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endorsements

At times, and in fear, I have wondered whether I should concede equal citizenship of our country to the leopard and the lion, the elephant and the springbok, the black mamba and the pestilential mosquito. A human presence among all these, a feature on the face of our native land thus defined, I know that none dare challenge me when I say - I am an African.

blooms to the citizen of the veld. The dramatic shapes of the Draken sberg, the soil-coloured waters of Lekoa. iGqili no Thukela, and the sands of the Kgalagadi have all been panels of the set on the natural stage on which we act out our foolish deeds of the theatre of our day.

I owe my being to the hills and the valleys, the mountains and the glades, the rivers, the desert, the trees, the flowers, the seas and the ever changing seasons that define the face of our native land. My body has frozen in our frosts and in our latter day snows. It has thawed in the warms of our sunshine and melted in the heat of midday sun, the crack and rumble of the summer thunders, lashed by startling lightening, have been a cause both of trembling and of hope. The fragrances of nature have been as pleasant to us as the sight of the wild

I am an African.

I am formed of the migrants who left Europe to find a new home on our native land. Whatever their own actions, they remains still a part of me. I am the grandchild of the warrior men and women that Hintsa and Sekhukhune led, the patriots that Cetshawayo and Mphephu took to battle, the soldiers that Moshoeshoe and Ngungunyane taught never to dishonour the cause of freedom.

I am the child of Nongqause. I am he who

markets in diamonds, in gold, in the same

Being part of all these people, and in the

knowledge that none dare contest that assertion, I shall claim that - I am an

made it possible to trade in thee world

food for which my stomach yearns.

immediate interest, however much baggage from our past, however much we have been caught by the fashion of cynicism and loss of faith in the capacity of people, let us err today and say - nothing can stop us now! SOUTH AFRICA. IT'S POSSIBLE!

African. Today it feels good to be an African. Whoever we may be, whatever our

The Most Reverend Desmond M Tutu, O.M.S.G. D.D. F.K.C. Anglican Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town

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Dear Delegates

Democracies need intelligent, critical argument to sustain themselves. That's what debaters do best. As a citizen of South Africa's young democracy, I am very proud to support this bid to host the 2012 World Schools Debating Championships. I would love to welcome all the delegates to our wonderful country and beautiful host city of Cape Town to experience for themselves the dynamism of our new South Africa and the warmth of its people.

It would be an honour to be the patron of this prestigious competition and I very much hope to greet you all in Cape Town in the shadow of the mountain in January 2012.

May God bless you richly,

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Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu

14 December 2009



Dear Friends

On behalf of the South African schools debating community, it is my pleasure to present a bid to host the World Schools Debating Championships in January 2012 in Cape Town, South Africa.

Cape Town as a city showcases the best that South Africa has to offer, in terms of cultural diversity, natural beauty, infrastructural experience, and a strong schools debating network. It is also home to the Houses of Parliament, seat of our fledgling democracy and the home of political debate in South Africa.

South Africa is ideally placed to host a WSDC which bridges the gap between established debating nations and the many African nations who participate in debating at a local and regional level, but who are generally unable to attend WSDC as a result of prohibitively high travel and registration costs. As South Africa is nearer to many developing debating nations than are the other traditional debating strongholds, travel costs for these countries will be more affordable than usual. In addition, a lower-than-average registration fee and a relatively low cost of living will make Cape Town 2012 far more accessible for African debaters. At the same time, the South African debating establishment has the organisational experience to run a truly world-class tournament.

I believe that Cape Town 2012 has the potential to be one of the best Championships ever, with a rich offering of entertainment, activities, fantastic weather, and a strong local debating scene. I look forward to welcoming you all to Cape Town in January 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Irene Pampallis Chair of the Bid Committee

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14 September 2009

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Dear Mrs Pampallis

RE: WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

It is with great pleasure that I offer my endorsement to your bid to host the 2012 World Schools Debating Championships: Cape Town 2012, in my capacity as Premier of the Western Cape.

A culture of healthy and vibrant debate is the life blood of this fledgling democracy, and I congratulate you for your efforts to bring these championships to our country.

I am particularly pleased to hear that you will be focusing on outreach and growing a culture of debate in areas across the province.

