HMDC Presents...

Bloc Map: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Topic: Food Waste, Recovery, and Farmland Restoration

In 2022 the world wasted 1.05 billion tonnes of food while 783 million people were affected by hunger, according to the UN Environment Programme. Food waste is not only a rich-country problem: household waste differs by just 7 kilograms per person between richer and poorer countries.

THE MAIN GROUPS (BLOCS)

A bloc is a group of countries that often vote together. Rows that start with "Check:" mean our sources do not name the members, so research them yourself.

Group	Who is in it	What they want	Source
Countries that already measure food waste	Only four G20 countries (Australia, Japan, the UK and the USA) and the European Union have food waste estimates good enough to track progress to 2030.	Set targets and measure progress carefully.	UN Environment Programme
Countries with high hunger	Check: which countries in your committee have high hunger and food loss on farms.	Help store and transport food so it does not spoil before it reaches people.	UN Environment Programme
Partnership group	UNEP supports public-private partnerships between governments, businesses and NGOs.	Governments, shops and food banks working together to move extra food to hungry people.	UN Environment Programme
Farmland restoration supporters	Check: which countries in your committee have damaged farmland.	Repair land, because food loss and waste take up land equal to almost a third of the world's farmland.	UN Environment Programme

FINDING YOUR ALLIES

1.	If your country measures food waste, team up with the EU, Australia, Japan, the UK and the USA.
2.	If your country has high hunger, look for allies that also lose food on farms and roads.
3.	Every country can support partnerships, because UNEP says food waste happens in rich and poor countries.

THREE COMPROMISE IDEAS

A compromise gives each side something it wants. Try one of these in an unmoderated caucus.

1.	Agree that every country will start measuring food waste by a set year, with help for countries that cannot pay.
2.	Protect donors from legal blame when they give safe extra food to food banks and schools.
3.	Use money saved from cutting waste to restore farmland in the countries that need it most.

YOUR NOTES

My country's bloc: _____ My first ally: _____

SOURCES

According to UN Environment Programme, "World squanders over 1 billion meals a day: UN report", March 27, 2024. https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/world-squanders-over-1-billion-meals-day-un-report

Positions change. Before the conference, read your own country's newest statement on this topic.