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**Topic:** ECOFIN/Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

ECOFIN stands for the Economic and Financial committee. ECOFIN topic 2 is implementation of the United Nations convention to combat desertification. This topic will include discussion on the UN convention to combat desertification and its preventing actions including integrating land and water management to protect soils from erosion.

The four subtopics that were elected are, education and awareness, water usage, sustainable agriculture, and finance. In subtopic one (education and awareness) many important things were discussed. Such as the future generation and their safety, alarmed by the lack of awareness, and school curriculums. In the second subtopic (water usage) they discussed all the water that was wasted, cholera vaccinations, and accessible water sources. In the third subtopic, sustainable agriculture, some ideas were crop rotating, expressing appreciation and supporting indigenous efforts. In the last subtopic (finance and infrastructure), providing aid, adapting new tech, and convincing the need to spend money on it are all things that were discussed.

I interviewed Layla Salazar from Kenmont J.R. High from Brownsville, TX. She knew that it was important to combat desertification. She was doing subtopic four (finance and infrastructure). One of their subtopic ideas was to adapt new tech. I asked her how they would get the funds for the new tech and this was her response. She said “by bargaining goods.”

After everything, everyone split into two groups and started adding and changing little things to the paragraphs. I really had an enjoyable time and learned a lot - thank you, ECOFIN.