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Uganda's National Debate Team — *The Debate Cranes* — World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC) 2026

The Debate Institute Africa (DIA) hereby issues this official communiqué to the debating fraternity, parents, coaches, adjudicators, partners, and supporters across the Republic of Uganda and beyond.

As the Republic of Uganda prepares to participate in the **World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC) 2026**, scheduled to be hosted in the Republic of Kenya, Debate Institute Africa—custodians and managers of Uganda's National Debate Team, *the Debate Cranes*—has formally concluded the national selection process for the championship.

Following an open and widely publicised call for participation, a distinguished pool of young debaters presented themselves for national trials. The selection process was highly competitive and conducted under the stewardship of an esteemed panel of adjudicators, employing a rigorous **pick, maintain, and drop** methodology. Upon conclusion of this phase, three speakers earned direct selection to the national team on the basis of exceptional merit, consistency, and competitive excellence.

A subsequent selection phase was convened to determine reserve positions. This stage integrated internal assessments with participation in an external competitive tournament and was conducted under the close supervision of the National Team Coaches. From this process, two additional speakers distinguished themselves and secured positions on the squad.

Debate Institute Africa is honoured to formally announce the **Uganda National Debate Team — The Debate Cranes — for WSDC 2026**, constituted as follows:

1. **Masiga Ryan - Entebbe SS**
2. **Titus Kihumuro - King's College Buddo**
3. **Mukisa Glen Jeremy - Green Hill Academy**
4. **Helena Namutebi Kizito - Green Hill Academy**
5. **Abala Micah Rumanyika - St Mary's College, Kisubi**

The Institute extends its warmest congratulations to these five outstanding speakers, whose eloquence, intellectual discipline, resilience, and commitment were evident throughout the selection process. As preparations for the world stage now commence, we express full confidence in their capacity to represent Uganda with honour, dignity,

and distinction.

In addition, a **Reserve and Development Squad** shall be maintained to ensure continuity, depth, and long-term excellence. Members of this squad will continue to receive structured training and opportunities for competitive exposure. Further details regarding this programme shall be communicated in due course.

Debate Institute Africa conveys its sincere appreciation to all parents, patrons, coaches, adjudicators, partners, and participants whose unwavering support, time, and dedication made this process and milestone possible. This achievement stands as a collective testament to a shared national commitment to excellence in debating.

The Institute calls upon the wider public and debating community to rally behind the Debate Cranes as they prepare to take flight on the global stage.

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