



The following are some tips on making a presentation in an international setting which you may find useful, especially if this is your first time presenting in such an environment. Your professor will also be able to provide you with some guidance.

1. English language skills.

If you are not confident in your English language skills, we would encourage you to practice your presentation multiple times and become very comfortable with the content. Seek advice from a native or fluent English speaker if you are unsure about terminology, or the tone of your presentation.

2. Know your audience.

Keep in mind whom you are going to be addressing when you prepare your presentation

3. Keep it simple, especially if you're going to give a talk to a general audience.

Before you talk, determine your main points and outline them. Avoid simply putting the text of your speech in slides. Writing out the words you'll be saying on slides is not advisable.

Slides should be used for emphasis and should follow a logical sequence from introduction to conclusion with relevant and memorable take-home points.

Test your presentation with someone that is unfamiliar with the topic.

4. Emphasize connection over content.

Your passion for a topic can draw people in; talking without any enthusiasm for the topic can deplete energy in the room and eclipse your message. Talk to persuade, not just to inform.

5. Diversify your delivery.

People don't learn just by listening. Use visual tools (such as slides), incorporate research and tell stories. Be careful, if you intend to use anecdotes: especially a story about yourself.

Never add anything that can be seen as discrimination, racism, political or religious bias.

Another reason to use different media in your talk is to make it more dynamic and compelling. Using mixed media creates energy and vibrancy. You might, for instance, start with a video and then use powerful images later in your talk.

6. Know the setup.

Have a run-through in the space you'll be speaking at if possible the day before, especially if you'll be talking in front of a large audience.

7. Know the context.

As we will be at a UN setting, familiarize yourself with the work of the IAEA and the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

8. Be authentic.

Authenticity—sounding like yourself and using everyday language—is key to getting your message across to an audience

9. Be on time.

It is very important that you deliver your presentation within the time frame.

10. Be prepared.

Bring a back-up of your presentation on a flash drive, and have a copy accessible through the internet (i.e. in the cloud)

For more tips, watch this video:

https://www.ted.com/talks/chris_anderson_teds_secret_to_great_public_speaking?language=en