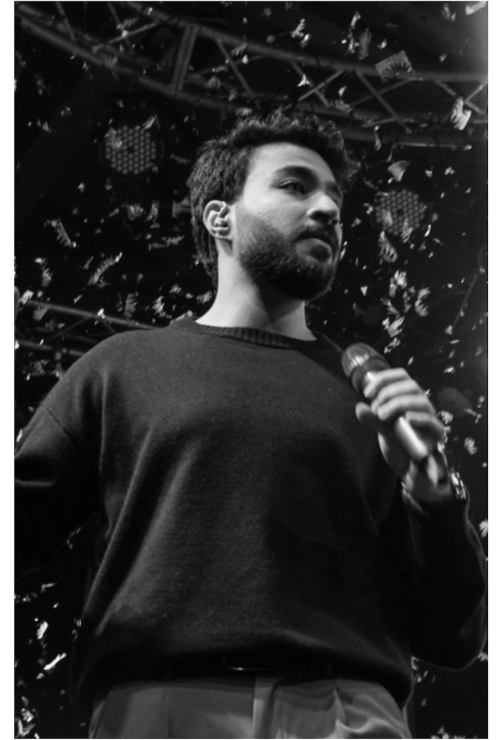


## TWO DECADES OF DIPLOMACY

### LUMUN CRESCENDOS: RHYTHMIC REVERIE TAKES CENTER STAGE ADMIST RISING TENSIONS IN COMMITTEES



### Maanu and Abdul Hannan Take the Stage

There is nothing like a concert to help elevate the day's stress. And we are sure the delegates must agree as they let the musical marvels of Maanu and Abdul Hannan carry their worries away as they danced and sang to the beat. We extend our heartfelt appreciation (and condolences) to the host team members working diligently to ensure this experience was memorable for you. And, of course, LUMUN Socials, who were the masterminds behind this event, and (we're not salty at all) that

they totally hid their Iraaday from us until Night Zero.

Maanu and Abdul Hannan took the stage with the perfection of the musical melodies. Still, they did not hesitate to vibe with the crowd to make it a wonderful experience for everyone involved. Delegates and host team alike cheered and sang their hearts out with them, especially Iraaday and 4U, which we are sure are bound to become LUMUN's new anthem as everyone screamed their favorite songs at the top of their

lungs. However, we can only hope this did not impact the delegates' ability to speak in their committee sessions today. We would really love to talk about all of the songs that were sung, but at the risk of becoming repetitive, we will not. Instead, we would like to mention Abdul Hannan's guitarists, who were an absolute delight as they let themselves be carried away by the songs and lit the stage with their energy.

## LUMUN's Spirit of Inclusivity

We, at LUMUN, believe healthy debate can only take place when perspectives from individuals with diverse experiences are shared. Therefore, keeping in mind the success of this committee last year, the Social Responsibility Department set up a committee for deaf people again in 2023 to provide them with a platform to showcase their skills as debaters as well as communicate their concerns and views. The conversations held in this committee have been enlightening for us, and we hope the delegates shared a similar experience.



## Committees in Session

At the heart of LUMUN lie its committees, which are each unique with their own potential for diplomacy and resourcefulness. As the debate gets heated here at Publications, we've got you covered with all the important updates!

Sparks flew in the Security Council yesterday as the three major blocs clashed over solutions to the ongoing crisis. Bloc 1 was spearheaded by the USA and Israel, Bloc 2 was led by Brazil and Bloc 3 was under the leadership of Russia and China. Beyond the ideological tug-of-war, a particularly heated exchange erupted when Russia accused the USA of hypocrisy, highlighting perceived inconsistencies between its actions and its demands for international law to be upheld. Meanwhile, the plight of hostages held by the insurgents remained a pressing concern.

The frigid winds of controversy swept through SPECPOL as delegates tackled the icy issue of resource exploitation in Antarctica. On one side of the iceberg, nations like Zimbabwe stood firm, their voices booming that Antarctica's riches should remain untouched. But Russia, a vocal proponent of development, painted a different picture. Exploitation, they argued, wasn't a wolf at the door, but a key to unlocking scientific advancements that could benefit all mankind. Caught upon the crossfire, Seychelles called the Russian Federation a hypocrite in poetic fashion saying, "Goldfish, Selfish. Russia is selfish". Amidst the heated debate, Denmark emerged as a voice of reason. Proposing that the formation of new treaties is absurd and revisions to existing ones should be done. And then there was the audacious proposition, whispered like a crackle in the polar air: the establishment of a Government of Antarctica.

