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# THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

24<sup>TH</sup> SESSION

4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

INTERNATIONAL LAW  
ESSAY COMPETITION (ILEC)

RULES



# INTRODUCTION

**WHEREAS** The Kenya Model United Nations is the largest student-run non-profit organization in Kenya;

**WHEREAS** The 4th Edition of The International Law Essay Competition seeks to further scholarly excellence exhibited in the previous editions;

**WHEREAS** The International Law Essay Competition takes pride in promoting youth advocacy scholarly works;

*Informed* by the happenings all over the world, the role of international financial institutions in influencing government policy especially in the Global South has been put into question;

*Aware* of the social upheaval and civil strife that has been attributed to the policies from these institutions, the 4th Edition International Law Essay Competition endeavors to settle the contribution of such institutions through intellectual scholarly debate;

*Cognizant* of the role the youth play in shaping and informing global policy, especially that closely connected to the Sustainable Development Goals, this 4th Edition endeavors to provide such a platform for them to contribute to global scholarly discourse;

*Hopeful* that there shall be a more just and equitable world for future generations;

**THE KENYA MODEL UNITED NATIONS** is pleased to introduce the 4th Edition International Law Essay Competition whose thematic focus is on *“The Contribution of International Financial Institutions to Sustainable Economic Growth in African Countries.”*



## **AWARDS**

1. Medals, Trophies and certificates
2. Internship Opportunities;
3. Books on Contemporary International Law;
4. Mentorship and Job Shadowing; and
5. Cash Prizes.

**NOTE:** The participants will also have the unique opportunity of presenting their papers to a selected panel of International Law experts.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Question Release Date: **1st November 2024.**

Deadline for Essay Submission: **23rd December 2024.**

Declaration of Results/ Awarding Ceremony: **8th February 2025**

Info sessions: **22nd November 2024**

## **COMPETITION RULES**

This competition is open to **all Kenya Model United Nations Chapters**. All members in the various Kenya Model United Nations Chapters are eligible to participate in the competition.

**NOTE:** Event Organizers and members of the ILEC select committee are not eligible to participate.

## **REGISTRATION**

To register for the Event, a link will be shared prior to the event.



## FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Submissions must be done in written British English;
2. Word count: 7,000 – 10,000 words (Including footnotes);
3. 1-inch margin on all sides;
4. Font and font size: Times New Roman typeface with 12 font size;
5. Spacing: 1.5-line spacing;
6. For footnotes: Times New Roman typeface with 10 font size & 1.5-line spacing;
7. Citation Style: Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA)
8. Pages should be numbered consecutively

## ANONYMITY

It is the policy of Kenya Model United Nations and our partners not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, disability, race, color, religion, ethnic/national origin, gender identity, or sexual orientation in administering this Competition. To enable us to meet this goal, we try to make the identity of the authors of the essays as anonymous as possible to the markers.

Therefore, to ensure anonymity, **DO NOT INCLUDE** in your paper your name, the name of your chapter, the senders or any details which could enable the judges to identify you or your chapter. Papers that include these identifying information will be automatically disqualified.

However, for the purposes of attribution of essays to their authors, personal details must only be included in the Google Doc Submission Form accompanying each entry and not in the essay.



## SUBMISSION OF ESSAY

The essays should be submitted through a link to be shared **December 6th, 2024**.

**NOTE:** Students will be allowed to upload their submission only once.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

The submissions will be subjected to a two-tier judging process; First, all submissions will be reviewed by independent judges from the Kenya Model United Nations who will shortlist the 10 best papers. Thereafter, these shortlisted papers will be forwarded to an expertise-based panel composed of experienced International Law practitioners who will then proceed to select the three winners and identify any papers deserving an honorable mention.

The judges will use a judging matrix and criteria in selecting the winning papers, but will take into account these guiding principles (in no particular order).

- a) Novelty and originality of the issue(s);
- b) Original and thought-provoking discussion of the topic;
- c) Legal and/or Policy analysis and reasoning;
- d) Concision, clarity, and precision of the idea(s) put forward;
- e) Consideration of legal and policy implications, and proposed solutions (if any);
- f) Organization of the idea(s) and presentation;
- g) Writing quality (grammar, syntax, and form);
- h) Quality and use of research (including correct citations); and,
- i) Compliance with the Rules.



If, after having carefully scrutinized the essays, the Review Panel finds that no article satisfies the required criteria, Kenya Model United Nations and the Organizing Committee reserve the right not to award any prizes. The decision of the judges shall be final.

The notification of the winning papers and authors will be sent via email with the winners being invited to present their papers before the panel, either in person or virtually, to a selected audience.

## **TERMS**

1. Participants must submit a paper that has neither been published or is in consideration for publishing elsewhere.
2. Papers based on research or other work done in connection with school projects or other employment (whether full-time or part-time) not be submitted.
3. Whereas suggestions from faculty can be sought, the works must remain the original work of the author.
4. Any form of plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification. In this regard, content generated by artificial intelligence will also lead to disqualification.
5. A paper that is co-authored by no more than two participants is acceptable, provided the paper submitted is the original work of the two co-authors, and that both co-authors are currently enrolled as members of a Kenya Model United Nations chapter.
6. By submitting the paper and official entry form, participants agree that:



- a) They have read these Rules and accept the conditions stated herein
- b) Each paper is an original piece of work written by the student (or is one co-authored by the two participants)
- c) If co-authors are awarded a prize, they will share the awarded prize equally
- d) All winners will provide promptly, and in any event within 21 calendar days from the request, any information required by Kenya Model United Nations to arrange the delivery of the awarded prize, and understand that failure to do so may amount to forfeiture of the prize
- e) All winners, with prior notice, grant to Kenya Model United Nations and all partners/sponsors the right to reproduce, publish, and use the winning papers (with amendments, if necessary), as well as the winners' names and photographs, without compensation
- f) By submitting a paper, an author waives the right to institute any legal action in connection to the prizes and this competition as a whole;
- g) Winners understand that cash prizes are subject to tax deductions. Cash prizes will only be paid in Kenyan Shillings by way of money or bank transfer. Any fees that may be charged from time to time by the relevant bank will be deducted from the prize money;
- h) Kenya Model United Nations and its partners are not responsible for errors, lost, late or misdirected correspondence, or telecommunication, hardware, or software failures, including by reason of any glitch, computer virus, or other failure
- i) Kenya Model United Nations may at any time modify the terms of the competition or terminate the Competition for any reason(s), including but not limited to: any tampering with the competition entries, unauthorized intervention, force majeure, or technical difficulties of any kind that gravely affect continuance of the competition.
- j) This Competition is subject to all local laws and regulations. By entering, all participants agree that the Competition shall be governed by the laws of Kenya Model United Nations and the laws of Kenya.



Any dispute relating to or arising from the Competition shall be settled through arbitration with a tribunal consisting of three members which shall include the Secretary General of Kenya Model United Nations and two of our partners.

Any clarifications/queries/updates may be sought from the Organizing Committee for the Competition.

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