



NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

CALL FOR REGISTRATION

7TH EDITION OF THE SIR DAWDA KAIRABA JAWARA INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of The Gambia**, in partnership with the **University of The Gambia (UTG)**, is pleased to invite universities across Africa to register for the **7th Edition of the Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2026**.

The theme for the 2026 edition is **Statelessness, Citizenship and Legal Identity in Africa**. This theme responds to pressing human rights challenges affecting individuals and communities across the continent, including barriers to nationality, civil registration, access to identity documents, and the enjoyment of related rights such as education, healthcare, freedom of movement, political participation, and access to justice.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in this Moot Court Competition, the participants must be:

- enrolled in an undergraduate law programme (LL.B. or equivalent);
- at least in their second year of study; and
- students at a recognised University in Africa.

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each participating University shall register only one team.
- Each participating team shall comprise two (2) students, preferably a male and a female student.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

The Competition will be conducted in **English**. All memorials, oral submissions, and official correspondence must be in **English**.

WHY REGISTER?

This Moot Court Competition provides students with the opportunity to connect their legal education with one of Africa's most pressing human rights challenges: statelessness, citizenship

and legal identity. Beyond the opportunity to engage with contemporary legal issues, participants would:

- Develop their legal research, memorial drafting, legal analysis and oral advocacy skills through a competitive moot court experience.
- Deepen their understanding of African and international human rights frameworks relating to nationality, legal identity and the prevention of statelessness.
- Receive training, briefing sessions and feedback from judges, coordinators and human rights practitioners.
- Build networks with law students, universities and human rights actors from across Africa.
- Compete for certificates, trophies and prizes, including awards for winning teams, runners-up, Best Oralist and Best Memorial.

REGISTRATION TIMELINE

Registration will open on **1 September 2026** and close on **14 September 2026 at 11:59 p.m. GMT.**

Interested applicants should complete the Registration Form in the link and QR Code below:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MTm5uUTWbU23OgU22_ju2zEF5D6aEBVHptnmBjia4_JUQUWVlhCRjdRVzI4SFIKTjY3UDNaWk9CNy4u



HYPOTHETICAL CASE PUBLICATION & MEMORIAL SUBMISSION

The Hypothetical Case and the Rules of Procedure for the Competition will be published on 30 September 2026.

Teams must submit their Memorials by **21 October 2026** in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. Memorials submitted after **11:59 p.m. GMT on 21 October 2026** will not be considered.

Both documents will be available on the Competition website and should be carefully reviewed before the preparation and submission of Memorials.

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