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SEAS & OCEANS

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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COUNTDOWN TO PARTICIPATION

August

- Returning schools receive official invitation.
- New schools must apply via formal application (see Foundation website: Participation > New Schools).

September

- **Deadline: Friday 25 September 2026.**
 - Submit Registration Form (**ONLINE FORM I via MUNIS**).
 - Submit individual student applications (Student Officer, NATO, HSC, IC, ICES, Comité français and Press) - forms on website under downloads.

By registering for THIMUN The Hague 2027, you, your school, and your students agree to and accept the General Terms and Conditions, Payment Policies, Code of Conduct, and Privacy Policy of the THIMUN Foundation on our website.

- Schools to process pre-payment fees during registration **FORM I**.
 - Delegation assignments released **after** pre-payment.

October

- **By Monday 12 October 2026:**
 - Delegation assignments and individual appointments are published on Conference Web-App (categories: Student Officer, NATO, HSC, IC, ICES, Comité français and Press).

November

- **By Friday 20 November 2026:**
 - Submission of complete participant list via **ONLINE FORM II** (including MUN-Directors and Chaperones via MUNIS).
- **From 20 November 2026:**
 - Full fees apply regardless of attendance by the school or individual.
- **After 20 November 2026:**
 - Changes or substitutions require a €30.00 fee per updated ID badge.
- **By end of November 2026:**
 - Submission of Research Reports by Student Officers.
 - Submission of Visa requests using template and send to visa@thimun.org.

December

- Invoice for remaining balance available in MUNIS.
- Inform the THIMUN Office of HTM ticket requirements (see page 19 – HTM Public Transport Tickets).
- Transfer all outstanding fees.
- Statement of Account accessible in MUNIS after full payment.

January

- **By Friday 15 January 2027:**
 - Final payment deadline for all outstanding fees.
 - Schools receive email with final updates.
- **Mandatory Briefings:** Student Officers, NATO, IC, ICES and Press on **Monday 25 January**.
- **Conference Dates:** Tuesday 26 January – Friday 29 January 2027.
- **Conference Location:** World Forum the Hague, Churchillplein 10, 2517 JW The Hague.

RETURNING FORMS

- **ONLINE FORMS I & II** available via secure **MUNIS** system.
 - Access: Click MUNIS Log In button on website or go to www.apps.thimun.org/thimun/entrance.
- FORM I: School registration
- FORM II: Conference participation
- All **individual student applications** (Student Officer, NATO, HSC, IC, ICES, Comité français and Press) must be emailed to applications@thimun.org on the form **by the MUN-Director**.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Please note:

- This agenda is provisional and will be finalised closer to the conference with exact schedules in the conference webapp.
- Most conference days will run approximately 09:00–16:30, although individual schedules may vary depending on committee or role.
- There will be one free afternoon.

Monday 25 January 2027

- Between 14:00 and 17:00 - Possibility for schools to register before Tuesday morning
- At 12:30 - Mandatory briefing for Student Officers and Press
- At 14:30 - Mandatory briefing for NATO, IC and ICES

Tuesday 26 January 2027 (Day 1)

- Registration Schools and preparatory meetings
- Opening speeches and committee sessions begin
- Lobbying on Issues 1 & 2
- Opening Ceremony

Wednesday 27 January 2027 (Day 2)

- Debate on Issues 1 & 2
- MUN-Directors' Workshop
- Watch & Talk Event

Thursday 28 January 2027 (Day 3)

- Continued debate on Issues 1 & 2
- Lobbying for Issue 3
- MUN-Directors' Workshop

Friday 29 January 2027 (Day 4)

- Debate on Issue 3
- Final committee sessions
- Closing Ceremony

ISSUES ON THE AGENDA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)

General Assembly 1 [Disarmament and International Security]

- Combatting maritime insecurity [piracy, ghost fleet]
- Geopolitical tensions and ocean governance
- Strengthening security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region

General Assembly 2 [Economic and Financial]

- Developing sustainable coastal tourism by 2030
- Measures to reduce the impact of high oil prices
- Promoting the development of a sustainable blue economy

General Assembly 3 [Social, Humanitarian and Cultural]

- Developing health care infrastructure to limit the deterioration of public health
- Measures against the impact of climate change on coastal communities
- Measures against the social and economic impacts of plastic pollution

General Assembly 4 [Special Political & Decolonisation]

- Strategy for security and development in the Sahel
- The question of the Great Wall of Sand in the South-China Sea
- The question of the Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine

General Assembly 6 [Legal]

- Criminal Responsibility of Officials and Experts from the United Nations Mission
- Measures to counter maritime criminality [piracy, sabotage, illegal traffic]
- Promoting the recognition by the United Nations of the crime of ecocide

SECURITY COUNCIL (SC)

- Maintenance of peace and security in maritime strategic passages
- The situation in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo [DRC]
- The situation in the Middle East

ECOSOC (ECO)

- Doha Programme of action for the Least Developed Countries [LDCs] for the decade 2022–2031
- Increasing investments in infrastructure considering the rise of debt-trap diplomacy
- Tackling the illegal mining of and illicit trafficking in minerals and precious metals

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION (EVC)

