



# GREEN LAW GLOBAL INITIATIVE

## International High-Level Moot Court Competition

*Climate Change, Circular Economy, and Transboundary Apparel Harm*

*(ICJ Advisory Opinion-Centered Moot Proposition)*

## OFFICIAL RULES OF THE COMPETITION

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## PART I: GENERAL FRAMEWORK

### Rule 1: Nature of the Competition

1.1 The 2026 Green Law Global Initiative International High-Level Moot Court Competition (hereinafter “the Competition”) is an **international law moot court competition** modeled on proceedings before the **International Court of Justice (ICJ)**.

1.2 The Competition is based on a **Request for an Advisory Opinion** concerning international obligations relating to **climate change, circular economy governance, and transboundary apparel waste**, grounded in the **ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change (2025)**.

1.3 For this 2026 Edition of the Competition, **preliminary, quarter and semi-final rounds shall be conducted virtually** to allow broad participation and accommodate teams from multiple regions. The **physical final rounds** shall be hosted at a designated venue, which for 2026 will be in **Ethiopia**, as determined by the Organizing Committee. Teams participating virtually must ensure stable internet connectivity, functional audio-visual equipment, and a suitable environment for oral proceedings, as technical disruptions will not constitute grounds for additional time, adjournment, or re-hearing. Teams appearing in the in-person finals shall adhere to the same standards of courtroom decorum, professionalism, and procedural compliance.

1.4 All proceedings, written and oral, shall be conducted in English.

1.5 The **deadline for confirmation of participation/registration** shall be **21<sup>st</sup> March, 2026** at 1700hrs EAT via the official website; the **deadline for submission of memorials** shall be **27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026** at 1700hrs EAT via the official website.

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### Rule 2: Participating Institutions and Teams

2.1 Each participating institution may register **one team only**.

2.2 Each team shall consist of:

- **Two (2) student mooters**, and
- **One (1) faculty member** (optional, non-speaking).

2.3 Only the two registered mooters may:

- Author the written submissions, and
- Present oral arguments during the Competition.

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## **PART II: PARTIES AND SIDES**

### **Rule 3: Parties to the Moot**

3.1 The parties to the proceedings are:

- **Interested Stakeholder (Written Statement Participant):** Coalition for Ethical Circular Apparel (CECA)
- **State Primarily Concerned:** Republic of Azania

3.2 Each team shall prepare **written and oral submissions for both sides**, namely:

- As **Counsel for the Interested Stakeholder (CECA)**; and
- As **Counsel for the State Primarily Concerned (Republic of Azania)**.

3.3 Allocation of sides for oral rounds shall be determined by the organizers.

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## **PART III: WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS (MEMORIALS)**

### **Rule 4: Submission Requirements**

4.1 Each team shall submit **two written memorials**:

- One on behalf of the **Interested Stakeholder**, and
- One on behalf of the **State Primarily Concerned**.

4.2 Memorials must address **all legal issues raised in the Moot Problem**.

4.3 Teams shall identify themselves by their Institution names.

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## **Rule 5: Formatting Requirements**

All written submissions shall strictly comply with the following formatting rules:

- **Font:** Cambria
- **Font Size:**
  - Main text: **12-point**
  - Footnotes: **10-point**
- **Line Spacing:** 1.5
- **Text Alignment:** Justified
- **Margins:**
  - Top: **1 inch (2.54 cm)**
  - Bottom: **1 inch (2.54 cm)**
  - Left: **1 inch (2.54 cm)**
  - Right: **1 inch (2.54 cm)**

NB: All written submissions MUST be submitted in both Microsoft word and PDF formats

Failure to comply may attract penalties.

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## **Rule 6: Length of Submissions**

6.1 Each memorial shall **not exceed 17 pages**, excluding:

- Cover page,
- Table of Contents,
- Index of Authorities.

6.2 The 17-page limit **includes**:

- Statement of Jurisdiction,
- Questions Presented,
- Statement of Facts,
- Summary of Pleadings,
- Written Arguments,
- Prayer for Relief.

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## **Rule 7: Citation and Authorities**

7.1 Authorities shall be cited using **footnotes**.

7.2 Teams are encouraged to rely on:

- ICJ case law and advisory opinions,
- International treaties and customary international law,
- Scholarly writings,
- Reports of international organizations.

7.3 Oscola uniform citation style is required throughout each memorial.

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## **PART IV: ORAL PROCEEDINGS**

### **Rule 8: Oral Rounds**

8.1 Oral proceedings shall simulate hearings before the **International Court of Justice**.

8.2 Each team shall argue **both sides** at least once during the Competition.

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## **Rule 9: Time Allocation**

9.1 Each side shall be allotted **30 minutes total** for oral submissions.

9.2 The 30 minutes shall be shared between the two mooters.

9.3 Rebuttal and sur-rebuttal:

- **Interested Stakeholder** may reserve up to **5 minutes** for rebuttal.
- **State Primarily Concerned** may reserve up to **5 minutes** for sur-rebuttal.

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## **Rule 10: Conduct of Oral Pleadings**

10.1 Mooters shall:

- Address the bench as "**Madam President**" or "**Mr. President**", or "**Honourable Members of the Court**."
- Confine arguments to the record and applicable international law.

10.2 Judges may question mooters at any time.

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## **PART V: SCORING AND EVALUATION**

### **Rule 11: Memorial Evaluation**

Memorials shall be evaluated on:

- Knowledge and application of international law;
- Use of ICJ jurisprudence, particularly the **ICJ Climate Advisory Opinion**;
- Logical structure and coherence;
- Clarity of expression and citation discipline.

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## **Rule 12: Oral Round Evaluation**

Oral submissions shall be evaluated on:

- Substantive legal analysis;
- Responsiveness to judicial questions;
- Courtroom advocacy and professionalism;
- Time management and organization.

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## **PART VI: CLARIFICATIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

### **Rule 13: Requests for Clarification**

13.1 Teams may submit written requests for clarification by the deadline prescribed via the official email.

13.2 Clarifications issued by the Organizing Committee shall form **part of the Moot Problem**.

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### **Rule 14: Interpretation of the Rules**

14.1 The **Organizing Committee of the Green Law Global Initiative** shall have final authority to:

- Interpret these Rules;
- Resolve disputes;
- Modify procedures where necessary.

14.2 The Committee's decisions shall be **final and binding**.

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## **PART VII: ETHICS AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

### **Rule 15: Originality and Integrity**

15.1 Memorials must be **original work** of the registered mooters.

15.2 Plagiarism or misrepresentation shall result in **immediate disqualification**.

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## **PART VIII: OBJECT OF THE COMPETITION**

### **Rule 16: Educational Purpose**

The Competition aims to:

- Promote excellence in international environmental and climate law;
- Advance understanding of circular economy governance;
- Foster Global South perspectives in international legal discourse.

### **FINAL NOTE**

The Organizers encourage teams to view this Competition not merely as an exercise in advocacy, but as an opportunity to contribute thoughtfully to the evolving discourse on international environmental law and climate governance. Through disciplined research, principled argumentation, and professional courtroom conduct, participants are invited to test how international law can respond to complex sustainability challenges in a rapidly changing world.



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