whenever participating in the conference - even if it is online. Gentlemen should wear a suit or jacket and trousers, shirt and tie; the ladies likewise a suit and a blouse. Please dress accordingly.

Zoom Virtual Backgrounds

We understand that an unstable internet connection may prevent delegates from using video calls and/or virtual backgrounds. However, the conference organizers expect that the video feature is turned on at all times, if possible. We would like to encourage all delegates to use virtual backgrounds, like for example their country flag. Delegates unable to meet these expectations must contact the committee chairs, committee admin, or secretariat members.

Conference Staff

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Speaker's Biography

Diederik Samsom

Opening Ceremony, Keynote Speech



Diederik Maarten Samsom (born 10 July 1971) is a Dutch environmentalist and retired politician who led the Labour Party (Partij van de Arbeid PvdA) from 2012 to 2016. Since November 2019, Diederik Samsom is Head of Cabinet for First Vice-President of the European Commission, Frans Timmermans. Elected to the House of Representatives between 30 January 2003 and 14 December 2016, he was elected PvdA parliamentary leader as well as party leader on 16 March 2012. Before his election to the House of Representatives, he was CEO of a green energy company and a campaigner for Greenpeace Netherlands.

Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, MdB

Opening Ceremony, Greeting



Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter has been the Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety since 2013. The graduate business economist had been active in marketing, consultancy, and communication until 2005. She was first elected to the German Bundestag in 2005, from 2008 to 2009 she directed the study-group Sustainable Mobility in the SPD Party-Executive-Committee, and since 2014 she

has been chairwoman of the board of trustees of the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (DBU), as well as chairwoman of the supervisory board of the Gesellschaft für Anlagen- und Reaktorsicherheit (GRS).

Bettina Martin

Opening Ceremony, Greeting



Bettina Martin has been appointed as Minister of Education, Science and Culture in May 2019. Prior to that, she worked as State Secretary to the Representation of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern to the Federal Government where she had been appointed in August 2017. Before that, she worked as Chief of Staff of the Federal Ministry of Family, Senior Citizens, Women Affairs and Youth during the last legislative period.

Between 2001 and 2009 she was part of several federal election campaigns of the Social Democratic Party (SPD).

She worked as press secretary as well as a consultant to education and youth issues. 2009-2013 she was Chief of Staff of the deputy hand of the federal party SPD, Manuela Schwesig in the SPD headquarters.

Bettina studied American Studies, Political Sciences and Economics at Freie Universität Berlin and Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA (as a Fulbright scholar). She started her professional career shortly after German unification in 1992 as press speaker of Berlin's Mayor and Senator of Labour and Women Affairs.

Bettina is a member of the Broadcasting Commission of Germany's Federal States and has a seat on the Advisory Board of the German public television station ZDF.

Bettina was born and grew up in Berlin. She is married and has two sons.

Darion Akins

Community Event – Special Guest Speaker, Friday 13:00



Consul General Darion Akins arrived in Hamburg in July 2019. He is a career Foreign Service Officer, and the Ambassador’s representative to the German states of Hamburg, Lower Saxony, Bremen, Schleswig-Holstein, and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. Before his assignment to Germany, Darion was in the Executive Office for the Bureaus of European and Eurasian Affairs and International Organization Affairs, where he oversaw the staffing of U.S. diplomatic missions in Europe and multilateral organizations, such as the U.S. Mission to the United Nations (USUN) in New York, the North Atlantic Treaty

Organization (NATO), U.S. Mission to the European Union (USEU), and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Prior to his Washington assignment, he served in Malaysia, India, Afghanistan, Australia, and Indonesia.

Darion holds a Master’s Degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College in Washington, D.C., and is also a graduate from Texas A&M University, where he studied Political Science and Business. He co-founded the National War College Alumni Association at the U.S. Department of State, and served as the organization’s President for two years.

Before joining the Foreign Service, Darion developed and implemented microfinance and income-generation projects in Zambia as a Peace Corps Volunteer. While working for a private firm in Japan, he met his spouse. Together, they have one teenage son. Darion’s language experience includes German, Japanese, and ChiNyanja.

