

# Committee Guide

**GA 3rd 2023**

## Our World at a Turning Point

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**BREAKING OLD PATTERNS**

***Taking  
Responsibility to  
Improve Support for  
Climate Migrants***



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## 1. Personal Introduction

### 1.1. Arik Luhn

Hello,

My name is Arik. I'm 20 years old and I currently study Nachhaltigkeitsökonomik (sustainability economics) at the Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg.

I have recently picked up chess again, although I have a variety of interests ranging from Star Wars and Marvel to macroeconomic developments and philosophical topics, mixing in also a lot of psychology. Furthermore, I really enjoy doing sports, such as volleyball and handball.

This year will be my third participation in OLMUN and my second time as a Chair.

Let me just tell you that OLMUN is truly exciting and a great opportunity to learn, especially if you take it seriously, believe in your own abilities and raise your voices during the debates. You shouldn't be afraid of making mistakes, since it frequently happens to the best of us. After all, we didn't let falling down discourage us from learning how to walk.

That being said, I am looking forward to seeing all of you in June!

### 1.2. Isabella Meyer

Hi,

My name is Isabella and I'm 17 years old. I am currently in grade 11 at the Altes Gymnasium Oldenburg. Some hobbies of mine include reading, listening to music (mostly but definitely not exclusively K-Pop), playing the cello and dancing. I do, however, also enjoy talking about the several fandoms I'm part of (such as multiple anime fandoms).

Last year, at OLMUN 2022, I participated, as the Canadian delegate in the UN Women committee. It was a lot of fun and I wish I could just relive that amazing experience over and over again. This year, like my two co-chairs, I decided to chair a committee. In addition, I am part of the Inner Circle. Since this will be my chairing "debut", I'm really excited.

I hope that we, as your Chairs, will be able to convey at least as much (if not more) fun as was conveyed to me last year, and that we'll be able to show you just how special OLMUN is to us.

## 2 How to use this Guide

One last tip: don't pressure yourselves too hard, your primary focus should be on having fun while doing your tasks.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing you all in June!

### 1.3. Lada Blech

Hey,

My name is Lada and I'm 18 years old. At the moment I attend the 12th grade at the Cäcilien-schule Oldenburg. I have a lot of interests but in my free time I mainly like to read, draw or play the piano. I had my MUN debut last year at OLMUN 2022 as a delegate in the GA3rd. The same year in August I participated at VISMUN in Poland as a Delegate again in UNEP. This year I am part of the OLMUN Inner Circle and I'll be chairing a committee for the first time. From experience I can say that MUNs are most fun when you have done enough research on your topic, so you can have fun debates with your colleagues. As Arik already said, don't be afraid of making mistakes, there is a first time for everything.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in June and hope to enrich you with a new experience :)

## 2. How to use this guide

First of all, we are grateful for all of you, who will be part of our committee this year. This guide should serve as the starting point of your preparatory work. After you have read this guide, you will know:

1. Who will be chairing the committee,
2. Where, when and why the committee was created,
3. What is the topic, we will be dealing with,
4. How to start your research,
5. What to hand in prior to the conference.

**Have fun, making it all the way through the guide!**

## 3. About the GA 3rd

Before we start to give you an overview of the topic that contains the most important pieces of information, we will tell you something about the history of the GA3rd and some of the previous work the committee has done.

The Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly (GA3rd), also called the Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM), was founded in 1945 in reaction to the establishment of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights. Focusing on issues dealing with fundamental human rights in the international community, the Third Committee promotes and enforces basic freedoms and ideals meant to be enjoyed by the entire international community.

These include the right to life, the expression of cultures, the freedom of political participation, the protection of children's rights, and the promotion of social development, among many others. The goal of the committee is to design peaceful settlements for issues within the large spectrum of social, humanitarian, and cultural complications, by initiating studies that encourage recommendations for the promotion of international cooperation and fundamental freedoms for all.

In 2022, the committee held its seventy-seventh session, chaired by His Excellency Jose Alfonso Blanco Conde of the Dominican Republic, with 15 items, such as criminal prevention, the advancement of women, and social development, allocated to it. In total, 62 draft resolutions were considered, more than half of which were submitted under the human rights agenda item alone.

## 4. Taking Responsibility to Improve Support for Climate Migrants

Let us now give you an overview of the topic that we will be dealing with.

We will try to answer the question of how the UN can take responsibility to improve support for climate migrants.

