

23RD ALL AFRICA HUMAN RIGHT MOOT COMPETITION: KISUMU CAMPUS SELECTION ROUNDS

Date and time:

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Location / Venue:

Moot Court-Kisumu Campus

The African Human Rights Moot Competition was established in 1992 by the Centre of Human Rights, University of Pretoria. A “moot court” or “mock trial” competition is an event where a court case is simulated. Participants or mooters are required to prepare arguments for both sides of the case. In the African Human Rights Moot Court competition, students from Universities in Africa argue a fictitious human rights case before a panel of eminent scholars, jurists and practitioners who play the role of judges in a setting synonymous with an international court or tribunal. The Moot gives students an opportunity to focus on selected human rights issues, prepare an in depth submission, and improve their writing.

The University of Nairobi School Of Law, in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights of the University of Pretoria, will host the 23rd edition of the competition in Nairobi from 1st to 7th of September, 2014. A core team of teaching and non-teaching staff as well as alumni will manage the Moot. This is the first time that the event will be hosted in Kenya.

In preparation for the event, each participating university organises local rounds to select the team, which will represent the university. As a result, hundreds of students across Africa are reached every year.

The School of Law, Kisumu campus in preparation for the University of Nairobi selection process organised its own internal rounds that took place on the 9th of May, 2014. The selection process was organised in two phases. The first phase was presided over by members of Academic Staff. The second phase was presided over by eminent and distinguish advocates from the Kisumu Law Society.

The judges of the final rounds were Messrs P.J. Otieno, Advocate and Madam W. Osogo, Advocate, both of whom are awaiting gazetment as Judges of the High Court of Kenya, and Jude Ragot, Advocate.

From the five participating teams, two teams were selected to represent Kisumu Campus in the final rounds to be held in Parklands on the 23rd of May 2014. The two teams consisted of Stephen Wanjiru and Ann Maina and Deborah Kyalo and Lujanje Nyanje. We wish to congratulate the two teams for their outstanding performance and wish them the very best as they proceed to the next rounds.