Environment Sub-Commission 1 [EVC1]

- Combating marine pollution from land-based sources
- Minimising the environmental footprint of cruise ships
- Promoting the Green Jobs for Youth Pact [GJYP]

Environment Sub-Commission 2 [EVC2]

- Measures against illegal fishing
- Measures to promote Global Goal for Nature by 2030
- Measures to reduce the negative effects of desalinisation of sea waters

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC)

Human Rights Sub-Commission 1 [HRC1]

- Ensuring people with a disability have a voice in government
- Implementing traditional knowledge and indigenous rights in ocean governance
- The situation of human rights in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo [DRC]

Human Rights Sub-Commission 2 [HRC2]

- Measures to strengthen protection for migrants in distress at sea
- Protecting the rights of workers in the fishing industry
- The situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (SDC)

Sustainable Development Sub-Commission 1 [SDC1]

- Strengthening access to education for rural populations [SDG4]
- Balancing food security and marine conservation [SDG14]
- Mitigating pollution from container shipping [SDG14]

Sustainable Development Sub-Commission 2 [SDC2]

- Improving water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimising release of hazardous chemicals and materials [SDG6]
- Measures to implement sustainable ocean renewable energy sources [SDG7]
- Promoting sustainable protection against rising sea level [SDG13]

SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON SEAS AND OCEANS COMMISSION (SPC)

Special Conference Sub-Commission 1 [SPC1]

- Adapting the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [UNCLOS] to meet new challenges
- Countering maritime “grey zone” operations [drug smuggling, piracy, terrorist acts, sabotage]
- Implementing the Deep-Sea Conservation Coalition’s moratorium [DSCC]

Special Conference Sub-Commission 2 [SPC2]

- Countering illegal unreported and unregulated fishing [IUU]
- Expanding the role of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea [ITLOS]
- The issue of strategic maritime passages: threats to global trade security

HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL YEAR 1967 (HSC)

- Addressing the escalation of inter-communal violence in Cyprus [20 July 1967]
- Confronting the humanitarian crisis in Biafra [10 October 1967]
- Responding to the rapid escalation of armed conflict in the Middle East following pre-emptive strikes [5 June 1967]

INTERNATIONAL COURTS (IC)

- **ICC** - The Prosecutor versus Jean-Pierre Bemba Goba
- **ITLOS** - The detention of three Ukrainian naval vessels (Ukraine v. Russian Federation, provisional measures)

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION SUMMIT (NATO)

- NATO’s Istanbul Cooperation Initiative [ICI]
- Strengthening dialogue and cooperation with its partners in the Indo-Pacific region
- The question of security in the Baltic Sea

COMITÉ FRANÇAIS

- La situation des droits de l'homme dans la République islamique d'Iran
- Impacts environnementaux et sociaux de la pollution plastique
- La question des passages maritimes stratégiques : menaces à la sécurité commerciale mondiale

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA (ICES)

- Controlling climate change impacts on marine ecosystems
- Measures to protect submarine cultural artefacts
- Measures to protect submarine infrastructure

DELEGATIONS 2027

Members of the United Nations

SC= Security Council
ECO = ECOSOC
SD = Small Delegation
(Page 11 for delegation sizes)

