

NUL WTO CHAIR ESSAY COMPETITION - CONCEPT

Rationale

The essay competition aims to strengthen students' research and writing skills. Both skills are important in all trade-related studies and careers. The competition is open to students who are registered in any undergraduate degree programme at the National University of Lesotho.

Publication of Essay Topic:	Monday September 9, 2024
Deadline for Essay Submission:	Friday October 18, 2024
Communication of Winning Essay:	Friday November 1, 2024 – Maseru

Topic:

The role of youth in driving intra-African investment and trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Admission Criteria:

1. Proof of registration in any undergraduate programme at the NUL
2. The essay should not exceed 2,000 words and must be typed.
3. Times New Roman, Size 12, 1.5cm spacing.
4. The essay should be written in English and should be original and must not have been submitted to any other competition, as an assignment, or published
5. Any assistance received during the writing of the essay should be declared and all sources/ references used in the essay should be duly acknowledged in a bibliography.
6. A registration form should be submitted along with the essay. It contains personal information regarding the name, email address, contact details, student number, Faculty, Programme and Year of study. No personal or identifying information should be written in the essay itself.
7. Submissions will be blindly reviewed by three External Reviewers. The decision of the reviewers will be final and binding. Judging will be based on:
 - a. Research
 - b. Reference to relevant policy and other instruments
 - c. Structure and content of essay
 - d. Language use
8. Essays will be subjected to checks for plagiarism and use of AI
9. Prizes will be awarded to, at most, the three best essays received. The organizers reserve the right to not issue prizes should the quality of submissions not be satisfactory.

ANNEX 1 - TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Friday November 1, 2024

8:30am – 9:00am	Arrival and Registration
9:00am – 9:05am	Welcome Remarks by NUL WTO Chair
9:05am – 9:10am	Opening Remarks by Dean, Faculty of Law
9:10am – 9:15am	Remarks from Limkokwing University of Technology
9:15am – 9:20am	Remarks from Revenue Services Lesotho
9:20am – 9:25am	Remarks from Vodacom Lesotho
9:25:am – 9:30am	Announcements
9:30am – 10:30am	Debate Preliminary Rounds
Venue 1	Team A versus Team B (VCL motion)
Venue 2	Team C versus Team D
10:30am – 11:00am	Tea Break and Judges' Deliberations
11:00am – 11:05am	Announcement of top 2 teams from preliminary rounds
11:05 am – 12:05pm	Debate Final Round (RSL motion)
12:05pm – 12:30pm	Judges' Deliberations and Announcements of Essay Winner and Runner - Up
12:30pm – 12:45pm	Announcement of Debate Winning Team, Runners-Up and Best Orator
12:45pm – 12:55pm	Vote of thanks and Closing
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