

## Model African Union

MAU is a simulation of the proceedings of the continental African Union. We step into diplomatic positions and examine relevant African issues to create solutions that promote unity and collaboration of African nations. Students study the role of organization and performance of the African Union and highlights key economic, social, political and security issues facing the African continent.

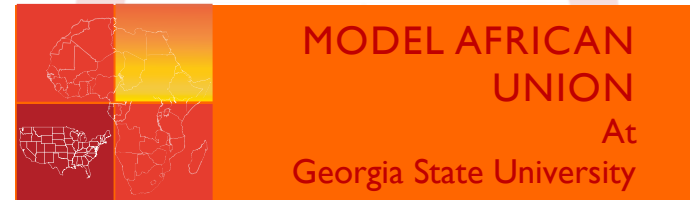


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*"In the moment of crisis, the wise build bridges and the foolish build dams."*

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## Benefits and Outcomes

- ◆ Expand worldview knowledge and interest
- ◆ Learn Robert's Rules of Order
- ◆ Experience International Diplomacy
- ◆ Increase public speaking and debating skills
- ◆ Network with African ambassadors and students at Southeast Regional Conference and the National Conference in Washington, D.C.

## African Union History

"Let Us All Unite and Celebrate Together"

The African Union originated from the Organization of African Unity and replaced this institution on September 9, 1999. The union consists of 54 African states that all collectively work to obtain lasting unity for the continent Africa. The main objectives call for work to eradicate any remaining traces of colonization and apartheid, encourage continental cooperation to increase development and leverage in the global economy, respect and protect member states' territorial integrity, and promote international cooperation by the United Nations' guidelines.

There are nine separate organs within the union that focus on specific issues and solutions that support these objectives. The most supreme of the organs is the assembly, consisting of the Heads of States, who meet annually to make the final decisions. The commission manages the day-to-day maintenance of the AU. This organ constructs the strategic plans for the different portfolios of issues that need to be addressed, as well as coordinate all AU policies and programmes. Lastly, the Pan-African Parliament is the legislative organ that ensures full participation of the African peoples in governance, development and economic integration within the AU.

There are plans for growth in the future to include a financial institution, the African Economic Community, that is pushing for a single currency by 2023.

## Organizational Accomplishments

- ◆ 2011 -- Outstanding Delegation award, representing Togo
- ◆ 2012 -- Outstanding Delegation award for Economic matters, representing Equatorial Guinea
- ◆ 2012-14 -- Committee Leadership awards for Economic Matters and Social Matters, representing Equatorial Guinea



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