

06/11/2024

The Head Teacher,  
Gulu High School

Thru: The School Debate Club Patron,

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Invitation of Alexander Joe Owen for the Debate Cranes Trials ahead of the 2025 Panama World Schools Debate Championship

As Ugandan Representatives to the World Schools Debating Council, DIA is hosting the Uganda National Debate Team (Debate Cranes) trials to select exceptional individuals for the **2025 Panama World Schools Debating Championship<sup>1</sup>** and multiple other competitions in Africa for the development teams .

Debate Cranes is Uganda's team in the Annual World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC). Since 1988, the World Schools Debating Championships (WSDC) has been the annual world cup of high school debating, featuring more than 70 national teams. Teams from around the world gather to discuss a variety of topics, from international relations to economics and sports. The team management offers an additional 10 slots where two debate teams are chosen as development teams. These teams are trained throughout the year to compete in other competitions and potentially join the main team

For more information about the Debate Cranes, check out the following web page: <https://debateinstituteafrica.com/debate-cranes/>

Due to Alexander Joe Owen's impressive results in the 2024 Uganda debate calendar, we have invited them to the Debate Cranes trials, featuring over 100 champions.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/serbiawsc2024/>

The rationale for their invitation can be found in this document: [2024 Debate Cranes Trials Invitation List.docx](#).

The trials will be held in two stages: the 1st stage from 4th to 5th January, 2025 online after which the top 36 speakers shall proceed to the 2nd stage from 10th to 12th January, 2025 in a physical/in-person tournament at a venue that will be communicated before December 15th after logistical consultations are done.

Additionally, a **development squad** will join the Debate Cranes Academy to nurture their potential for future WSDC editions..

To cover tournament costs, each team shall pay UGX 50,000 for the online trials and each individual shall pay 200,000 for the in-person trials. We request that you confirm your participation to [debatecranes@gmail.com](mailto:debatecranes@gmail.com) or +256783938868 before December 15, 2024,

Sincerely,



Joseph.G.V.Tahinduka  
Debate Cranes Team Manager

Cc All Respective Students and Parents