

Debate Tips and Reminders

Things to think about when speaking:

- Intro of Country's History with topic
- Past actions by UN, Member States, and NGOs
- Current situation of topic
- Country's position on topic/explanation
- Ideas for resolution

The 6 C's of Public Speaking:

1. Confidence
2. Clear
3. Concise
4. Constructive
5. "Con Passion" = with passion
6. Critique (not criticize)

* Observe decorum = "Thank you honorable chair. Fellow delegates ..."

Effective Public Speaking:

1. Eliminate Unnecessary Speech Fillers
2. Use the power of the pause
3. Breathe!
4. Pace yourself (not too fast – not too slow)
5. Watch your physical position
6. Project your presence
7. Gesturing
8. Connect with your audience = eye contact
9. Communicate confidence

Stages of Debate:

1. The Idea Phase

Establish your presence/dominance in committee. You will collect and share ideas regarding the topic. Begin organizing ideas and people to tackle as many avenues as possible.

2. The Writing Phase

Separate bullet point ideas and elaborate on each, providing examples and organizations to be involved. Write each into clauses and sub-clauses. Delegate to all those involved in the group. Get the formatting right the first time!

Be ready to merge. (Know what other papers are out there) Go through revisions quickly and consistently to avoid further rounds.

3. The Critiquing Phase

Last chance to make an impression!

Introduce Draft Reso's to the floor. Defend your paper and argue others! You will need to build support for your paper, and be open to amendments.

The Debate/Motion Timeline:

1. Open the Speakers List
2. Set the Speaking Time (and Questions)
3. Set the Agenda
4. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 after setting the topic
5. Normal debate (moderated, unmoderated, speaker's list)
6. Introduce Draft Resolution → Reading Period
 - a. Author's Panel if allowed
 - b. Introduce Amendments
7. Closure of Debate
 - a. Move to vote on DR #
 - i. Will vote on amendments first!
 - b. Vote by Roll Call, Acclamation, Placard
 - c. Repeat for next papers
8. Adjourn the Meeting = End
Suspend the Meeting = Break (lunch, dinner)