Dr. Jens Heinrich

GA1, Guest Speaker



Jens Heinrich was born in 1982 in Rostock, Germany. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History at the University of Greifswald in 2007 and went on to get his Master of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Magdeburg in 2010. In 2016 Dr. Jens Heinrich graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Magdeburg. Dr. Heinrich has published various articles and papers about issues such as Arms Control, Disarmament, and non-

proliferation, Technology and Security. In 2017 he published his first book called “Rüstung und Rüstungskontrolle” in Springer Fachmedien. Dr. Jens Heinrich has been Research Assistant, Chair of International Relations and Development Cooperation at the University of Rostock since 2014.

Christian Klatt

GA 4, Guest Speaker



Christian Klatt is a political scientist who studied in Rostock, Bonn, and Ottawa. His fields of experience and interest lie in political theory, security architecture, fragile states, and the reinforcement of democracy. He works as a country director for the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (Foundation) in Bamako/ Mali. Before that, he worked in Dakar/ Senegal for the FES and he worked on political education in Germany.

Sören Faika

Security Council, Guest Speaker



Sören Faika studied Iranian studies, psychology, and conflict research. In 2012 he went on a semester abroad in Teheran and returned there during a sabbatical term in 2015. Sören Faika is the founder and managing partner of Deutsch-Iranische Beratung. He also founded Wunder über Tanavo e.V., which is a project promoting transnational exchanges between German and Iranian persons engaged in the cultural and artistic sector. Furthermore, Sören Faika established the Iran-division at Alsharq Reise GmbH. Among other things, Mr. Faika has done projects in cooperation with the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik and the German-Iranian Industrie- und Handelskammer. He has published journalistic articles in Spiegel, Deutschlandradio, and Fachmagazin Zenith. Sören Faika is a consultant for the Konrad-

Adenauer-Stiftung M-V.

Ferry Heilemann

Economic and Social Council, Guest Speaker



Ferry Heilemann is a Serial Entrepreneur, Climate Activist, and Impact Investor. He states about himself that he is obsessed with bringing our planet back on a sustainable track for future generations.

Mr. Heilemann's climate action journey evolved from changing his personal lifestyle drastically, to making his company Forto climate neutral, to co-founding Leaders for Climate Action (scaling climate action for businesses) and ultimately moving from CEO to the board at Forto to dedicate all of his time, energy, and resources to this purpose.

The instrument Ferry Heilemann has chosen to fulfill this purpose is Pirate Impact Capital, through which he invests their private funds in mission-aligned Founders building companies creating significant impact in the areas of environmental sustainability and social equality.

Dr. Hagen Radtke



Environment Assembly, Guest Speaker

Dr. Hagen Radtke works in the Department of Physical Oceanography and Instrumentation at the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde (IOW). He is a Postdoc in working group Dynamics of regional climate systems. Dr. Radtke's research interests include physical and biogeochemical modeling of the Baltic Sea, coastal ocean dynamics (coastal upwelling, sediment-water interaction), and process understanding of system changes on a climate scale.

Iris Borowy



World Health Organization, Guest Speaker

Iris Borowy is a distinguished professor at the University of Shanghai and director of the Center for the History of Global Development www.history-global-development.net. Prof. Borowy received her Ph.D. from the University of Rostock, Germany, and has worked at various universities in Germany, France, Norway, and Brazil. Iris Borowy's research has addressed the history of international health, the history of international organizations as well development concepts, and the evolution of the idea of sustainability. She has published about sixty academic papers, and articles, five (co-)edited volumes, and four monographs. Her publications include *Defining Sustainable Development for Our Common Future. A history of the World Commission on Environment and Development (Brundtland Commission)* (Milton Park: Routledge, 2014). At present, she is working on a project on the policies of international organizations regarding waste.