I wish you every success in bidding for, and hopefully, hosting the competition.

I look forward to welcoming your colleagues to the Cape Town in 2012.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Irene

We are excited about the prospect of hosting the 2012 WSDC in Cape Town. The rotary league is designed to further the skills of schools' debaters in the city. Not only do our speakers often progress to speak as part of the national team, but we also understand that the competition offers an important opportunity to expose schools' debaters to new ideas, argumentation and style.

AK YOUR MIND

We are happy to facilitate full co-operation with the rotary league, including suggesting schools to host debates, and encouraging students to attend nearby debates.

We hope that the bid to host the 2012 competition is successful and look forward to welcoming the delegates to our wonderful city.

Sincerely

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Irene Pampallis Chair Cape Town 2012 Bid Committee 11 Greenhill Road Emmarentia Johannesburg 2195 30 November 2009

Dear Irene

Bid to host World Schools Debating Championships 2012

I am writing to confirm that the South African Schools Debating Board warmly endorses the South African bid to host the 2012 WSDC in Cape Town. We would be delighted to offer any support that we can to ensure that the tournament runs smoothly.

The SASDB is responsible for the development of high school debating in South Africa. We recognise the value that the WSDC has in stimulating interest in debating among local high school learners, and in inspiring them to emulate the best speakers in the world.

I hope that the bid to host the World Schools Debating Championships is successful. You will have the full backing of the SASDB when you present your proposal in Doha.

Yours sincerely,

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USDV



Re: World Schools Debating Championships bid: Cape Town 2012

Dear Irene and the Bidding Committee,

I have reviewed the Committee's bid and, on behalf of the USDV, I would like to give you our full endorsement for *Cape Town 2012.* Furthermore, I wish to extend a sincere good luck to you in your preparations. The bid is as well thought out as it is ambitious and I have no doubt that if South Africa were to host the tournament it would be a great success.

Regarding not only the USDV's support but also that of the Boland schools, the USDV is fully prepared to offer its assistance in realising all that is required for the tournament to be successful. We are prepared to facilitate and assist the organising committee in contacting the necessary schools as well as the University of Stellenbosch in order to ensure that the plans to host the Day 4 rounds in the Boland area and the Semi-Finals at the University of Stellenbosch come off without a hitch.

From the USDV, we wish you success in your bid and look forward to working with you should South Africa be awarded the chance to host the 2012 World Schools Debating Championships.

Regards, Philip de Beer USDV Chair 2010 <u>usdv@sun.ac.za</u>



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19 August 2009

Letter of Endorsement from the University of Cape Town in support of holding the World Schools' Debating Competition in Cape Town in 2012

I write on behalf of the University of Cape Town which would be honoured to offer support to the hosting of the International Schools' Debating Competition in Cape Town in 2012. Discussions with the organisers proposing the bid have already been held with respect to utilising some of the university facilities such as the university's fleet of buses to transport students between the various schools and hotels, as well as the use of the university venues such as lecture theatres, or the great hall normally used for graduations.

The University of Cape Town is ranked in most of the league tables as the leading university on the continent of Africa, and of course would wish to support the kind of intellectual and academic activity that debating stimulates in young students. As a university which aspires to a high degree of internationalisation (20% of our student body are international students) we also appreciate the exposure that involvement with the competition would offer to the next generation of leading university graduates from around the world.

For all these reasons, we fully endorse the bid to hold the competition in Cape Town in 2012.

Yours sincerely

Dr Max Price Vice-Chancellor

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"Our Mission is to be an outstanding teaching and research university, educating for life and addressing the challenges facing our society."

Cape Town Routes Unlimited

3 December 2009

Mrs. Irene Pampallis Deputy Chairperson of the Bid Committee World Schools Debating Championships: Cape Town 2012 11 Greenhill Road Emmarentia Johannesburg

Dear Mrs. Pampallis

WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

On behalf of the official destination marketing organisation for Cape Town and the Western Cape, Cape Town Routes Unlimited, it is my pleasure to endorse the bid to host the World Schools Debating Championships in 2012.

