

To the delegates of African Summit,

Welcome to an open forum for political discussion and discourse. Over the course of the conference we will be discussing various pressing issues unique to African countries. I hope to stimulate discussion that leads to the creation of working solutions.

My name is Jack Lebenbom and I will be your Chair at this year's Yeshiva University Model United Nations conference. I hail from Southfield Michigan and have been participating in YUNMUN since 2014. After graduating from Akiva Hebrew Day School I spent a year in Israel at Netiv before returning to America to study at YU. I am currently a Strategy and Entrepreneurship major in my senior year, and I hope to be working in the wonderful world of startups after I graduate. While the African Summit had its inaugural year at YUNMUN last year as a traditional committee, this year it will be functioning as a technology committee. For more information on technology committees, please see the FAQ sheet, Technology Committee Procedure Guide, and YUNMUN Technology Committee Explained which will all be posted on the YUNMUN website.

As a technology committee, African Summit will only cover one topic this year. The allowance of laptops in-session will permit built-in research time, allowing us to foster nuanced and complex discussions covering essential world issues. Because of this development, as well as the Google Slides presentation and the expectation for more in-depth resolutions, we believe it is both most practical and most efficient to tackle a broader topic as opposed to skimming the surface of two issues. We will be using technology to enhance efficiency and learn more, but at the same time, other aspects of YUNMUN consistent with tradition will remain intact. Notes will be written and passed by hand, and much will take place as usual, without the use of technology. The conference will still feel like the YUNMUN we all know and love.

Our topic for this conference is encouraging continuing advancement across Africa.. Delegates should come well researched and prepared to seriously debate the issues at hand. Feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns. Please feel free to reach out with questions, comments, concerns, and more at jlebenbo@mail.yu.edu.

Best,

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Chair, African Summit
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