

ZAMUN Conference 2022

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ZAMUN is the Zambia Model United Nations which takes place once a year and is a simulation of the actual United Nations (UN). It is a model of the United Nations practiced in every country to prepare students for a greater impact on society. Students are called upon to identify solutions to global challenges through progressive debates.

At Chalo Trust School, we had not attended ZAMUN for the past 2 years due to the Covid-19 pandemic but with the help of Kucetekela Foundation and the school management, we participated this year. This was an extremely wonderful experience after such a long time. This time around even non KF students joined the program, making it even more interesting.

Most students especially non KF were new to ZAMUN and needed guidance on how to go about it. Since I have knowledge of what ZAMUN is, I had to help in preparing the others. I had to orient them and familiarize them with terms such as “delegate, committees and opening speeches.” Being the president of the school’s general communication club, it was easier to organize everyone for these lessons. I’m glad I had an opportunity to share this knowledge and in the process ended up understanding the program even better.

In preparation for the conference, we came up with a research timetable to ensure every student in each committee had enough access to the computers and internet. I also helped in creating a page where I included everyone and would post updates on the conference.

At American International School, which was the venue for the 2022 ZAMUN, everything was well arranged and all we needed to do was identify our committees. Two of the KF students (Anthony Kunda and Emmanuel Mutambo) were privileged to chair the Development Committee. This showed how competent they have been towards the program. My committee, General Assembly, was looking at the right to privacy in a digital age. I was in support of this motion while others were not. My justification for this is that everyone deserves the right to privacy. The debate was quite interesting because everyone seemed to have valid points to back up their thoughts on this issue.

ZAMUN has a culture of acknowledging outstanding students. This was a great moment for two KF students who won awards for best delegate and honorable mention. These are IB students,

Grace Muyunda and Abel Njamba. From the comments of their peers, Abel and Grace did their research very well and their facts were correct. They were in the Security Council committee where they talked about the situation in the Middle East involving the Palestinian question of statehood and recognition.

The conference has made me become knowledgeable about so many things, especially current affairs. My research skills have also improved because the program is designed in such a way that it prompts students to carefully research in order to present their facts well.