Delegations

Country	Represented by
Algeria	Schiller-Gymnasium
Bangladesh	Berlin Metropolitan School
Belarus	Schiller-Gymnasium
Brazil	Gymnasium Paulinum Münster
Canada	Berlin Metropolitan School
Chile	Berlin Cosmopolitan School
China	John F. Kennedy School
Colombia	Ashram College
Czech Republic	Innerstädtisches Gymnasium Rostock
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	CJD Christopherusschule Rostock
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Berlin Cosmopolitan School
Denmark	Arsakeio Tositseio Ekalis
Egypt	International School of Athens
Estonia	Innerstädtisches Gymnasium Rostock
Ethiopia	Dreilinden-Gymnasium
Fiji	Berlin Metropolitan School
France	Leibniz-Gymnasium Berlin
Germany	PORG Gymnázium
Iceland	Gymnasium Paulinum Münster
India	Open Gate School
Iran	Leibniz-Gymnasium Berlin
Ireland	Ashram College
Israel	Innerstädtisches Gymnasium Rostock
Italy	Gymnasium Paulinum Münster
Japan	Gymnasium Paulinum Münster
Kenya	Berlin Metropolitan School
Lebanon	Leibniz-Gymnasium Berlin
Malaysia	Katholische Schule Liebfrauen Berlin
Mexico	Open Gate School
Netherlands	Innerstädtisches Gymnasium Rostock
New Zealand	Universitas
Niger	Don-Bosco-Schule Rostock
Norway	Gymnasium Süderelbe
Pakistan	PORG Gymnázium
Philippines	Innerstädtisches Gymnasium Rostock
Republic of Korea	Innerstädtisches Gymnasium Rostock
Russian Federation	Nelson Mandela School
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Katholische Schule Liebfrauen Berlin
Saudi Arabia	SIS Swiss International School Regensburg
South Africa	John F. Kennedy School
Spain	Gymnasium Süderelbe
Sweden	Gymnasium Süderelbe
Tunisia	Marion-Dönhoff-Gymnasium
Turkey	Gymnasium Süderelbe
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	John F. Kennedy School Katholische Schule Liebfrauen Berlin PORG Gymnázium
United States of America	PORG Gymnázium
Viet Nam	PORG Gymnázium
Yemen	Open Gate School

Resolution Submission Process

Step 1: Delegates arrive at the conference with prepared policy statements and draft resolutions. In the course of lobbying, delegates strive to find consensus by merging their individual clauses into a resolution. Each lobbying group then selects a Main Submitter and Co-Submitters for each resolution.

Step 2: The Main Submitter must take the draft resolution to the Chair who in turn approves the draft resolution only if:

- It has the required number of Co-Submitters
- Its subject matter and proposed actions are within the power of the respective committee and relevant to the topic
- It has been formatted correctly
- It is not overly redundant of the substance in other resolutions
- It is not plagiarized

If any of these conditions are not met, the Chair returns the draft resolution to the Main Submitter explaining his or her reasons. The Chair may also return the resolution for reasons not listed above.

Step 3: If the conditions outlined under step 2 are met, and the Chair approves the document, the resolution is sent to the Approval Panel. This panel will review the resolution's format and readability. The Main Submitter may be asked to report to the Approval Panel to facilitate the correction of his or her resolution. After this step, the resolution will be copied and printed.

Step 4: The Chair sets the order for the debate of resolutions. At the appropriate time, copies of the resolution will be distributed. The Main Submitter is given the floor to read the operative clauses and introduce the resolution. Final refinement of the resolution in regular debate occurs through amendments, which can be submitted by any delegate and must be passed by the majority of the delegations present.

Step 5: After the time set for debate on the resolution has elapsed, or if the committee deems it necessary, the resolution is voted upon. After this, debate can be continued on the next resolution. The committee can debate and pass multiple resolutions on the same or similar topics.

Proper Resolution Format

Types of Clauses

There is a particular structure that every delegate has to respect while writing a resolution. First of all, a resolution consists of one single sentence that is divided into two sections: the **Perambulatory Clauses** and the **Operative Clauses**.

Perambulatory Clauses indicate the reasons behind the resolution and can refer to past UN resolutions or give background information such as statistics. They always begin with present participles (see the list of Perambulatory Phrases).

Operative Clauses describe the course of action the country or organization proposes. They always start with a verb (see list of Operative Phrases).

Your clauses should be logically arranged, clearly and precisely formulated, and not repeat themselves. A clause should not be a collection of unrelated thoughts or statements on a broad topic. Each clause should deal with only one aspect of the issue. Pay also attention to correct English grammar, vocabulary, and punctuation.

