

**The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations and the  
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, invite**

**STUDENTS FROM ALL UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD**

**to participate in the**

**10th NELSON MANDELA WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION,**

**PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 15 – 20 July 2018**

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Students from all universities in the world are invited to participate in the prestigious Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition in 2018. The year 2018 will not only mark the tenth year in the life of the Competition, but it will also be an opportunity to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of human rights icon Nelson Mandela. The final rounds will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva from 15 to 20 July.

Each year undergraduate and masters' level students who wish to participate in the Competition submit written legal arguments for the opposing sides in a fictional dispute involving some of the burning human rights issues of the day. The teams with the highest scores from each of the five UN regions are then invited to participate in the final, oral rounds in the Human Rights Council Chamber in the Palais des Nations. The case is heard by a panel of eminent international jurists, including judges from international tribunals. Many participants have described participation in the Moot as the highlight of their studies.

In 2018 the Competition will for the first time be presented not only in English, but also in French. In future years the other UN languages, namely Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Arabic, will also be used.

The teams that are selected to participate in the final rounds in Geneva are expected to cover their own traveling costs as well as accommodation and meals, although limited financial assistance is available.

The last day for submission of memorials is 16 April 2018.

More information on the Competition is available at <http://www.chr.up.ac.za/worldmoot>



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The Embassy of the Republic of South Africa presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Subsaharian Africa Department and has the honour to refer to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

The Embassy of the Republic of South Africa transmits herewith an invitation for all the Universities in the Czech Republic to participate at the above-mentioned event. The Moot Court Competition will take place at the Palais Des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland on 15 – 20 July 2018.

Furthermore, all Universities around the world have been invited to this important event, especially in view of the fact that 2018 marks the centenary of the first democratic President of the Republic of South Africa, an icon who contributed to global peace, human rights, and development.

The Embassy has enclosed herewith a full package of all the relevant documentation including an invitation. Please note that the working languages for this year's moot court competition will be English and French. Please refer to <http://upnet.up.ac.za/services/it/documentation/docs/004167.pdf> for full details.

All Universities keen to participate are encouraged to contact the Counsellor Political at the Embassy as follows:

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The Embassy of the Republic of South Africa avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Subsaharian Africa Department, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Prague, 12 February 2018

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Subsaharian Africa Dept.

