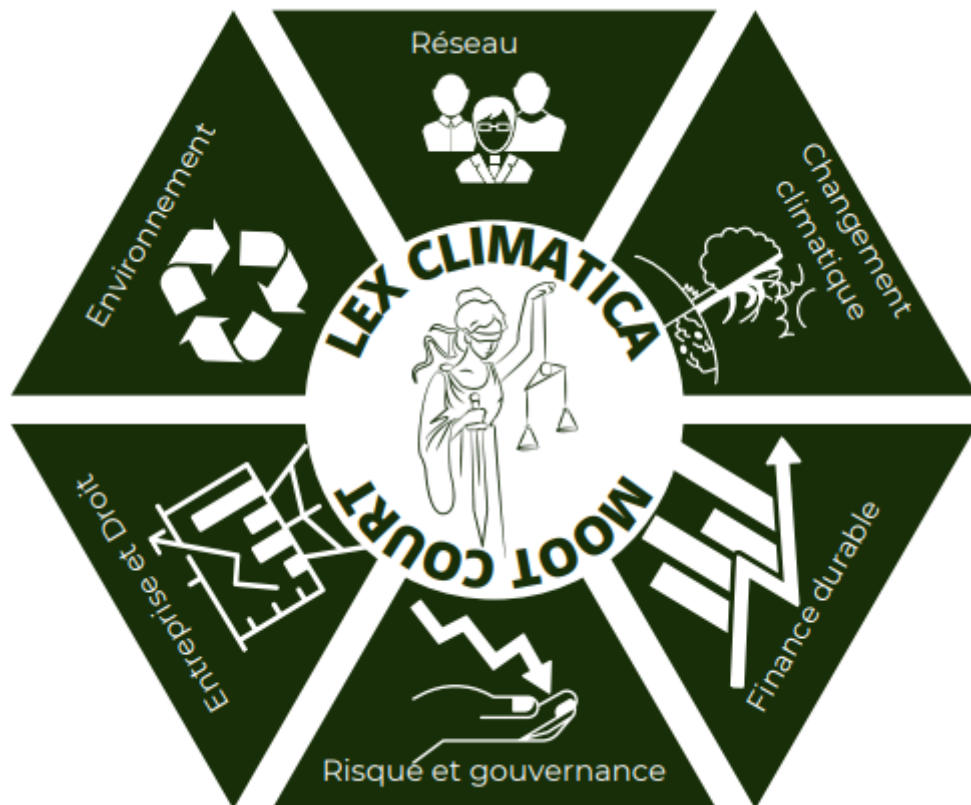




LEX CLIMATICA MOOT COURT



COMPETITION RULES (2023-2024)

ARTICLE 1. REGISTRATION

Registration for this competition is subject to the conditions listed below and to the deadlines indicated in due course by the organizing committee set up to run the competition.

The competition is open to students enrolled in a Master 2, PhD or equivalent degree, in a faculty or other higher education establishment where at least part of the candidate's course of study involves the study of law. The competition is also open to people who have already obtained one of the above-mentioned diplomas and are training for a legal profession, in particular as a lawyer or magistrate. The candidate's school may be located in Africa, Europe or elsewhere.

In all cases, teachers and former teachers in higher education (professors, lecturers or equivalent) are excluded.

To register, candidates must form a three-member team (not counting the supervisor). A two-member team is permitted (not including the supervisor). Team members may be affiliated with different universities.

To register, send the completed registration form (available at <https://aailp.org/fr/>) and, for each team member, a curriculum vitae, proof of enrolment in a law or international relations degree in accordance with paragraph 2 of this article, and a sworn statement certifying that the team meets the conditions required by these rules and that all the information provided is accurate.

Each team designates one of its members as a referent, who will receive information on behalf of his or her team throughout the competition.

Each team appoints a supervisor to oversee it and guarantee its participation in the competition.

Registration and participation in the competition are free of charge.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

By entering a team in the competition, all team members and their supervisors accept the rules and decisions made by the organizing committee.

In the event of force majeure or a serious health problem preventing a litigant from taking part in his joust, a team member may replace him. To do so, the team must obtain prior authorization, even in an emergency, from the organizing

committee and notify the clerk of the court of the substitution. This substitution is immediately brought to the attention of the referees and the opposing team.

Any failure on the part of a team member will result in the team's elimination, unless a reasoned request is made to the organizing committee for the team member to be replaced by a third party. The committee may or may not accept the substitution.

