

Hello Delegates,

Welcome to HAMUN 52! I am thrilled to have you as part of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)—truly one of the most exciting committees at this conference. My name is Anthony Rodas-Camacho, and it is an honor to serve as your chair.

To tell you about me: I'm a freshman at Brown University in Providence, RI, studying neuroscience and public health on the pre-medical track. Originally from Houston, TX, I've participated in HAMUN for three consecutive years, one of which was in this very committee. Though I'm a self-proclaimed science nerd, I've always been captivated by international affairs, especially how technology, science, and medicine shape the way people live globally. HAMUN has consistently been a space for exploration, growth, and thoughtful (and respectful) debate, which is exactly why I'm so excited to be back!

I chose to chair CSTD specifically because its topics are not only fascinating, but essential to understand in our rapidly evolving, digital world. Throughout this conference, I look forward to watching you explore emerging technologies from every angle; celebrating innovation while also grappling with the real questions it raises around access, equity, sovereignty, and human rights. I can't wait to see how you approach them!

My biggest piece of advice is to truly enjoy every moment of this experience. Prepare thoroughly, dive deep into your research, and come ready to make the most of your time here. Build friendships that last well beyond this weekend, advocate boldly for what your delegation believes in, and never hesitate to make your voice heard. HAMUN is a tremendous opportunity for growth, and I hope you embrace it fully. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns along the way!

Best regards,

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