

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – JLMUN'26

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) was established in 1997 through the merger of the UN Drug Control Programme and the Centre for International Crime Prevention. It serves as a specialized agency of the United Nations focused on combating illicit drugs, transnational organized crime, corruption, and terrorism. UNODC works to promote justice, strengthen legal systems, and support international cooperation in addressing these global challenges.

UNODC operates primarily as an advisory and supportive body rather than an enforcement authority. Its role is to assist member states by providing research, policy guidance, and technical support, as well as helping implement international conventions such as the UN Convention against Corruption and the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. While its recommendations are not legally binding, they are highly influential and guide national and international policies. Delegates should understand that solutions proposed within UNODC focus on cooperation, prevention, and capacity-building rather than direct enforcement actions.

The committee includes all UN member states, each with equal voting rights, and decisions are generally made through majority vote or consensus. In a Model United Nations setting, UNODC follows the standard flow of debate. Sessions begin with a speakers list, where delegates present their country's stance. This is followed by moderated caucuses to discuss specific aspects of the issue, and unmoderated caucuses where delegates negotiate, collaborate, and draft resolutions. Draft resolutions are then introduced, debated, amended if needed, and voted upon. Delegates are expected to actively engage, negotiate effectively, and work together to produce realistic and cooperative solutions.

UNODC is highly relevant in today's globalized world, where issues such as drug trafficking, human trafficking, cybercrime, and corruption cross national borders and impact international security and development. Its work helps strengthen the rule of law and supports safer societies worldwide. Overall, UNODC provides a platform for countries to cooperate on complex security and justice issues, making

it an important committee for understanding global crime prevention and international collaboration.