Afghanistan	Dominican Republic (ECO)	Liberia (SC)	Saint Kitts & Nevis (ECO)
Albania (SD)	DPR Korea (North)	Libya	Saint Lucia (SD)
Algeria (ECO)	DR Congo (SC)	Liechtenstein	Saint Vincent & Grenadines (SD)
Andorra (SD)	Ecuador (ECO)	Lithuania	Samoa (SD)
Angola (ECO)	Egypt	Luxembourg (SD)	San Marino (SD)
Antigua & Barbuda (ECO)	El Salvador	Madagascar	Sao Tome & Principe (SD)
Argentina	Equatorial Guinea	Malawi	Saudi Arabia (ECO)
Armenia (ECO)	Eritrea (ECO)	Malaysia (ECO)	Senegal (ECO)
Australia (ECO)	Estonia	Maldives (ECO)	Serbia
Austria (SC)	Eswatini	Mali	Seychelles (SD)
Azerbaijan (ECO)	Ethiopia	Malta	Sierra Leone (ECO)
Bahamas (ECO)	Fiji	Marshall Islands (SD)	Singapore (SD)
Bahrain (SC)	Finland (ECO)	Mauritania (SD)	Slovakia
Bangladesh (ECO)	France (SC/ECO)	Mauritius	Slovenia
Barbados (SD)	Gabon	Mexico (ECO)	Solomon Islands (SD)
Belarus	Gambia (SD)	Micronesia, Fed. States	Somalia (SD)
Belgium	Georgia	Monaco (SD)	South Africa (ECO)
Belize (SD)	Germany (ECO)	Mongolia	South Sudan
Benin	Ghana	Montenegro (SD)	Spain
Bhutan (SD)	Greece	Morocco (ECO)	Sri Lanka (ECO)
Bolivia (ECO)	Grenada (SD)	Mozambique (ECO)	Sudan
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Guatemala (ECO)	Myanmar	Suriname (SD)
Botswana	Guinea (ECO)	Namibia	Sweden
Brazil (ECO)	Guinea Bissau (SD)	Nauru (SD)	Switzerland (ECO)
Brunei Darussalam (SD)	Guyana	Nepal (SD)	Syrian Arab Republic
Bulgaria	Haiti (SD)	Netherlands (ECO)	Tajikistan
Burkina Faso	Honduras	New Zealand	Thailand
Burundi (ECO)	Hungary	Nicaragua	Timor-Leste (SD)
Cabo Verde	Iceland	Niger	Togo
Cambodia	India (ECO)	Nigeria	Tonga (SD)
Cameroon	Indonesia	North Macedonia (ECO)	Trinidad & Tobago (SC)
Canada (ECO)	Iran	Norway (ECO)	Tunisia
Central African Republic	Iraq	Oman	Türkiye (ECO)
Chad (ECO)	Ireland (ECO)	Pakistan	Turkmenistan (ECO)
Chile	Israel	Palau (SD)	Tuvalu
China (SC/ECO)	Italy	Panama	Uganda
Colombia (SC)	Jamaica	Papua New Guinea	Ukraine (ECO)
Comoros	Japan	Paraguay	United Arab Emirates
Congo	Jordan (SD)	Peru (ECO)	United Kingdom (SC/ECO)
Costa Rica	Kazakhstan	Philippines	United Rep. of Tanzania (ECO)
Côte d'Ivoire (ECO)	Kenya	Poland	United States of America (SC/ECO)
Croatia (ECO)	Kiribati (SD)	Portugal (SC/ECO)	Uruguay
Cuba	Kuwait	Qatar	Uzbekistan (ECO)
Cyprus (SD)	Kyrgyzstan (SC)	Republic of Korea (South) (ECO)	Vanuatu
Czechia	Lao PDR	Republic of Moldova (SD)	Venezuela
Denmark	Latvia (SC)	Romania	Viet Nam
Djibouti (ECO)	Lebanon (ECO)	Russian Federation (SC/ECO)	Yemen
Dominica (SD)	Lesotho (SD)	Rwanda	Zambia
			Zimbabwe (SC)

SECURITY COUNCIL

- **Security Council:** 15-member delegation
 - **5 permanent members:** China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, United States of America.
 - **10 elected members:** Serve 2-year terms
- **Each of the following delegations** assigns **2 delegates** to the Security Council

Austria	France	Russian Federation
Bahrain	Kyrgyzstan	Trinidad & Tobago
China	Latvia	United Kingdom
Colombia	Liberia	United States of America
DR Congo	Portugal	Zimbabwe

ECOSOC

- **ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council):** 54 member countries.
 - One-third of members elected annually (rotating membership).
 - Rotation ensures balanced representation over time.
- **Each of the following delegations** assigns **2 delegates** to ECOSOC.

Algeria	Côte d'Ivoire	Maldives	Sierra Leone
Angola	Croatia	Mexico	South Africa
Antigua & Barbuda	Djibouti Dominican Republic	Morocco	Sri Lanka
Armenia	Ecuador	Mozambique	Switzerland
Australia	Eritrea	Netherlands	Türkiye
Azerbaijan	Finland	North Macedonia	Turkmenistan
Bahamas	France	Norway	Ukraine
Bangladesh	Germany	Peru	United Kingdom
Bolivia	Guatemala	Portugal	United Rep. of Tanzania
Brazil	Guinea	Rep. of Korea	United States of America
Burundi	India	Russian Federation	Uzbekistan
Canada	Ireland	Saint Kitts & Nevis	
Chad	Lebanon	Saudi Arabia	
China	Malaysia	Senegal	

NON-MEMBER DELEGATIONS

- **Non-member delegation size** depends on:
 - Delegation type.
 - Relevance of agenda items to their interests.
- Typically assigned to **one forum** with **one delegate** and **two delegates** in ECOSOC.
- **Non-member states / Official Observers (OOs)**

Delegations	Max.	Permitted Assignments
African Union	12	GA1, GA2, GA3, GA4; ECOSOC (2); EVC1, EVC2; HRC1, HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
European Union	12	GA1, GA2, GA3; GA4; ECOSOC (2); EVC1, EVC2; HRC1, HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
Holy See	6	GA1, GA3; HRC1, HRC2; SPC1, SPC2
League of Arab States	6	GA1, GA2, GA3, GA4; HRC1, HRC2
State of Palestine	6	GA1, GA3; SDC1, SDC2; SPC1, SPC2

○ Spokespeople / Lobbyist for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

Delegations	Max.	Permitted Assignments
Amnesty International	4	GA1, GA6; HRC1, HRC2
Greenpeace	10	GA2, GA3, GA6; ECOSOC (2); EVC1, EVC2; SDC1, SDC2; SPC2
Human Rights Watch	4	GA3, GA4, GA6; HRC1, HRC2
ICRC [International Committee Red Cross]	6	GA3, GA4; HRC1, HRC2, SDC1, SDC2
WWF [World Wildlife Fund]	6	GA3, GA6; EVC1, EVC2, SDC1, SDC2

