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The 8th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court competition

The 8th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court competition is currently underway in Geneva, Switzerland. This year twenty-five teams coming from the five United Nations regions are participating in the annual competition where a hypothetical human rights case is being argued before a number of human rights experts.

The final round of the competition will be held on Wednesday 20 July at the famous Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room (Room XX), the same room where the of **the UN Human Rights Council** meets for its regular sessions. Upon completion of the pre-final rounds the two top teams will advance to the final round to argue before a bench of renowned judges and legal academics.

The competition is organised by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Regional Office for Southern Africa in partnership with the Global Campus of Human Rights Master's Programmes, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation ([EIUC](#)), Venice, Italy, the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, the University of Lucerne, Chair of Comparative and Anglo-American Law / Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation with the financial support of the **European Union, the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office at Geneva, the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva.**

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