

TWO ROLE-PLAYINGS (TOPIC 3)

1) ROLE-PLAYING TITLE: CLIMATE DISPUTE SHOWDOWN - PICKING THE PERFECT PATHWAY!

Welcome to the Climate Dispute Showdown! Here, you'll navigate the intricate world of specialized mechanisms for resolving climate change disputes.

The Scenario: A small island nation, Sunhaven, accuses a major industrial nation, Industria, of failing to meet its emission reduction targets under the Paris Agreement. Rising sea levels threaten Sunhaven's existence, and they demand Industria compensate for the damages and support adaptation efforts. Industria denies full responsibility and claims the current agreement lacks a clear enforcement mechanism.

Your Mission: Choose the most fitting dispute resolution mechanism for Sunhaven and Industria's case. Consider the strengths and weaknesses of each option before making your final decision!

Round 1: The Options

You have three specialized mechanisms to explore:

1. **International Court of Justice (ICJ):** The highest judicial organ of the United Nations, known for settling legal disputes between states based on international law.
2. **Arbitration:** A process where parties agree to have a neutral third party make a binding decision on the dispute.
3. **Facilitation & Negotiation:** A non-adversarial approach where a neutral facilitator guides parties towards a mutually agreeable solution through negotiation.

Round 2: Strengths & Weaknesses

ICJ:

- **Strengths:** Legally binding decisions, strengthens international law.
- **Weaknesses:** Time-consuming and costly process, limited enforcement power.

Arbitration:

- **Strengths:** Flexible and customizable process, faster than ICJ.
- **Weaknesses:** Outcome not based on established law, relies on chosen arbitrators' expertise.

Facilitation & Negotiation:

- **Strengths:** Cooperative approach, fosters dialogue and understanding.
- **Weaknesses:** Reliance on parties' willingness to compromise, may not lead to a definitive outcome.

The Choice is Yours!

Based on the scenario and the strengths and weaknesses of each mechanism, which option would you recommend for Sunhaven and Industria? Consider factors like:

- The urgency of finding a solution for Sunhaven.
- The importance of setting a legal precedent for future disputes.
- The willingness of both parties to compromise.

Bonus Round: Exploring Hybrid Approaches!

Sometimes, the most effective solution combines elements from different mechanisms. Think creatively! Could a combination of facilitation and arbitration work in this case?

Ready to choose your champion mechanism? The fate of Sunhaven and the future of climate action depend on your decision!

2) CLIMATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CHALLENGE - THE CASE OF THE RISING WATERS

Welcome to the Climate Dispute Resolution Challenge!

You are a climate **mediator** tasked with resolving a complex dispute. Buckle up, it's time to navigate the rising waters of international disagreement!

The Case: A group of low-lying island nations (LINs) in the Pacific Ocean are facing rising sea levels due to climate change. They claim that historical greenhouse gas emissions from a group of developed nations (DNs) are causing their lands to disappear. The LINs demand compensation for the loss of their land and infrastructure, as well as financial support for adaptation measures. The DNs acknowledge the severity of climate change but argue that the science linking their emissions to specific impacts in the LINs is uncertain. They also express concern about the potential financial burden of widespread compensation.

Your Mission: As the mediator, your goal is to guide the LINs and DNs towards a mutually agreeable solution. You have 3 rounds to navigate key challenges:

Round 1: Establishing Common Ground

- **Challenge:** Find common ground on the urgency of climate action.
- **Action:** Present scientific evidence on climate change impacts and highlight shared interests in a stable global climate. Award points for emphasizing the need for both mitigation (reducing emissions) and adaptation (preparing for impacts).

Round 2: Addressing Loss and Damage

- **Challenge:** Bridge the gap on compensation for loss and damage.
- **Action:** Explore options like establishing a loss and damage finance mechanism funded by developed nations. Award points for creative solutions that consider historical responsibility and future vulnerability.

Round 3: Building a Sustainable Future

- **Challenge:** Facilitate agreement on long-term solutions.
- **Action:** Discuss technology transfer and capacity building to support adaptation efforts in the LIn. Award points for promoting collaborative research and development of low-carbon technologies.

Scoring: You earn points for successfully navigating each challenge. The higher your score, the closer you are to reaching a fair and sustainable resolution.

Bonus Points: Throughout the game, you'll encounter opportunities to earn bonus points for innovative approaches, like considering the rights of future generations or involving civil society organizations.

Ready to take on the challenge? Let's find a solution that keeps the islands above water!