

# AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION AT A GLANCE IN 2021



The idea of a **'MOOT COURT'** is to give students the opportunity to **develop their skills as ADVOCATES** by arguing a case under conditions that **simulate actual court proceedings**.



The number of international moot court competitions is growing but **the African Moot Court Competition is unique and special.**

## **LONGEST-RUNNING** MOOT COURT COMPETITION **IN AFRICA**

The African Human Rights Moot Court Competition has taken place every year – **without interruption** – for **30 YEARS** from **1992 to 2021**

## **PAN-AFRICAN** & the *only truly pan-African moot court*

The moot court is hosted annually by the **Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria** and **another African law faculty**.



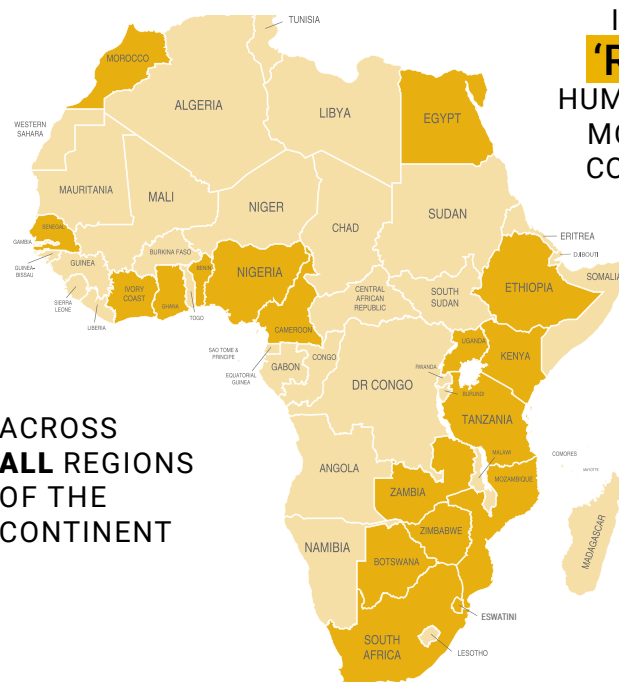
**± 60** African universities participate **annually**.

**2 students** and **1 faculty representative** represent each participating university.

## PARTICIPANTS ARGUE IN **3 LANGUAGES**

English      French      Portuguese

## **HAS BEEN HOSTED IN 19 AFRICAN COUNTRIES\***



IS THE **ONLY 'ROVING'** HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

\* African Moot host countries (1992 - 2021):

Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe



## CONTRIBUTES TO **TRANSFORMING** LEGAL EDUCATION IN AFRICAN LAW SCHOOLS

### EXPOSURE TO THE AFRICAN UNION



Generations of young African lawyers have been introduced to the regional human rights system and the potential of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.

### INSPIRE AFRICAN LAW FACULTIES



Law faculties across the continent have been inspired to institutionalise teaching on the African human rights system into their curricula.



## ACTUAL AFRICAN UNION HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS ACT AS JUDGES

The final round of the Moot Court has included:

- Sitting and past Judges of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
- Members of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
- Members of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child
- The Chief Justice of the host country
- Other internationally-recognised human rights experts

## THE AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION HAS INSPIRED GENERATIONS OF YOUNG AFRICAN LAWYERS TO **WORK** FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



A number of participants have subsequently graduated from the **Masters in Human Rights and Democratisation in African** offered by the Centre for Human Rights.



Other participants have taken up positions with the **African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights** and the **African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights**, or became human rights lawyers and human rights activists working across the continent.

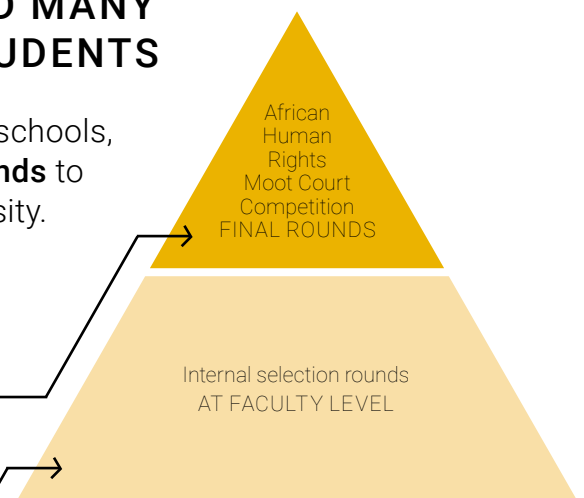


## THE AFRICAN MOOT HAS REACHED MANY **THOUSANDS** OF AFRICAN LAW STUDENTS

Within each of the participating law faculties and schools, the competition starts with **internal knockout rounds** to select the **best 2 students** to represent the university.

About **3,200 students** have participated in the final rounds of the competition over the years.

An **estimation of over 10,000 students** have participated in their faculties' internal selection rounds over the years.



For more information on the **African Human Right Moot Court Competition** [www.chr.up.ac.za/moot](http://www.chr.up.ac.za/moot)  
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