

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Delegates,

Welcome to HAMUN! My name is Lillian Ross, and I will be your chair for this year's United Nations Environmental Program!

I am currently in my sophomore year at the University of Texas at Dallas studying biochemistry with a minor in dance. Since 2021, when I started Model UN, I have been a delegate in a total of 11 conferences. I also served as a vice chair last year for HAMUN. Throughout high school and college, MUN has helped me grow as an academic and as a person. It has shaped how I view the world, how I perceive global events, and helped hone my critical thinking skills. At its core, Model UN is a program that allows you to expand your worldview and enhances your ability to make informed arguments- both verbally and on paper.

I chose to staff UNEP for many reasons. Firstly, I am passionate about the environment and conservation efforts. I would like to see the unique perspectives the next generation will bring to modern issues relating to conservation, sustainability, and restoration. Secondly, a larger committee often allows delegates to form multiple groups with different approaches to the issue. Finally, UNEP topics are inclusive. Every member state is affected by the local, regional, and global environment, and every member state has a place to contribute meaningful solutions based on their own environmental, social, and economic contexts..

The most important part of this conference is to enjoy it and make a memorable experience for yourself. Everyone- myself, your teachers, and other HAMUN staff- are all here to help you learn and grow. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I am excited to meet and work with all of you!

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