Useful phrases to start a preambulatory clause

Acknowledging	Deploring	Having studied
Affirming	Desiring	Keeping in mind
Alarmed by	Emphasizing	Noting with appreciation
Approving	Expecting	Noting with concern
Aware of	Expressing its appreciation	Observing
Bearing in mind	Expressing its satisfaction	Pointing out
Believing	Fulfilling	Reaffirming
Confident	Fully alarmed	Realizing
Congratulating	Fully aware	Recalling
Contemplating	Further deploring	Recognizing
Convinced	Further recalling	Referring
Declaring	Guided by	Taking into consideration
Deeply concerned	Having adopted	Viewing with appreciation
Deeply conscious	Having considered	Welcoming
Deeply convinced	Having examined	
Deeply regretting	Having received	

Useful phrases to start an operative clause

Accepts	Designates	Regrets
Affirms	Encourages	Requests
Approves	Endorses	Resolves
Asks	Expresses its appreciation	Seeks
Authorizes	Expresses its hope	Strongly condemns
Calls for	Further invites	Strongly affirms
Calls upon	Further requests	Suggests
Condemns	Hopes	Supports

Confirms
Congratulates
Declares accordingly
Deplors

Invites
Proclaims
Proposes
Recommends

Transmits
Trusts
Urges

Sample Resolution

FORUM: Environment Assembly

QUESTION OF: Outlining a Policy to Promote Individual Initiative to Preserve the Environment

MAIN SUBMITTER: New Zealand [Only 1 Main Submitter]

CO-SUBMITTERS: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Sweden [At least 5 Co-Submitters]

THE ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY, [Commission must be stated in all capital letters followed by a comma]

Aware of the fact that rising temperatures melt the polar caps, which steadily rise the mean sea level and keeping in mind that rising temperatures result from human-caused, [Italicize preambulatory word/phrase. Use comma and spacing of a line to separate preambulatory clauses]

Noting with regret there are several coastal areas, highly endangered by long-dated flooding,

Deeply convinced [Try not to start two preambulatory clauses with same word/phrase] that not only polity is responsible for a healthy and balanced environment, but also policy and individual initiative is necessary,

- 1) Requests [Underline each operative word/phrase. No two operative clauses should begin with the same word/phrase] governments of all nations to accept and explain the fact of change in climate in consideration of pollution in an official declaration, which must be accessible for all citizens; [Use semicolons to separate operative clauses]
- 2) Calls upon education and information for every individual of every nation by means such as but not limited to: [Introduce sub-clauses using colons]
 - a) public establishments to hold courses of instruction and advanced training for interested citizens in environmentally-friendly methods in: [Introduce sub-sub-clauses using colons]
 - i) Villages
 - ii) Communities
 - iii) Townships
 - iv) Regions
 - b) surveys for environmental constructions
 - c) education of agricultural workers in ecologic methods; [There are no subsequent sub-sub-sub-clauses]
- 3) Asks for international accepted reports, published by the United Nations, that research into global warming and proximate consequences, that must be open to the public;
- 4) Expresses its hope that the encouragement of public dialog about the preservation of the environment guides societies to complete success. [End resolution with a period]

Short Form Rules of Procedures

Motion/ Point	Second Required?	Interrupt Speaker?	Vote to Pass	Special Notes
Yields	no	no	none	Can be done after a delegate speaks. Can only yield to questions, another delegate, or to the Chair.
Right of Reply	no	no	none	Must be submitted in writing to the Chair. Requested when a delegate feels that someone has made a derogatory comment or insult.
Point of Personal Privilege	no	yes	none	Raised when a delegate experiences personal discomfort (e.g. can't hear).
Point of Order	no	no	none	Raised by a delegate to address a procedural matter. Doesn't allow a delegate to speak on the topic of debate.
Point of Information	no	no	none	Directed to other delegates for the purpose of asking questions related to speeches and draft resolutions.
Point of Information to the chair	no	no	none	Directed to the chairs for the purpose of asking questions related to procedure.
Point of Inquiry	no	no	none	Raised when a delegate has questions regarding the proceedings, directed to the Chair.
Suspend Debate (Caucus)	yes	no	simple majority	A specific length of time must be specified. A delegate can motion for an unmoderated or a moderated caucus.
Motion to divide the House	yes	no	none	In the likely event of a vote being particularly close, or even a tie, this motion forces all of those who have not voted (or "abstained") to vote either for or against. This could lead to a success or a failure for the resolution.
Motion to move straight into Voting Procedure	yes	no	none	Raised by a delegate when interest in speaking either for or against an amendment has dried up and makes the

				debate move directly to a vote on the amendment.
Motion to move to Previous Question	yes	no	none	Raised by a delegate when interest in speaking either for or against an amendment has dried up and makes the debate move on to the next procedural step.
Motion to extend Points of Information	yes	no	none	This motion is used to increase the number of Points of Information that can be asked to another delegate.

Partners