○ Specialist Spokespeople for UN Organisations and Specialised Agencies

Delegations	Max.	Permitted Assignments
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS		
ECA (Commission for Africa)	9	GA1, GA2, GA3; EVC1, EVC2; HRC1, HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
ECE (Commission for Europe)	9	GA1, GA2, GA3; EVC1, EVC2; HRC1, HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
ECLAC (Com. for Latin America, Caribbean)	9	GA1, GA2, GA3; EVC1, EVC2; HRC1, HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
ESCAP (Commission for Asia, Pacific)	9	GA1, GA2, GA3; EVC1, EVC2; HRC1, HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
ESCWA (Commission for Western Asia)	9	GA1, GA2, GA3; EVC1, EVC2; HRC1, HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
OTHER UN AGENCIES		
FAO (Food and Agriculture)	6	GA2; ECOSOC (2); EVC1, EVC2; SDC1
IFAD (Agricultural Fund)	6	GA2; ECOSOC (2); EVC1, EVC2; SDC1
ILO (International Labour Organisation)	7	GA2; ECOSOC (2). EVC1, EVC2, HRC2; SPC2
IMF (Monetary Fund)	3	GA2; ECOSOC (2)
IMO [Inter. Maritime Organisation]	4	GA1, GA2; SPC1, SPC2
INTERPOL (Police)	4	GA1, GA6; SPC1, SPC2
IOM (Inter. Organisation for Migration)	3	GA1; GA2; HRC2
ISA (Inter. Seabed Authority)	3	ECOSOC (2); SPC1
OCHA (Humanitarian Affairs)	4	GA3; HRC2; EVC1; SDC1
UNCLOS (Law of the Sea)	4	GA1, GA6; SPC1, SPC2
UNCTAD (Trade and Development)	6	GA2, GA6; ECOSOC (2); EVC1; SPC2
UN DESA [Economic & Social Affairs]	6	GA2, GA3; HRC1, HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
UNDEF (Democracy Fund)	4	GA3; HRC1, HRC2; SDC1
UNDP (Development)	8	GA2, GA3; ECOSOC (2); HRC1, HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
UNEP (Environment)	9	GA2, GA3, GA6; ECOSOC (2); EVC1, EVC2; SDC1, SDC2
UNESCO (Education, Sciences, Culture)	6	GA3; ECOSOC (2); EVC1; HRC1; SDC1
UNFPA (Population Fund)	4	GA3; HRC2; SDC1; SDC2
UN-Habitat	4	GA3; HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
UNHCHR (Human Rights)	4	GA3, GA6; HRC1, HRC2
UNHCR (Refugees)	4	GA1, GA2; HRC1, HRC2
UNICEF (Children's Fund)	5	GA3; HRC1, HRC2; SDC1, SDC2
UN-Water (Fund for Water)	3	GA3; EVC2; SDC2
UN-Women (Fund for Women)	6	GA2, GA3, GA6; ECOSOC (2); SDC1
UNWTO (Tourism)	5	GA2, GA3; EVC1, EVC2; SDC2
World Bank	8	GA2, GA3; ECOSOC (2); EVC1, EVC2; SDC1, SDC2
WHO (World Health Organisation)	3	GA3; EVC1; SDC2
WTO (World Trade Organisation)	6	GA1, GA2, GA6; ECOSOC (2); SPC2

DELEGATION SIZE

The minimum and maximum restrictions on delegation size are as follows:	MIN	MAX
SC AND ECOSOC MEMBER COUNTRY Must be represented in: SC: 2 delegates ECOSOC: 2 delegates General Assembly: 3 - 5 delegates (1 seat per GA committee) All remaining delegates should be distributed across the other forums	14	16
SC MEMBER COUNTRY (non-ECOSOC) Must be represented in: SC: 2 delegates General Assembly: 3 - 5 delegates (1 seat per GA committee) All remaining delegates should be distributed across the other forums	12	14
ECOSOC MEMBER COUNTRY Must be represented in: ECOSOC: 2 delegates General Assembly: 3 - 5 delegates (1 seat per GA committee) All remaining delegates should be distributed across the other forums	10	14
STANDARD DELEGATION COUNTRY (no SC or ECOSOC) Must be represented in: General Assembly: 3 - 5 delegates (1 seat per GA committee) All remaining delegates should be distributed across the other forums	10	12
SMALL DELEGATION COUNTRY Must be represented in: General Assembly: 3 - 5 delegates All remaining delegates should be distributed across the other forums	6	12
NON-MEMBER DELEGATION Must be represented in: Each non-member delegation will be allocated one seat in each permitted forum (page 10)	-	-

ASSIGNMENT OF ROLES AND FUNCTION

- Each country delegation must appoint an Ambassador assigned to a GA (General Assembly) Committee.
- Non-Member delegations with GA seats must assign a Head of delegation to a GA Committee.
- If no GA seat is held, the Head of Delegation may be placed in another eligible forum.
- All delegates must be assigned to a specific GA Committee, Council, or Sub-Commission.
- MUN-Directors are not permitted to coach or advise delegates during sessions.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT APPLICATIONS

GENERAL RULES

- Individual student applicants must submit:
 - Completed Application Form.
 - Recommendation from MUN-Director, as part of the student application form.
- MUN-Director submits the full application to applications@thimun.org by the final deadline.

