



# DEBATE *Cranes*

National Team Trials 2025

2025 ONLINE TRIALS

# Equity Policy

4-5TH

January 2025

Discord



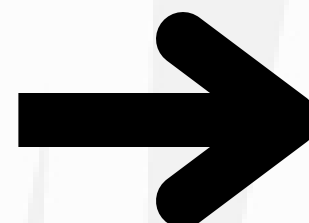
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# Welcome!

To the First Part of the 2025  
National Team Selection  
Process!

**Information Pack**





The time has come to test your skills, passion, and potential as we begin the search for Uganda's finest debaters to represent us on the global stage in 2025. After an incredible year for Uganda's debate teams in 2024, we are back stronger and more determined to build a dominant and competitive Ugandan debate circuit for the future. The trials will be conducted online over two days this weekend, the 4th and 5th of January 2025, on Discord. We have hired a team of great and highly experienced judges who will evaluate you over a 2 day period.

**This document will guide you through the details of the trials, including key information, our format, schedule, and expectations.**



# Team

## Jesse Kitumba Convener

Jesse is a former member of Debate Cranes (2023-2024) and part of the first East African team to reach the outrounds at WSDC this year in Serbia. With a deep passion for debate, he is committed to strengthening Uganda's debate presence globally. Jesse aims to help build a legacy of excellence in the Ugandan debate community.



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## Joseph Tahinduka

### Registration & Logistics

A grassroots African leader committed to promoting the African renaissance by empowering young champions through critical life skills at Debate Institute Africa. He is focused on making debates more accessible and ensuring smooth logistics for this year's trials.



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## Akinda Savior

### Registration & Logistics

Arinda Saviour is an established debate manager, coach and adjudicator. He is currently a Team Leader at Debate Institute Africa.

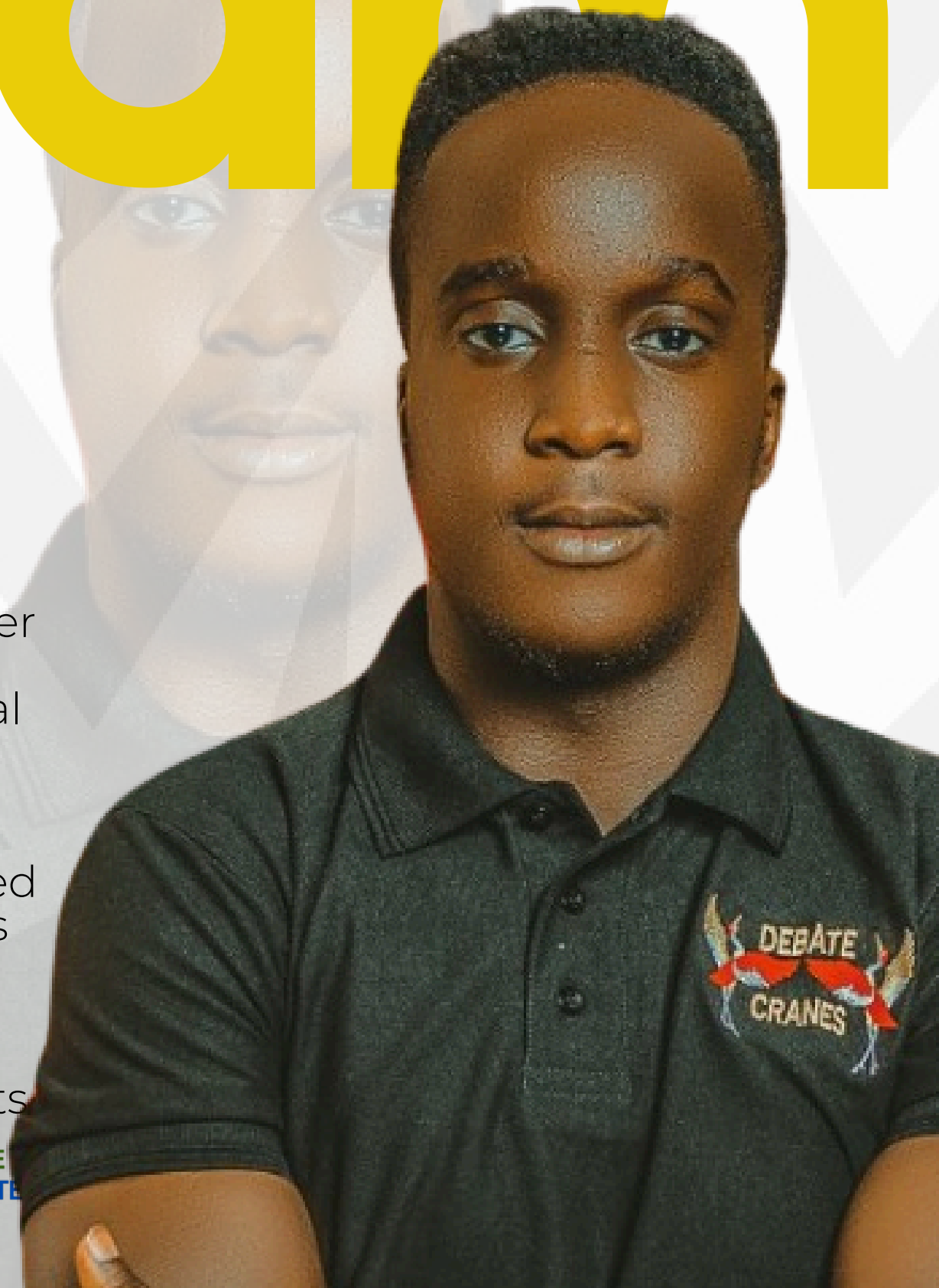


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**James  
Okuku**

**Co-Chief  
Adjudicator**

James is an experienced debater and adjudicator. He has been the Head Coach for the National Team since 2023 and guided Uganda to a WSDC break in 2024. He is a PAUDC Quarter Finalist as well as an experienced judge known for his meticulous approach to debate and his commitment to fostering competitive and fair environments for all participants.



