

Overview

Model Diplomacy is a free classroom simulation of either the U.S. National Security Council (NSC) or the UN Security Council that takes place both online and in the classroom in a blended learning environment. It presents hypothetical situations based on real issues from past and present. It has two cases that involve Sub-Saharan Africa.

Materials

The Model Diplomacy website

Instructional Plan

Model Diplomacy cases that involve Sub-Saharan Africa include the following:

- **Boko Haram in Nigeria**
Boko Haram, designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department, is waging an insurgency against the Nigerian government. Its campaign, estimated to have killed at least twenty thousand people in recent years, threatens the stability of Nigeria, a major oil producer and Africa's most populous country. Following a massive Boko Haram attack in Lagos, Nigeria's president has requested that the United States sell heavy military equipment to the country. The NSC needs to advise the president on whether to authorize the sale, which is currently prohibited under U.S. law because of the Nigerian military's alleged human rights abuses.
- **Humanitarian Intervention in South Sudan**
Rival South Sudanese factions have fought a civil war since the end of 2013, causing mass displacements, tens of thousands of deaths, and widespread hunger. Negotiations between the leaders of these factions are stalled, and South Sudan's dry season approaches, signaling intensified fighting and a humanitarian crisis of potentially historic proportions. The president has asked the NSC for options on whether and how the United States should pursue a humanitarian intervention in or around South Sudan.