



## **2025 GREEN LAW AFRICA INITIATIVE CLIMATE JUSTICE MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

### **MOOT RULES**

#### **1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- i. The **2025 Edition of the Green Law Africa Initiative Climate Justice Moot Court Competition** (hereinafter “the Competition”) shall take place from **October 9<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Mzumbe University School of Law, Dar es Salaam Campus, Tanzania.**
- ii. The Competition shall be conducted in **English.**
- iii. The Competition shall consist of **Preliminary Rounds, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and the Grand Finale.**
- iv. The **Deadline for Confirmation of Participation** is **July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

#### **2. TEAM COMPOSITION**

- i. Each team shall comprise **2 to 3 members**, who may act as **orators, researchers, or both**, at their discretion.
- ii. Each university shall be allowed to enter **only one team.**

#### **3. MEMORIAL REQUIREMENTS**

- i. Each team must prepare **written memorials for both the Applicant State and the Respondent State.**
- ii. Memorials must be typed in **Cambria font, size 12, with 1.5 spacing.**

- iii. The total length of each memorial, including the **cover page and table of contents**, **must not exceed 17 pages**. Any pages exceeding this limit will **not be considered** during evaluation.
  - iv. Memorials must be submitted in **both Microsoft Word and PDF formats**.
  - v. The **Deadline for Submission of Memorials is September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. **Late submissions will not be accepted**.
  - vi. Memorials **MUST** be submitted via **our official website** with the subject line: “[**Team Code**] –**GLAI 2025 Moot Memorial Submission**”.
  - vii. **Team Code Allocation & Cover Page Format**
    - a. Each team shall be assigned a **unique team code** upon confirmation of participation.
    - b. Teams **must not** disclose their university name anywhere in the memorials. Instead, the **assigned team code** must appear on the cover page.
    - c. The cover page must follow the format below:
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**Memorial for [Applicant/Respondent]  
Before the African Union Climate Justice Tribunal  
Team Code: [XXX]  
On Behalf of: [Applicant State / Respondent State]**

***NB: Any memorial that discloses the university name will be subject to disqualification.***

**4. ORAL ROUNDS FORMAT**

- i. Each match will feature two teams: one representing the **Applicant State** and the other representing the **Respondent State**.
- ii. Teams shall present oral arguments before a **panel of judges**.

- iii. Each team shall be allocated time as follows:

## Preliminary Rounds

- **Applicant State: 30 minutes** (including rebuttal)
- **Respondent State: 30 minutes** (including surrebuttal)
- Each speaker must speak for **at least 10 minutes**.

## Quarterfinals & Semifinals

- **Applicant State: 35 minutes** (including rebuttal)
- **Respondent State: 35 minutes** (including surrebuttal)
- Each speaker must speak for **at least 12 minutes**.

## Final Round

- **Applicant State: 40 minutes** (including rebuttal)
- **Respondent State: 40 minutes** (including surrebuttal)
- Each speaker must speak for **at least 15 minutes**.

**The judges may extend speaking time at their discretion.**

## 5. SCORING CRITERIA

Teams will be judged on the following criteria:

- Memorial Quality** (30%) – Structure, clarity, legal reasoning, and adherence to submission guidelines.
- Oral Presentation** (50%) – Advocacy skills, persuasiveness, legal knowledge, response to questions.
- Teamwork & Strategy** (10%) – Coordination and case strategy.
- Courtroom Demeanor & Etiquette** (10%) – Professionalism, respect for the court, and adherence to time limits.

## 6. DRESS CODE

- i. Participants are required to dress in **formal business attire** throughout the competition.
- ii. **Male Participants:** Dark suits, formal shirts, ties, and formal shoes.
- iii. **Female Participants:** Dark suits, formal blouses, knee-length skirts or trousers, and formal shoes.

## 7. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- i. The decisions of the judges are **final and binding**.
- ii. The **competition will sponsor breakfast, lunch and dinner for the Mooters throughout the event**.
- iii. Teams are responsible for **their own travel and accommodation costs**.

## 8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For any questions or clarifications, participants are encouraged to contact the moot court organizers at [glai@bbaadvocates.org](mailto:glai@bbaadvocates.org). We look forward to your participation and wish you all the best in your preparation.

Yours sincerely,



**Brian Awuonda (Chief Executive Officer)**

**GREEN LAW AFRICA INITIATIVE**