



THE WEEKEND READER

"Your Weekly Read on Debt, Development & Socio-Economic Justice"

ZIMCODD hosts the Inaugural Fiscal Justice & Economic Development Moot Court Competition

ZIMCODD has entered into a partnership with the Great Zimbabwe University Law School (Herbert Chitepo LS) to conduct an annual Fiscal Justice & Economic Development Moot Court Competition. This effort falls under the Strengthening Institutions & Youth Agency in Zimbabwe's Accountability Narratives (#SIYA). This project seeks to cultivate a culture of Integrity within the youth of Zimbabwe towards lowering incidence of Corruption. #SIYA builds #Youth4Integrity!

The 2024 instalment of the Moot Court Competition is hosted at Great Zimbabwe University (GZU), Herbet Chitepo Law School hosting five University teams including University of Zimbabwe, Ezekiel Guti University, Midlands State University, Africa University & the host, (GZU). These five teams engage in progressive rounds arguing a fictional but applicable "moot problem."



Opening arguments for team Panther

What is a Moot Court?

A moot court, or mooting, simulates a real court environment to give law students an opportunity to put their learning into practice. Moot court covers the appeals process rather than a trial, so there is no jury, witnesses or evidence. Instead, students are given a hypothetical case and will take on the role of either the appellant or respondent. The appellants will speak first, arguing the decision in the original trial was wrong. The respondents will then present their case defending the initial ruling. Each side must prepare both written and verbal arguments which they will present to a judge, or panel of judges, at the moot trial. After hearing the arguments, the panel will then make a ruling based on these submissions and declare a winner.¹

¹<https://www.law.ac.uk/resources/blog/what-is-a-moot-court/>

This year's Moot Problem

This year's case pits the Government of Zumbani against a corporate, AFRICON, who have engaged in tax evasion & Illicit Financial Flows. A survey held by ZIMCODD showed that the youth, though politically active, did not share the same enthusiasm on issues of economic development. The factors identified were lack of economic and financial literacy, systematic exclusion. The Moot Court Competition is a response to this anomaly.

The Competition will award the winners for 'Best Orator' and 'Winning Team' overall. The winning team is set to receive Tuition support paid directly to their institutions of learning.

Watch full proceedings from the Moot Court here:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/ofJEoUPQ2DHdvcis/?mibextid=Ly78Ri>



Judges at the Moot Court Competition

Opportunities

- Pangaea Zimbabwe Program Officers: <https://vacancymail.co.zw/jobs/program-officex3-harare-mash-west-mash-west-mash-central-60543/>
- Administration Assistant: <https://vacancymail.co.zw/jobs/administration-assistant-60544/>
- Guidelines for the Construction of a Parliamentary Code of Conduct to Protect Women from Online Gender-Based Political Violence Based on the Experience of Latin America." This resource provides step-by-step guidance on how parliaments can develop codes of conduct to protect women in parliament from tech-facilitated gender-based violence: <https://fundacionmultitudes.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/guidelines-codes-conduct-online-violence.pdf>
- Nominations Now Open for The List Awards 2024: <https://t.co/LOzkIfeIJS>

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Do you believe in the movement for equality?

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#Youth4Integrity pledge

Are you a member of the youth (18-35 years) with a passion for fighting social and economic injustice? Do you want to join the action for Integrity? Do You want to become an Integrity Icon? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, take the pledge today: <https://rb.gy/9ogzgx>

Watch Episode 4 of our #Youth4Integrity Podcast: https://youtu.be/LqiyXGftufg?si=PvqghnNppxgoOcE_

Picture of the week: Winners Trophies at the Moot Court Competition



Quote of the week: Unknown

“Debt is the Slavery of the Free”