

NHRC MOOT SCHEDULE

Time: 16:00 to 17:00 hrs

Date	Item	Responsible
5 – 23 Oct- 2020	Mr. Bah contracted to prepare question	NHRC/TJHR/Mr. Bah
9 Oct. 2020	Moot publicized for participant registration	NHRC
14 Oct. 2020	Mr. Saho, judges and rapporteur contracted	NHRC/TJHR
19 Oct 2020	Registration deadline	NHRC
28 October 2020	Deadline for submission of memorials	NHRC/TJHR/Mr. Saho/Mr. Legenju
30 Oct. 2020	Briefing held with selected teams(12:00 noon Faculty of Law)	NHRC/ TJHR/Mr. Saho/Mr. Legenju
2 Nov. 2020	1 st Moot Session Team 1 v Team 2 Team 3 v Team 4	NHRC/ TJHR/Mr. Saho/Mr. Legenju
10 Nov.2020	2 nd Moot Session Team 5 v Team 6 Team 7 v Team 8	NHRC/ TJHR/Mr. Saho/Mr. Legenju
15 Nov. 2020	Briefing Session with the semi finalists	NHRC/ TJHR/Mr. Saho/Mr. Legenju
1 Dec. 2020	3 rd Moot Session – Semi finals	NHRC/ TJHR/Mr. Saho/Mr. Legenju
10 Dec.	4 th Moot Session – Finals	NHRC/ TJHR/Mr. Saho/Mr. Legenju

The NHRC in partnership with the Faculty of Law, UTG brings to you the maiden Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara Human Rights Moot Competition. The human rights moot court competition is designed to be hosted by the University of the Gambia (UTG), Faculty of Law as a flagship program supported and funded by NHRC. This proposed moot court competition aligns with the core functions of the NHRC. Section 12 (e) of the NHRC Act 2017, requires the Commission to promote awareness and respect for human rights through conducting human rights education and studies in The Gambia. Therefore, Faculty of Law provides a unique opportunity for the NHRC to train and engage the emerging generation of legal practitioners on contemporary human rights and constitutional issues through moot competition.

During this competition students will argue a human rights hypothetical case before the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. The 2020 hypothetical case focuses on issues related to section 5 of the Public Order Act of the Republic of Zamanda, the caste system among the Lendi ethnic group and enforced disappearance. These issues were framed taking into account the current circumstances of the Gambia. The winners of this prestigious competition will be awarded cash prizes and have the rare opportunity to undertake a six months paid internship with the NHRC.

The moot is named after the late and distinguished Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara in recognition of his efforts in laying the foundations of the regional human rights mechanism on the African continent. At a time when the African continent experienced human rights violations and authoritarianism, Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara played key roles in the drafting of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights which today is the foundational document for the protection of human rights on the continent of Africa. His support for the drafting process is memorialised in the name of the eventually adopted treaty, the Banjul Charter. Therefore, this moot competition will nurture the values of Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara and popularise the Banjul Charter and other regional and international human rights instruments amongst law students at the Faculty of Law.

Eligibility

The applicants must be in their second year or above at the Faculty of Law.

Registration

- Participants must team in a group of two.
- Each registered team will be designated a number, which each team should use throughout the competition to identify itself.
- **Eight teams (8)** will be selected from the memorials submitted by each team. The top eight (8) memorials will advance to the preliminaries.
- Each team must submit two (2) memorials (i.e for the applicants and respondent);
- Deadline for registration is on the 19 October 2020.
- Names of the team members and matriculation must be sent to sbah@utg.edu.gm on or before **19 October 2020**.

Memorials

Each memorial must be composed of the following:

- A standard cover page;

- Each memorial must begin with jurisdiction and admissibility;
- Each issue must be argued separate; and
- Prayers.
- Memorial should not exceed 2000 words including footnotes, if these are used;
- Spacing: Double-spaced;
- Format: Memorials should be submitted in Microsoft Word;
- Font type: Arial; and Font size: 12.

NB: One (1) copy of the memorials for each side (one for the Applicants and one for the Respondent) should be submitted, to reach the organisers on or before 28 October 2020. Memorials should be sent as attachments to an email message, to the following addresses: sbah@utg.edu.gm ; abdouazizsaho@gmail.com ; njieb@gm-nhrc.org