### 4.1. What is Climate Migration?

Climate migration refers to the movement of people from one place to another due to the impacts of climate change, such as sea-level rise, droughts, floods, and extreme weather events. This migration can occur within a country (internal displacement) or across international borders (international migration).

### 4.2. Why is it an Issue?

Climate migration is a significant issue because it has the potential to cause social, economic, and political disruptions, particularly in vulnerable communities. Climate migrants may face challenges such as loss of land, resources, and livelihoods, as well as exposure to new diseases, discrimination, and violence.

### 4.3. What has the UN Done so far?

The United Nations has recognized climate migration as a growing concern and has taken several steps to address the issue. In 2018, the UN General Assembly adopted the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, which aims to provide a framework for safe, orderly, and regular migration, including for those who are forced to move due to climate change.

In addition, the UN has established the Platform on Disaster Displacement, which is a state-led initiative that aims to address the challenges associated with displacement due to natural disasters and climate change. The platform aims to enhance cooperation among states and stakeholders and to promote the development of policies and practices that can protect and assist those who are forced to move.

Furthermore, the UN has encouraged countries to include climate migration in their national climate change adaptation strategies and to provide support to vulnerable communities to

build resilience to climate change and its impacts. The UN has also called for greater efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which are the root cause of climate change, to mitigate its impacts and reduce the need for climate migration.

### 4.4. What else could the UN do?

The United Nations could take several actions to improve support for climate migrants. Some of these actions include:

- 1. Increase funding:** The UN can mobilize additional resources to support climate migrants, including funding for humanitarian assistance, protection, and long-term development. This funding can come from both public and private sources.
- 2. Advocacy:** The UN can use its platform to raise awareness of the challenges faced by climate migrants and to advocate for their rights and protection. This can involve working with governments, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders to promote policies and practices that support climate migrants.
- 3. Capacity building:** The UN can provide technical assistance and capacity building support to countries and communities to help them better prepare for and respond to the impacts of climate change, including climate migration.
- 4. International cooperation:** The UN can promote international cooperation to address the challenges of climate migration, including through multilateral agreements and frameworks that promote safe, orderly, and regular migration.
- 5. Research and data collection:** The UN can support research and data collection efforts to better understand the impacts of climate change on migration and to inform policy and practice.

Overall, the UN has an important role to play in improving support for climate migrants. By mobilizing resources, advocating for their rights, building capacity, promoting international cooperation, and supporting research and data collection, the UN can help ensure that climate migrants are able to move safely and with dignity, and that their needs are met.

These are only examples for some of the measures the UN can take. You will very likely come up with more during your own research. Since these are also quite general, feel free to make them more specific, when you write your draft resolutions (more on the draft resolutions later).

## 5. How to Continue

You have now received the most important pieces of information, but there are still two points that have to be covered.

### 5.1. Research

Firstly, you should do research on your country, because you will be representing its interests and not your own. See it as an opportunity to learn about a country, about which you might have not known a lot before and getting to see the world from a different perspective.

You will also find helpful links that you can use to begin your research at the end of the guide. However, you are very much inclined to use other sources as well. The better you are prepared, the better the debates will be, and the more fun we will have.

### 5.2. Policy Statement and Draft Resolution

Secondly, we will require you to send us a policy statement and a draft resolution prior to the conference. Since these documents will be very important, you really must do good research. Don't worry, you will receive an email from us very soon with the necessary explanation and deadlines.

Your only job for now is to get an understanding of your country and the topic. You can use the helpful links below to begin your research.



## 6. Helpful Links

### 6.1. Helpful Links

- [Climate-change migrants: what can be done? - YouTube](#)
- [Climate migrants: who are they and where will they go? | AFP - YouTube](#)
- [The world's first climate change refugees - YouTube](#)
- [Chart: Climate Change, the Great Displacer | Statista](#)
- [Migration - Our World in Data](#)
- [Improving the evidence base: A methodological review of the quantitative climate migration literature - ScienceDirect](#)
- Climate change and displacement in Mena [6141fa9d4.pdf \(unhcr.org\)](#)
- [Global Affairs and Strategic Studies. Facultad de Derecho \(unav.edu\)](#)
- [The Great Climate Migration Has Begun - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

### 6.2. References

- [N2259700.pdf \(un.org\)](#)
- [UN General Assembly - Third Committee - Social, Humanitarian & Cultural](#)
- [HandbookOLMUN2023](#)

Please check out the **Rules of Procedure** and the **OLMUN Handbook** too.

Congratulations for having made it all the way through the guide! You will be hearing from us shortly.



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