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## Tobi ogundare

**Co-Chief  
Adjudicator**

Tobi brings his experience and love for debate. He has a deep love for the African circuit and seeing young debaters thrive. Expect the unexpected!





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## Adrian Obwaka

### Co-Chief Adjudicator

An old mind trapped in a young boy's body" is Adrian at his core. When he is not a POI merchant on the debate floor as a speaker, he is exuding unspeakable aura in his extensive and well-rounded judging. With debate as his love language, he is a classic example of 'suffering from debate success.



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## Rean Joash Mabonga

### Tabulation

A Telecommunications Engineering student, passionate about creating access to debate as a sport and helping budding debaters access the world of competitive debate. His focus is on ensuring that the tournament's structure is smooth, efficient, and transparent.



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## Ssekandi Jibril

### Equity Officer

A distinguished law student at Makerere University and former Debate Cranes Team A member. Jibril has won major competitions such as the Writing Our World Nationals, ESI, and UNSA, and has adjudicated prestigious events like the Champions League NDC 2024 and Green Schools Championships. He has adjudicated major tournaments and will ensure that all teams are treated fairly and that all participants have a level playing field.



# FORMAT & TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE.

**Duration:** The tournament will take place over two days.

**Rounds:** There will be 7 preliminary rounds followed by a final round between the top 2 ranking teams.

**Round Structure:**

R1 (First Round) will be randomly paired.

Rounds 2-7 will be power paired.

Please note that all rounds will be impromptu rounds.

There will be no prepared motions.

Prep time for each round will be 30 minutes.



# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## Day One

Briefings by CA	8AM
Round One	9AM
Round Two	11AM
Lunch Break	1PM
Round Three	2PM
Round Four	4PM

## Day Two

Round Five	8AM
Round Six	10PM
Round Seven	12PM
Round Robin Finale	2PM
Final Announcement	5PM

Please note that we will be following this schedule promptly and teams that are late will be redacted from tab.

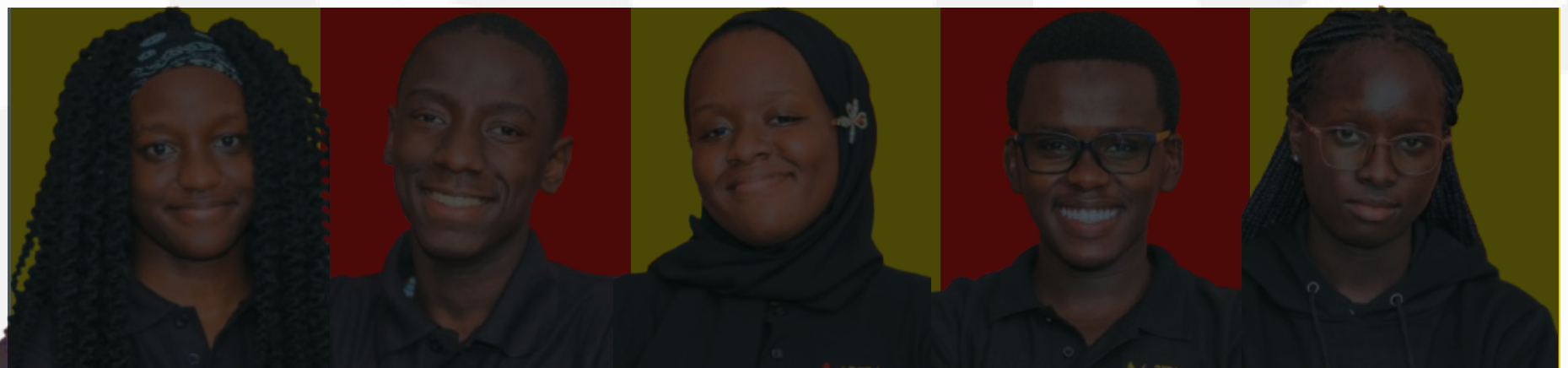


# IMPORTANT GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

**Eligibility:** All debaters that have received an invitation and completed payment are welcome to participate and compete to be in any of the National Teams. However, to be eligible for Team A (WSDC Panama team), participants must be born after August 3rd, 2005. This is a very strict rule as all WSDC participants must be 19 years and below by the end of the tournament. Those who are above this age are however not limited to being on the Cranes B or C team.

All participants must be registered and have made full payment prior to the tournament to ensure participation.

**Time Efficiency:** We are committed to running a highly efficient tournament. Teams will be dropped if they are late. We expect timely preparation and attendance for each round.



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## **Advancement to Physical Tryouts:**

A number of participants will be selected based on performance in this tournament to advance to physical tryouts next weekend, at the discretion of the Chief Adjudicators (CAP) and Debate Institute Africa (DIA).

## **Communication Platforms:**

All debate communication, including updates, announcements, and the schedule, will be shared via Discord. Additional communications will also be sent through the WhatsApp group.



# ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS

**Payment and Registration:** Participants must ensure their registration and payment are completed in full before the tournament to secure their place.

Late payments or non-payments will disqualify teams from participation.

**Use of Discord:** Participants will need to join the tournament's Discord server for detailed instructions and debate coordination. This platform will be essential for smooth communication between organizers and debaters.





# THANK YOU!

We look forward to an exciting and competitive weekend. Prepare to showcase your skills, engage with passionate debaters, and enjoy the camaraderie of our debate community!