I. STUDENT OFFICER ROLES & REQUIREMENTS

- The Student Officer team includes the Executive Committee, Presidents, Deputy Presidents, Committee Chairs, and Deputy Chairs across various forums.
- All Student Officer applicants must:
 - Have strong knowledge of the THIMUN Rules of Procedure.
 - Understand current international affairs and assigned agenda issues.
- Selected Student Officers:
 - Receive instructions from the Executive Committee.
 - Complete Research Reports by end of November.
 - Attend **mandatory online briefings prior to the conference and in presence at the conference venue on Monday 25 January 2027** at the World Forum The Hague.
 - Participate in lobbying and oversee committee work during the conference.

Executive Committee Composition:

- Secretary-General & Deputy Secretaries-General
- President of the General Assembly
- President of the Security Council
- President of ECOSOC
- President of the Special Conference
- Presidents of the three Commissions: Environment, Human Rights, and Sustainable Development
- President of the NATO Summit
- President of the Historical Security Council
- President of the International Court
- Président(e) du Comité français
- President of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

Committee Chairs and Deputy Presidents

- **Committee Chairs:**
 - Oversee one of the General Assembly Committees during sessions.
 - These positions are usually filled by candidates with prior experience as Deputy Presidents or Deputy Chairs at THIMUN or THIMUN-Affiliated conferences.
- **Deputy Presidents** (of the three Commissions and Special Conference):
 - Preside over sub-commissions during sessions.
 - Assist Presidents during lobbying.

Deputy Committee Chairs

- Deputy Chair roles are designed to give younger students leadership experience.
- Aim: identify potential future leaders for upcoming THIMUN sessions.

II. NATO SUMMIT

- The **THIMUN NATO Summit** consists of 32 student delegates who will represent NATO member states, replicating the real NATO structure.
- Participants address political, diplomatic, economic, legal, and military aspects in their discussions.
- **Applicants must:**
 - Be from participating schools.
 - Have previous THIMUN experience.
 - Submit the NATO Application Form.
- Main task: draft and adopt a **joint communiqué** (a binding agreement, unlike standard MUN resolutions).
- The Summit follows Security Council-style rules and conducts all debates in plenary sessions.
- Quality of debate relies on participants' experience, flexibility, and enthusiasm.
- **All NATO delegates must attend a mandatory briefing on Monday 25 January 2027** at the World Forum The Hague

Albania	Finland	Lithuania	Romania
Belgium	France	Luxembourg	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Germany	Montenegro	Slovenia
Canada	Greece	Netherlands	Spain
Croatia	Hungary	North Macedonia	Sweden
Czechia	Iceland	Norway	Türkiye
Denmark	Italy	Poland	United Kingdom
Estonia	Latvia	Portugal	United States of America

III. HISTORICAL SECURITY COUNCIL YEAR 1967 (HSC)

- THIMUN 2027 will feature a Historical Security Council (HSC) simulation focused on the year 1967.
- Fifteen schools will each send two delegates to represent the 1967 Security Council member states.
- The HSC includes five permanent and ten elected members.
- Interested students must submit the HSC Application Form.
- Delegates will reenact the Council's response to three major 1967 events, in chronological order.
- Focus: explore potential actions the Security Council could have taken during these crises.

Argentina	China	India	United Kingdom
Brazil	Denmark	Japan	United States of America
Bulgaria	Ethiopia	Mali	USSR
Canada	France	Nigeria	

IV. THIMUN INTERNATIONAL COURTS: INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) & INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA (ITLOS)

- **The ICC** focuses on the prosecution of individuals accused of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.
- **The ITLOS** focuses on the peaceful settlement of disputes between States concerning the interpretation and application of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
- The proceedings focus on the presentation of evidence, witness examination and legal argument under the Rome Statute and the International Law of the Sea respectively.
- 20 participants:
 - **3 Student Officers** (2 Co-Presidents, 1 Registrar).

- **8 Advocates:** four for each case: Teams of two serving as Prosecutors and Defence Counsel (ICC), and Applicants and Respondents (ITLOS).
- **9 Judges:** nine participants will serve exclusively as Judges. Advocates will serve as Judges in the International Court in which they are not acting as counsel.

Applications open to students with:

- Strong academic ability and MUN experience.
- An interest in international affairs and international law.
- Strong independent research skills.
- **Applicants must indicate** their preferred role and outline relevant qualifications and experience.
- **Selected participants** must prepare for their assigned role, study the THIMUN International Courts materials, and attend the mandatory briefing on **Monday 25 January 2027**, at the World Forum; The Hague.

V. COMITÉ FRANÇAIS

- THIMUN will host a French speaking committee.
- **Comité français** : 60 pays
 - Volonté de montrer la diversité linguistique et culturelle de THIMUN.
 - Nécessité pour les participants d'une bonne maîtrise de la langue française.

