

Makerere to host the East African Universities Debate Championships

The Makerere University Debate Union (MDU) is the official student organization that promotes debate, public speaking, poetry, and critical discourse at Makerere University. Operating under the Office of the Dean of Students, the Union is dedicated to nurturing articulate, analytical, and socially responsible leaders by providing a platform for intellectual engagement on contemporary national, regional, and global issues. Through weekly training sessions, public forums, inter-college competitions, and participation in national and international tournaments, MDU equips students with communication, leadership, advocacy, and policy analysis skills. The Union has consistently represented Makerere University with distinction in competitive debating and public speaking and is committed to advancing a culture of dialogue, civic engagement, and academic excellence. Major activities for the academic year 2025/2026 are Makerere Freshers Tournament, Makerere intercollege Debates, World Press Freedom Day Debates (champions), Olympia Debate Championships, New Vision Inter University Challenge 2025, World AIDS Day Debate competition, Mr. and Miss Ozone competition by NEEMA among others.

From 26th July to 1st August 2026, MDU is hosting the East African Universities Debate Championships (EAUDC) under the theme "**From Dialogue to Action: The Role of Youth in Africa's Transformation.**" This year we have named it **EAUDCZaabu** a luganda word for gold.

The East African Universities Debate Championship (EAUDC) is the premier annual inter-university debate and public speaking competition in East Africa. It brings together students from universities across the region to compete in British Parliamentary debate and public speaking while fostering critical thinking, leadership, cross-cultural exchange, and regional integration. Beyond competition, EAUDC serves as a platform for young leaders to engage in dialogue on pressing social, political, economic, and global issues.