Day two of LUMUN marked a notable shift in PNA's atmosphere, with delegates fully embracing the essence of Pakistani politics. Animated discussions unfolded regarding provincialism and federalism in A-7 as the room reverberated with impassioned descriptions of injustices faced by the people. We are certain the ACD concluded the day with a strained voice, a testament to the fervor and chaos in the room. PNA faced high stakes, requiring the formation of four blocs within a limited time period. Despite the intensity, delegates managed to strike poses for MnD's cameras, adding a touch of flair to the proceedings.

Over in the moot court, the delegates in DISEC saw the committee splitting in half over stances on the creation of a new resolution or body to ensure safety for all as the race for space exploration continues. The chairs made it a point to provide explanations of technical terms used within the committee to ensure delegates new to MUNs understood the proceedings. In response to

requests for an entertainment session, the chairs, in a declaration of their passion for the topic, announced that the whole committee was an entertainment session. This was met with enthusiastic response from the participants. Truly, as Fatima Sarfraz put it, "Space and bombs, guys! What's there not to like?"

We're sure we have all probably laughed at reading UNCSTD's name because why not? The delegates were no different as they made jokes about their own committee's name; however, we can be certain the Chairs are tired of the joke by now (sorry, dear delegates, the host team beat you to it!) But beyond that, the debate quality as UNCSTD is truly ahead of its time as the delegates race against time to discuss all the moral dilemmas AI presents.

In UNODC, a unique committee session took shape amid the dimly lit underbelly of shadowy crimes. Beyond the gripping debate, another layer was added when a panel talk by the UNODC officials further enriched the delegates with deep insights on the fight against organized crimes and illicit affairs.

UNHCR continues to fight tirelessly to provide a safe haven, a flicker of hope, for those who have lost everything. In yesterday's sessions, delegates continued to find consensus amongst each other during unmoderated caucuses, which resulted in the formation of blocs in light of the Syrian refugee and Russo-Ukraine refugee crises as the delegates continue to voice their stances while striving for a solution that benefits all.

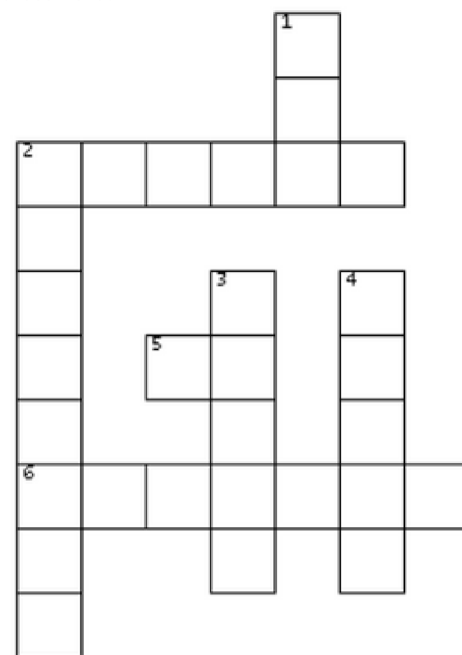
SOCHUM delegates wrestled with ethical complexities today in an unmoderated caucus, as Germany leveled fiery accusations against Russia. Citing harrowing reports, the German representative presented evidence suggesting Russia's deployment of children in the Ukrainian conflict.

UNESCAP continues to chart the region's vibrant future, thread by thread. At the same time, after trying to navigate the stormy seas with the broken compass, the delegates managed to find the North star with their resilience and travel in the right direction.

ADHOC doesn't miss with its intensity and the show of theatrics in the committee. In Blackbeard's War Committee, things were heating up as the common people began to riot, and the Spanish fleet was fast approaching. The delegates, led by Blackbeard, raced against time to devise a solution to prevent this crisis, but as we know, this is a developing situation and not a Netflix show we can binge; thus, we all must wait to see what finally takes place.

## LUMUN Crossword

Think you know LUMUN? We invite you to put your skills to the test with this crossword!



### ACROSS

2. SRP's Deaf Committee Was Sponsored By
5. LUMUN'S Travel Ticket (department)
6. LUMUN's New Anthem (think concert)

### DOWN

1. The Committee With No Resolutions
2. There's An Imposter Among Us (department)
3. Hermione Granger Of LUMUN (EC Member)
4. Mr.President (EC Member)