Afrique du Sud	Égypte	Japon	Philippines
Algérie	Espagne	Koweït	Pologne
Allemagne	États-Unis	Madagascar	Qatar
Arabie saoudite	Éthiopie	Malaisie	République de Corée
Argentine	Fédération de Russie	Maroc	Rép. dém. du Congo
Australie	Finlande	Mauritanie	Royaume-Uni
Bangladesh	France	Mexique	Singapour
Brésil	Grèce	Namibie	Somalie
Bulgarie	Inde	Nigeria	Thaïlande
Cameroun	Indonésie	Norvège	Tunisie
Canada	Irak	Nouvelle-Zélande	Turquie
Chili	Iran	Oman	Ukraine
Chine	Israël	Pakistan	Venezuela
Cuba	Italie	Panama	Vietnam
Danemark	Jamaïque	Pays-Bas	Yémen

VI. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA (ICES)

- **New to THIMUN 2027:** Experience a **unique science-based simulation** of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) addressing real-world ocean challenges.
- The **THIMUN ICES Forum** consists of 19 student delegates who will represent ICES member states, replicating the real ICES structure.
- Participants develop evidence-based recommendations and gain insight into how scientific research shapes international environmental policy.
- **Applicants must:**
 - Be from participating schools.
 - Have previous THIMUN/MUN experience.
 - Submit the ICES Application Form.

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- **Main task:** Draft and adopt a joint communique (a binding agreement, unlike standard MUN resolutions).
- THIMUN 2027 will collaborate with the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature to ensure this is a valuable and beneficial experience for all participants.
- **All ICES delegates must:**
 - Attend the mandatory briefing on **Monday 25 January 2027** at the World Forum The Hague.

Belgium Canada Denmark Estonia Finland	France Germany Iceland Ireland Latvia	Lithuania Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal	Spain Sweden United Kingdom United States of America
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VII. PRESS & MEDIA

Under the guidance of the Press & Media Communications Coordinator, press members are responsible for conference news, social media, photos and videos.

Press & Communications Delegation Roles:

- Writers/reporters/interviewers
- Photographers / videographers.
- Illustrators / cartoonists.
- Social media / post creators.

Application Requirements:

- Submit the Press & Media Application Form.
- Familiarity with MUN is advantageous and experience in at least one of the following:
 - Journalism.
 - Online publishing (e.g. WordPress).
 - Photography/videography.
 - Artwork creation.
 - Graphic design
 - Social media management/content writing.
- **Expectations:**
 - Contribute ideas and content prior to the conference.
 - Join online meetings before the event
 - Attend a **mandatory briefing on Monday 25 January 2027** at the World Forum The Hague.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- Successful applicants will be announced by mid-October.
- Students in individual positions must travel and stay with their school delegation.
- THIMUN is neither responsible for their travel nor accommodation costs.

FEES

- All individual position holders must pay the full participant fee.
- Exception: Executive Committee members of the Student Officer team.

CONFERENCE FEES & DEADLINES

2027 CONFERENCE FEES	
Delegation fee per school delegation	€ 190.00
Participation fee per person For MUN-Directors/Chaperones/Delegates/Student Officers/NATO/HSC/IC/ICES/ Comité français/Press (except Executive Committee) Includes lunches and an HTM Public Transport Conference ticket*	€ 340.00
Changes to FORM II after November Deadline Any changes made after this date will result in an updated ID badge at a fee. Replacement ID badges requested during the conference will require on-site registration and a cash payment.	€ 30.00

*** Schools NOT requiring the HTM Public transport cards must inform the THIMUN Office before 1 December 2026. Those schools will receive a discount of €20.00 per participant on the participation fee.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- Financial statement available in MUNIS system after logging in at www.apps.thimun.org/thimun/entrance
- Access and print statement of accounts under the "Account (financial)" section.
- Once FORM II is accepted, should a balance be due, the statement acts as an official invoice requesting payment.

DEADLINES & CANCELLATIONS

Changes / Substitutions:

- After **20 November 2026**, changes or substitutions require a €30.00 fee per updated ID badge.
- Requests must be submitted by email to the THIMUN Office.

Cancellations:

- From **20 November 2026**, full fees apply regardless of attendance by the school or individual.
- No refunds issued after this date.
- Cancellation costs depend on the date written notice is received by the THIMUN Office:

Cancellation of participant or school:	
After 25 September 2026	100% of the pre-payment becomes non-refundable
After 20 November 2026	100% of all fees are due, with no refunds issued

PAYMENTS

DELEGATION PRE-PAYMENT

- All schools must submit a non-refundable pre-payment by **Friday 25 September 2026**, in line with the FORM I registration deadline.
- Upon receipt of payment, THIMUN allocates delegations based on requested number of seats.
- Pre-payment must include the delegation fee (see detailed examples below).

€ 5,290.00 for a SC/ECOSOC Country (covers for 14 students plus 1 MUN-Director + Delegation Fee)
€ 4,610.00 for a SC Country (covers for 12 students plus 1 MUN-Director + Delegation Fee)
€ 3,930.00 for a Standard Delegation or ECOSOC Country (covers for 10 students plus 1 MUN- Director + Delegation Fee)
€ 2,570.00 for a Small Delegation Country (covers for 6 students plus 1 MUN-Director + Delegation Fee)
€ 1,210.00 for a Non-member Delegation (covers for 2 students plus 1 MUN-Director + Delegation Fee)

- The **remaining balance must be paid by Friday 15 January 2027**. A complete detailed financial statement can be accessed through the MUNIS system after submission of FORM II.