ARTICLE 2. LOCATION

The final phase of the competition takes place in Kigali, Rwanda. Teams travel at their own expense.

ARTICLE 3. LANGUAGE

The competition is held in French and English.

ARTICLE 4. SELECTION PHASE

The first phase of the competition will take place in writing and by correspondence.

Each candidate team will write a statement of claim or a statement of defense based on the case study, which it will send to the Organizing Committee in accordance with the timetable drawn up by the Organizing Committee. The choice between a statement of claim and a statement of defense will be made by drawing lots, the results of which will be notified to the participating teams.

Candidates will adhere strictly to the facts presented in the Case submitted to them, without distorting or adding to them.

This rule applies to the entire procedure and each of its phases. A maximum of twelve teams will be selected on the basis of their submissions, which will be assessed on both form and content.

The procedure must take the form required in international arbitration, with the teams producing and communicating their briefs within the timetable set by the organizing committee.

At the end of the written phase, the Organizing Committee will select six or eight teams for the final rounds.

Selection is made by a jury set up for this purpose by the organizing committee. One or more training sessions are offered to team members, in preparation for the final phase.

ARTICLE 5. WRITTEN BRIEFS

Briefs, excluding cover page, bibliography, table of contents and/or case law table, should not exceed 35 pages, 1.5 line spacing, Times New Roman font, size 12, A4 format.

There will be no annexes or attachments.

The following information must appear on the cover page: the words "Lex climatica moot court"; the year corresponding to the edition of the competition concerned; the name of the team; the words "Statement of Claim" or "Statement of Defense", as appropriate. The file to be sent to the organizing committee must be named as follows: "[Team name] - Claimant - Memorial". "Team name] - Respondent - Memorial". The email address to send the brief is: <lexclimaticatf@aailp.org>. Documents submitted in this way are forwarded without delay by the organizing committee to the members of the mock arbitral tribunal.

Each team's brief must be sent before 23:59 PM (Paris time) on the deadline for submission set in the official Agenda of the competition notified to the teams. Documents sent after that date will not be considered.

The brief, when forwarded to the Organizing Committee, is deemed to have been presented to the Moot Court.

ARTICLE 6. FINAL PHASE

The teams selected at the end of the selection phase move on to the final phase, which consists of oral arguments before a mock arbitration tribunal, acting as a jury and made up of three or five people. This tribunal cannot be challenged by the parties to the dispute.

The modalities of the oral phase of the Competition will be defined in a subsequent decision of the Organizing Committee. Each team must be prepared to plead both the claim and the defense, independently of the position defended during the written phase.

The arbitration proceedings are governed by the International Arbitration Rules of the Kigali Arbitration Centre ("KIAC") and the UNCITRAL Rules on Transparency in Treaty-Based Investor-State Arbitration. In the event of any discrepancy between the UNCITRAL Rules and the rules of procedure of the KIAC, the latter shall prevail.

The two oral argument sessions each last 1 hour and 30 minutes: each team has 20 minutes to make its initial argument, followed by a maximum of 20 minutes to answer questions from the simulated arbitral tribunal, and 5 minutes at the end of the hearing to rebut the opposing party's arguments.

Candidates adhere strictly to the facts presented in the case before them, without modifying them, and adapt their pleadings to the arguments of their opponents.

Each team member takes an active part in each of the arguments. The simulated arbitral tribunal ensures that the adversarial process is respected.

The hearings are open to the public. However, the public is not allowed to show support for either team.

By way of derogation, team members are not allowed to attend matches between other competing teams.

The jury decides between the teams on the basis of the form and content of the pleadings, and the answers given to the questions.

The results of the final phase are announced by the organizing committee no later than the evening of the last match.

ARTICLE 7. PRIZES

Upon deliberating, the court will award the winner and runner-up prizes in the English and French sections respectively.

Prizes will also be awarded for the best statement of claim, best statement of defence and best oral argument (finals and competition sections).

Special monetary or other prizes may be awarded to highlight the performance of particularly outstanding teams, including a one-year free access to Jus Mundi Legal Research sponsored by Jus Mundi for the winning and runner-up teams.

All candidates receive a diploma for their participation.

ARTICLE 8. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

Interpretation of these rules is the responsibility of the organizing committee. The committee may interpret the rules on its own initiative or at the request of a team, but is not obliged to answer all questions. In all cases, the Organizing Committee will ensure that all teams are aware of its interpretations.

No appeal may be lodged against the interpretations made by the organizing committee, which are as discretionary as all its decisions.