3rd Pan African University Debating Championship

University of Namibia
Namibia, Windhoek.
4-11 Dec 2010

2010/ Progress Report
I felt justice should be served by updating both council members and the debating community at large of progress regarding this tournament.

Namibia is preparing to host the biggest debating tournament and in particular the University of Namibia. This report focuses on gains done since the rights have been won to host this prestigious tournament. It will focus on Registration, Adjudication, Logistical matters as well as Schedule.

What makes this year different, we will attempt to run a parallel ‘mini’ French tournament as well as a bigger team cap thus also include international teams!

Lastly, this is a good training opportunity before Worlds Botswana 2011 since the proximity between us is minimal and a fantastic opportunity to check out Namibia’s landscape and culture through our SOCIALS!
This year’s team cap will be 100 teams making this the biggest PAUDC tournament to date. Increasing the cap will only be done on demand and not otherwise, the registration fee will remain the same from our bid, at N$ 750 person. We are committed to maintaining this registration fee, with the hope that a low fixed fee helps fundraising and budgeting, thus increasing access. We can do this because of positive feedback from sponsors, strong support from the university and rigid budgetary discipline.

Take note: 1 Namibian Dollar is equivalent to the 1 South African Rand.

**Phase 1:**
Primary Registration
13th August to 15th October 2010
- Each African country can register up to 7 Institutions of Higher learning, 4 teams per institutions and n+1 rule will also apply.

**Phase 2:**
Late Registration
18th October to 19th November 2010
Southern Africa has a deep and vibrant adjudication pool. The default debate format at the university level is British Parliamentary debating, and Southern Africa has a debate culture that has been connected to the Worlds community for at least 15 years. The South African Debate Championships has evolved into the default tournament for Southern African nations and has invigorated debate and adjudicator development in the entire region. The inaugural PAUDC saw 10 African nations compete and was followed by a flurry of debate workshops. It further expanded to having to over 15 Nations in 2009. 2010 brings together a more competitive adjudication team from the Region and International to ensure standards are boosted.

**Adjudication team:**

Chief Adjudicator - Joe Roussos  
Harish Natarajan, University of Cambridge  
Claire Hawkridge, former Rhodes and Stellenbosch  
Thoriso M-Afrika, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

**Adjudication Development Plan**

The adjudication development plan aims to improve this already vibrant southern African adjudication pool, by trying to ensure more consistent judging. This is done by creating a uniform understanding and application of the rules, while ensuring a sensitivity to various international debate styles and trends. Each PAUDC includes a workshop for debaters and adjudicators. This year will try to encompass increasing exposure to international debate and adjudication styles. International tournaments with trainers and teams from outside the continent help familiarize local adjudicators with the diversity of Worlds and prepare them to adapt so this tournament will be open to international teams also.
We have decided to accommodate participants in the resident’s centre inside the University of Namibia. The centre is comprised of 3 joined blocks with almost 400 rooms in total. All participants will stay in either twin sharing rooms or single rooms (no mandatory gender segregation), though there will be some single rooms available. Round the clock convenience store, emergency services and entertainment will be set up at the residence; ensuring participants have comfortable access to everything they need. The debating venues will be 4 minutes away.
Debate Venues

We have successfully confirmed all debate venues required. The University of Namibia has provided their best venues at no charge, 30 Venues in total.

We are planning to have one or two break rounds in different venues around the city. If that is not possible we have confirmed appropriate venues in the university.
The PAUDC Namibia 2010 Organising Committee shall be providing meals for all the registered participants except on specified days as per the tentative schedule. This means breakfast every day, Lunch and dinner will also be provided each day except on the free day and during certain social events but not all.

(please refer to the schedule)
We have the international airport Hosea Kutako. Currently Air Namibia flies regularly between Johannesburg, Lusaka, Cape Town, Accra (Ghana), Frankfurt and with over 40 flights a week only to Johannesburg. Between South African Airways, Air Namibia, South Africa Express and British Airways.

The Mainliner bus frequently travels from Johannesburg and major capitals in the region it’s a good 24 hour journey to Namibia.
Saturday, December 4th, 2010
Arrival Day

- 10:00-20:00 > Arrival, Check-In, Registration (at University of Namibia, participants picked up from the airport or coach stop)
- 21:00-late > Unofficial Welcome Party @ Zenso Lounge

Sunday, December 5th, 2010
Opening Day

- 09:00-12:00 > Briefing, Intro to Organizing Committee Training for Adjudicators & Debaters (at UNAM)
- 12:00-14:00 > Pre-Council Meeting & Lunch
- 14:00-15:30 > Common Briefing
- 15:30-17:00 > Mock debate
- 17:00-19:00 > Opening Ceremony @ Leisure Centre

Monday, December 6th, 2010
Debate Day 1

- 07h00 - Breakfast
- 08h30 - Briefing
- 09h00 - Training for Debaters and Adjudicators
- 10h30 - Adjudicators test, verbal exams
- 13h00 - Lunch
- 14h00 - Katutura Pool
- 17h00 - Supper

Tuesday, December 7th, 2010
Debate Day 2

- 07:00 - Breakfast
- 08:30 - Briefing
- 09:00 - Round 1
- 10:30 - Briefing
- 11:00 - Round 2
- 12:30 - Briefing
- 13:00 - Lunch
- 14:30 - Briefing
- 15:00 - Round 3 (French Tourn starts Round 1)
- 18:30 - Briefing
- 19:00 - Supper @ Oluzizi Bar
**Tournament Schedule**

**Wednesday, December 8th, 2010**
Debate Day 3

- 07:30 Breakfast
- 08h30 Briefing
- 09:00 - Round 4 (French Tourn Round
- 12:30 - Briefing
- 13:00 - Lunch
- 14:30 - Briefing
- 15:00 - Round 5 (French League Round
- 16:30 - Briefing
- 17:00 - Round 6 (French League Round
- 18:30 - Briefing
- 19:00 - Supper, Break Party @ Zoo Park

**Thursday, December 9th, 2010**
Debate Day 4

- 07:00 - Breakfast
- 08:30 - Briefing
- 09:00 - Octo finals
- 10:30 - Briefing
- 12:30 - Briefing
- 13:00 - Lunch
- 14:30 - Briefing
- 15:00 - Quarter Finals (French League Semis Finals)
- 16:30 - Council Meeting
- 19:00 - Supper
- 20:30 - Social @ Kwasa Kwasa Bar

**Friday, December 10th, 2011**
Finals

- 07:00 - Breakfast
- 08:30 - Briefing
- 09:00 - Visit to city monuments and historical sites
- 13:00 - Lunch
- 14:30 - Briefing
- 15:00 - Semi Finals
- 16:30 - Briefing
- 18:00 - Finals (French League Finals First)
- 19:30 - Gala Dinner, Public Speaking Finals and Award Ceremony @ Safari Hotel

**Saturday, December 11th, 2010**
Checkout

- Buses to Airport or Bus Terminal
Carl Pesat
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