



SIMULATION GAME

Omaria - Regional Integration

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LEVEL

Experienced, Expert

TARGET GROUP

diplomats, government representatives, NGO workers interested in regional integration, starting from 18 years of age

DURATION

4-6 hours, > 6 hours

PARTICIPANTS

12 - 30

LANGUAGES

English

Background

This simulation game focuses on regional socio-economic and political integration and deals with the complex challenges that a regional organization is confronted with. The setting is the yearly summit of a fictitious regional organization in a fictitious region. In the course of the organization's existence, the wish for an advanced integration in certain thematic fields occurred and initial agreements were reached concerning the adherence to democratic principles, the freedom of movement and the wish for an increased cooperation concerning common challenges such as adaptation to climate change. This year's summit is therefore considered by many observers and political analysts as a decisive point for the future of the organization and it seems clear that the member states are willing to tackle several controversial topics to mark a clear pathway for future development.

Scenario & Procedure

In this simulation, participants embody member state delegates of a regional organization, tasked with deliberating on freedom of movement (A), democratic standards and supranational institutions (B), and climate change (C). Discussions encompass the effectiveness of current freedom of movement agreements, potential revisions, the creation of mandatory democratic standards and supranational bodies, and sanctions for democratic standard violations. Additionally, delegates consider establishing a climate change agency within the organization. The simulation commences with the 2018 annual summit, aiming to chart a future scenario for OMARIA by identifying interests and forming a roadmap. Spanning two days, the game involves multiple rounds, concluding either with decisions or the latest negotiation developments if no consensus is reached. On day one, participants address critical organization issues, including freedom of movement (A) and democratic standards with supranational institutions (B), culminating in a possible member state

LEARNING TARGETS

- > insight into the workings of a regional organization/developing
- > innovative initiatives and problem solving approaches
- > gaining experience in combining conflicting interests and viewpoints while reaching for a common goal



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culminating in a possible member state suspension decision. The second day sees ORIO member states discussing climate change (C) and the final summit declaration, leading to a final press conference attended by all actors after the negotiation process and summit's conclusion.

Objectives

The simulation allows participants to exploring the decision making process within a regional organization. The simulation game not only clarifies the interests and objectives of the different member states of ORIO, but also makes the conflict dynamics come alive. By playing their roles the participants can discover new aspects of regional issues and thus gather new ideas on conflict resolution. During evaluation the course of the simulation can be analyzed and the decisive factors for compromise are determined.