BANK TRANSFER

- **Remaining balance** due by **Friday 15 January 2027**.
- Financial statement available via **MUNIS** after login.
- **MUN-Directors** must bring proof of payment to on-site registration.
- **All payments must:**
 - be in euros, net of bank charges.
 - be transferred to THIMUN's ABN AMRO account.
- **Bank Transfer Instructions:**
 - Must include school name.
 - Mention school ID number (from MUNIS).
 - Use IBAN and BIC/SWIFT to avoid delays and extra charges.

THIMUN BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

THE HAGUE INTERNATIONAL MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Account No.: 484264567

IBAN: NL03ABNA0484264567

BIC/SWIFT: ABNANL2A

ABN AMRO Bank, Koningskade 30, The Hague

BANK CHARGES

- Schools must cover all bank charges related to conference fee payments.
- To avoid or minimise these charges, schools should instruct their bank to transfer the **full amount net of all charges** directly to THIMUN's ABN AMRO account via bank transfer.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- Schools must arrange their own travel to/from The Hague and accommodation during the conference.
- THIMUN can only provide limited assistance.
- Schools are advised to contact **ITO Tours** for help with:
 - Hotel bookings.
 - Transfers.
 - Local trips in the Netherlands.

OUR TRUSTED TRAVEL AGENCY – ITO TOURS

- **The team at ITO TOURS** offers accommodation packages including transfers for a smooth and enjoyable trip to the Netherlands.
- **Additional services include:**
 - Cultural and scenic excursions in the Netherlands.
 - Pre/post-conference nights in cities across the Netherlands, Belgium, or France (based on time/budget).
 - Custom excursions before/after the conference.
- Visit **ITO's website** for more details (<https://itotours.com/mice/thimun/>).
- Once THIMUN registration is confirmed, schools can begin trip planning.
- Submit enquiries to thimun@itotours.nl for personalised travel assistance tailored to exact needs, budget, and preferences.

TRAVELLING TO THE NETHERLANDS

- Schools take full responsibility for travel to/from the Netherlands for the THIMUN conference.
- **Schools should check:**
 - Official Dutch government websites
 - Their own national government websites
 - All travel and entry requirements

INSURANCE

- Schools are strongly advised to obtain **cancellation, travel, and medical insurance**.
- **THIMUN is not responsible** for any related costs incurred by schools or participants.

VISA APPLICATION PROCESS (⚠️ IMPORTANT)

- **For students and teachers requiring a visa to enter the Netherlands**, the MUN-Director must send a formal request to the THIMUN office (visa@thimun.org) using the visa template on our website under downloads.
- **DO NOT SUBMIT A VISA REQUESTS UNTIL YOUR FORM II HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.**
The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs has strict instructions we must adhere to. We cannot submit a letter unless the participation (FORM II) is submitted.
- All **visa requests from the same school** must be submitted **together in a single document**.
- Visa processing takes time, late submissions risk delays or non-attendance.
- Upon receiving required information, the THIMUN Office issues a **formal invitation letter** to the MUN-Director for visa applications.

- **Request must include the following details for each applicant:**
 - Full name (as written in the passport).
 - Date of birth.
 - Nationality.
 - Passport number.
 - Passport dates of issue and expiration.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

- **THIMUN & ITO Tours** offer an airport pick-up service to your hotel/hostel or the World Forum.
- **Alternative transport options:**
 - From **Amsterdam/Schiphol Airport**:
 - Take a direct train to **Den Haag Hollands Spoor (HS)** or **Den Haag Centraal (CS)**
 - From **Den Haag Hollands Spoor station (HS)**:
 - Take tram **1** (direction Scheveningen, stop **World Forum**)
 - From **Den Haag Centraal Station (CS)**, there are **3 possibilities**:
 - Take Tram **17** (direction Statenkwartier, stop **Kunstmuseum Den Haag**)
 - Take Bus **24** (direction Kijkduin, stop **Kunstmuseum Den Haag**)
 - Take Bus **28** (direction DH Zuiderstrand, stop **Statenplein**)
 - All options are within a short walking distance to the conference venue.

HTM PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONFERENCE TICKET

- At registration, all participants (students, MUN-Directors, chaperones) receive a **4-day HTM public transport ticket** (valid Tuesday to Friday).
- Ticket allows unlimited tram/bus travel in **The Hague and Scheveningen** during the conference.
- **Extra day cards** available online via the HTM website.
- Schools **not needing HTM cards** must notify the THIMUN Office by **1 December 2026**.
 - These schools receive a **€20.00 discount per participant** on the participation fee.

ACCOMMODATION

- THIMUN requires accommodation details for all participants during the conference.
- Schools must provide the **name of their accommodation** on **FORM II**.
- **Local students** staying at home are **exempt from this requirement**.
- Information is for administrative purposes only.
- THIMUN does **not handle hotel bookings or changes**.

