



The National Debating League

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Invitation to the 2026 Windhoek Debating Championship

Dear Educators,

Greetings from the National Debating League (NDL). We are a South African-based organization that organizes debate competitions for over 220 schools across South Africa, Angola, Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, and Mozambique.

We are writing to invite your school to our very first event in Namibia. This will be held at St George's Diocesan School, Windhoek, on 12-13 September 2026. This event will serve as a qualifier for the NDL's Pan-African Debating Championship.

The program is designed to help students develop their reading, writing and verbal communication skills. In addition, the debate topics encourage students to learn more about a diverse range of ideas outside of the standard school curriculum. We will work to ensure all debaters become more confident and knowledgeable.

Entry is open to schools from across Namibia. To be eligible, students should work in teams consisting of three to five members and be in Grades 4 to A-Levels. Schools may enter multiple teams per division. There are four possible divisions to enter:

Group A: Grades 10+ | Group B: Grade 8-9 | Group C: Grade 6-7 | Group D: Grade 4-5

Top performing teams will earn an invitation to the 2027 Pan-African Debating Championship in Durban. In 2023 and 2024 George's Diocesan School represented Namibia. Their speakers and teams were among Africa's top performers. With more Namibian schools joining us in 2027, we expect the Namibian flag to be flown higher than ever.

Each team will need to bring a teacher who is willing to adjudicate debates. We will guide them through the process of adjudication with our online training sessions. This training will make the process of adjudication enriching and enjoyable. Many of our adjudicators in South Africa are teachers or school principals. They have commented on how adjudication experience has helped them improve their communication and analytical skills. These skills are especially useful for educators pursuing management positions in their schools.

The registration fee *per student* is N\$ 1,200, and no fees for adjudicators. More information about the program such as the pre-prepared topics, registration fees, and schedule can be found here: <https://ndl.org.za/leagues/windhoek>. In addition, you are welcome to email us using Thishin@ndl.org.za or WhatsApp using +27 81 343 9036.

We are deeply grateful to our partners at St George's Diocesan School for partnering with us to host this event. With their support, and yours, we hope to create a diverse community of debaters and critical thinkers.

Yours sincerely,

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