



EAST AFRICAN UNIVERSITY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 - CONCEPT NOTE



26th August – 2nd September 2017

KIGALI-RWANDA

CONCEPT NOTE FOR EAUDC 2017

INTRODUCTION

Aspire Debate Rwanda (ADR) is community based organization that was founded in 2014, by group of university youth volunteers, with zeal to promote public speaking, empower youth on leadership and communication skills to nurture their critical thinking. ADR looks forward to be the foremost provider of debate education and training to young people across the region in the near future.

We partner with, support and inspire individuals, schools, universities or institutions devoted to giving students access to debate and speech development. **Aspire Debate Rwanda** also believes that the art of speaking promotes mutual understanding and informed citizenship around the world and also leads to increased critical thinking, analysis and tolerance, enhanced cultural exchange and greater academic excellence thus contributing to social, political and economic development of the nation.

While some of our members attended Pan African University Debate Champion held in ACCRA-Ghana in 2015, we came up with an idea which was shared with all other members and agreed on preparing **East Africa University Debate Championship (EAUDC)** as an annual event.

Last Year in conjunction with the East African Youth Ambassadors' Platform Rwanda chapter under the support of MINEAC and UR, the EAUDC 2016 was held in Kigali- Rwanda that brought together different universities and Higher Learning Institution from across the region to compete under the theme “**better together as youth for deeper integration process**” and championship was won by Mount Kenya University- KIGALI-Rwanda.



The Youth in East African Community (EAC) constitute more than 63% of the population whereas Article 120 (c) of the EAC Treaty provides for adoption of common approach for involvement of the youth in the integration process and this article does not only aim at strengthening the bond and synergy of East African youth but also fosters cross board exchange of ideas and energizes the spirit of Pan Africanism.

It's on this regard that ADR will host 2nd annual debate championship which will run under the theme “ ” and bring together over 250 delegates, including 200 students from over 50 Higher Learning Institutions in the regional for a period of 8 days. Furthermore, the competition will also invite representation from the general public, youth councils, private sector, civil society organizations and media.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The major goal of the East Africa University Debate Championship is to enhance and enrich a continuous cooperation amongst university students and youths from the partner states and also entice them to heavily advocate for regional integration programs/agenda.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- To gather a catalogue of ideas from youth for East African Community
- To create awareness on the East African Community among the youth to enable them develop a sense of belonging for the community.
- To increase the bond and create a networking platform among regional youths.
- To enhance leadership potential among the African youth.
- To promote cultural exchange in EAC through debate, drama and theatre.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- Increased catalog of brand new youth oriented ideas that will help to deepen EAC integration processes.
- Increased awareness on the activities of EAC and Pan African Agenda.
- Knowledge exchange and skills development
- Amplified bond within the youths of the region and also increased synergy.
- A sense of belonging to the community.



REGISTRATION

Registration shall be \$ 120 per debator and \$120 per adjudicator. Each participating institution shall be allowed to register as many as 3 teams and the n-1 rule shall apply for adjudicators. Additional slots shall be available to institutions upon request.

Registration shall be facilitated via an online forum and we shall use every available means to do registration. We shall begin registration early (15th March 2017 – 15th June 2017) and late registration shall attract a penalty of \$40.(All the registration fees will be paid in US dollars bank charges inclusive)

All the registrants must provide the following:-

- Stamped Recommendation letter from the his/her university (one is enough for the univeristy delegation)
- Scanned copy of a valid student identity card.
- Passport sized photo for his/her badge.
- Scanned copy of national identity card or passport.

PAYMENT POLICY:

Payment is due by the payment deadline specified above.

All payments are to be made on KCB Bank account details below

The bank account details for ASPIRE DEBATE RWANDA are as below;

ACCOUNT NAME:	ASPIRE DEBATE RWANDA
ACCOUNT NUMBER:	4402233682
CURRENCY:	USD
SWIFT CODE:	KCBLRWRW
BANK SORT CODE:	160160
BRANCH:	AVENUE DE LA PAIX
ADDRESS:	KIGALI RWANDA

All other registrants will be billed and will receive payment instructions within 24-48 hours of registering.

NOTE:

1. The Champions of the EAUDC 2016 will be given a **50%** discount on their registration fees (**Mount Kenya University- Rwanda**)
2. The first runner up of the same tournament will be given a **25%** discount on their registration fees (**Kyambogo University – Uganda**)