CONDUCT

GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

- THIMUN The Hague is an educational simulation of UN Councils
 - Delegates act as **diplomats and ambassadors** for their assigned country/organisation and school.
- High standards of **personal conduct and behaviour** are required both inside and outside the World Forum.
- **Proper delegate behaviour** is essential for maintaining strong relations with the **World Forum, the City of The Hague, as well as the diplomatic and business communities**.
- Schools must **select students carefully** and avoid bringing those likely to cause disciplinary issues.
- Misconduct affects the reputation of both **THIMUN, and the school** involved.
- **Attendance at THIMUN is by invitation**. Schools or individual students may lose the privilege if students do not uphold proper standards and accepted behaviour.

MUN-DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT

- All students must be **accompanied and supervised by designated MUN-Director(s)**.
- A MUN-Director must be a teacher at the school or one of the participating schools
- Each group should have **at least two MUN-Directors**.
 - Small or local delegations may have just one MUN-Director.
- **Students staying in hotels must be supervised by MUN-Directors**, who must:
 - Stay in the same hotel.
 - Have rooms located close to student rooms.
 - Sign the hotel Code of Conduct (via ITO PCO) and ensure student compliance.
- At least one MUN-Director per school must be:
 - **Present at the World Forum** during conference hours.
 - Attend the **MUN-Director meeting on Tuesday**.
- **MUN-Directors** are required to **adhere to the dress code** (see below).

DRESS CODE

- **Formal dress and appropriate footwear** are required from Tuesday to Friday, reflecting what real UN diplomats wear.
- **Prohibited attire** includes:
 - National dress.
 - Military uniforms.
 - Armbands.
- Dress code is enforced to maintain professionalism and avoid offending other delegates.

CONDUCT IN THE WORLD FORUM

- Delegates and teachers must be courteous to World Forum staff and THIMUN staff, many of whom volunteer their own time to serve participants.
- **Smoking is strictly prohibited** throughout the World Forum.
- **Alcohol consumption and drug use** is not permitted.

CONDUCT IN HOTELS

- THIMUN relies on the **goodwill of hotels** to offer affordable accommodation for delegates.
- **Poor behaviour by even one student** can jeopardise future hotel availability.
- Students must act responsibly to maintain **positive relationships with hotel staff and management**.
 - Students must **always be polite and considerate to hotel staff and other guests**.
 - A **curfew of 11 p.m.** is recommended each night. **No noise in hotel rooms after 10 p.m.**

TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

- **Smoking, alcohol and drug use are strictly prohibited inside the World Forum.**
- MUN-Directors must set and enforce their own rules for students outside the venue.
- **In the Netherlands, the legal drinking age is 18.**
- MUN-Directors are responsible for enforcing rules on tobacco, alcohol, and drugs both on and off conference premises.

THIMUN POLICY ON UNDIPLOMATIC BEHAVIOUR, BULLYING, HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION

- All forms of disrespectful behaviour, bullying, harassment, and discrimination are strictly prohibited in preparation of and during THIMUN conferences.
- Disrespectful behaviour violates THIMUN's educational mission and core values.
- Incidents of undiplomatic behaviour, bullying, harassment or discrimination should be reported to the THIMUN Foundation's Board or staff either directly or through:
 - Faculty advisor.
 - Head committee chair.
 - Executive student officers.
- Consequences may include:
 - Verbal reprimand.
 - Expulsion from the conference without compensation.
 - Barring individuals and/or their schools from future THIMUN events and conferences.
- The THIMUN Foundation reserves the right to take any actions they deem necessary to ensure a safe and respectful environment.

PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL SAFETY

- Every THIMUN participant has the right to feel safe, included and affirmed.
- THIMUN is committed to creating a community in which all students and staff thrive, and all identities are affirmed and protected.
- Undiplomatic behaviour, bullying, harassment, and discrimination violate THIMUN's core values and are not acceptable at THIMUN conferences.

UNDESIRABLE BEHAVIOUR

- THIMUN wants to ensure a **pleasant and safe environment** for all participants.
- Discrimination, intimidation, vandalism, provocation, aggression, bullying, nuisance, or violence in any form will **not be tolerated**.
- Such behaviour may lead to removal from the conference without a refund.

DEFINITION OF BULLYING:

- **Bullying includes written, verbal, digital, or physical actions that:**
 - Harm a student's ability to participate in or benefit from a THIMUN conference.
 - Place a student in reasonable fear of harm.
- **Bullying may be based on actual or perceived:**
 - Race, colour, national origin.
 - Sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.
 - Disability.
 - Religion.
- **Bullying also includes targeting a student due to characteristics of someone they associate with (e.g., friend or family member).**

DEFINITION OF HARASSEMENT:

- **Harassment** includes written, verbal, digital, or physical actions that:
 - Negatively impact a student's ability to participate in or benefit from a THIMUN conference
- **May be based on actual or perceived:**
 - Race, colour, national origin.
 - Sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.
 - Disability.
 - Religion.
- **Harassment also includes conduct that targets a student because of a characteristic of a student's friend, family member, or associated group.**

DEFINITION OF CYBERBULLYING:

- **Cyberbullying** involves using any electronic or digital communication to **bully or harass**.
 - Applies **regardless of location** or type of digital platform used.
 - Follows the same definitions and standards as bullying and harassment (see above definitions).