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# **Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition**



You are cordially invited to participate in the 10th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition, due to be held from 15 to 20 July 2018, in Palais des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland. The Competition is presented by the Centre for Human Rights, based at the University of Pretoria, in partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva

Switzerland.

The Competition is open to both undergraduate and master's degree students. A team of two students from each university – preferably one woman and one man – is invited to participate. In the preliminary rounds the students submit heads of argument for a hypothetical case, which are assessed by a panel of experts.

The best 10 teams from each UN region are then invited to participate in the pre-final and final rounds of the Competition in Geneva. Here, teams have to argue the two sides of the hypothetical case, the Applicant and the Respondent, before a 'bench' of human rights experts.

The two best teams proceed to the final round, which is presided over by judges from international courts and tribunals. The Competition will be held in English and French.

The 2018 Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition will include a one-day event, designed to expose students to the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights as well as the Human Rights Council. This will involve personal interaction with senior staff members of both institutions who are involved key activities and processes. This practical exercise promises to be an eye –opening and personally enriching series of encounters which will add value to what many World Moot participants have already described as the highlight of their university studies.

Celebrating 100 years since the birth of Nelson Mandela, 70 years since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and 10 years since the inception of the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

## **Additional Information**

• For more details, visit the Frequently Asked Questions page

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