Events such as these are ideal platforms to profile Cape Town and the Western Cape as a premier world-class events destination. A perfect setting such as ours ensures that our visitors are provided with unforgettable experiences that refresh and revitalise. With the privilege of hosting these championships, the destination will have an important opportunity to express and reinforce its commitment to the promotion and enhancement of education in South Africa and the continent.

Cape Town Routes Unlimited eagerly looks forward to the successful outcome of the bidding process and the opportunity to offer destination marketing support to the World Schools Debating Championships in 2012.

Wishing you and your committee all of the best.

Warm tourism regards

Calvyn Gilfellan Chief Executive Officer

Schools Debating in South Africa





Schools Debating in South Africa:

World Schools Style Debating in South Africa is managed at a national level by the South African Schools Debating Board (SASDB). Debating starts at the school level, with each major city or region running its own local league, affiliated to the SASDB. These leagues build up to a provincial tournament, from which provincial teams are selected to compete in the South African National Debating Championships. The national tournament, held in December each year, involves over 200 debaters from across the country. Recently, the competition has expanded to include a junior league, so as to promote the development of debating skills from senior primary school level.

Over the last decade, debating in South Africa has grown from strength to strength. This is epitomised by South Africa's consistently strong performances at the WSDC, breaking every year since 2004, and frequently reaching the advanced break rounds.

Western Cape, the province in which Cape Town is situated, is home to three leagues – including the Township Debating League, which has successfully established debating as an extracurricular activity in many underprivileged schools in and around Cape Town. We are certain that the exposure to world class debating that the World Schools Debating Championships affords will encourage Western Cape debating to expand and reach new heights, in the same way that debating in the Johannesburg region was stimulated following WSDC 2001. Hosting the event in South Africa has the additional benefit of encouraging debate within the wider region, and strengthening the institutions that promote it. Currently debating is a growing, but seriously under-resourced, activity in many African states, including Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland and Uganda. Many African countries find the cost of attending WSDC prohibitive when it is held on other continents. Hosting the competition in Cape Town, with a lower-than-average registration fee, will enable them to attend. By injecting the resources and energy of WSDC into the region, we hope to draw a greater diversity of countries to Cape Town 2012, as well as stimulate the long-term growth of debating in Africa







The Organising Committee

Irene Pampallis: Convenor



Irene was a member of the South African Team in 2006 and 2007. She returns to Worlds in 2010 as national co-coach. She has been involved in organising many of the most prestigious tournaments in South Africa, sitting on the organising committee of the African Schools Debating Championships (ASDC) in 2008 and the South African National Universities Debating Championships in 2009. She was also involved in co-ordinating the Gauteng Provincial Debating League in 2009.

Taimur Bandey: Chief Adjudicator



Taimur Bandey is well known within the WSDC community as an experienced adjudicator and trainer. He has been President of the Debating Society of Pakistan since 2007, judging many high-level debates at domestic level, and became the first Pakistani to adjudicate two WSDC finals (2007 and 2008). To add to his list of firsts, Taimur was the first Pakistani to be elected to the WSDC's Executive Council and was also elected to the WSDC Executive Committee three times. He served on the Complaints Committee for WSDC 2008, and on the Motions Committee for WSDC in 2009 and 2010. In addition, he is a member of the Chief Adjudication Panel for WSDC Qatar 2010.

Daniel de Kadt: Deputy Chief Adjudicator



Dan de Kadt attended WSDC as a speaker in 2003, 2004 and 2005, representing South Africa in the Grand Final in 2004. He coached the 2007 and 2008 South African teams to quarter-final finishes. He has extensive experience as an adjudicator, having judged top rooms at four South African National Schools Championships, three South African National University Championships, and a range of other leagues and competitions. In 2005 he served on the Organising Committee for the South African National Universities Debating Championships, and in 2006 he convened the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Championships. He currently studies at, and debates for, Oxford University.

Jessica Price



Like Irene, Jessica was a member of the South African team at WSDC in 2006 and 2007 and is co-coaching the South African team at the Qatar competition. She is extensively involved with debating in both the Western Cape and Gauteng provinces, serving as a member of the Western Cape Debating Board in 2010, Deputy Chair of the University of Cape Town Debating Union Board for 2010 and is the 2010 co-ordinator of the Rotary League, one of Western Cape's provincial schools leagues.

The Organising Committee

Kerilynne Cloete



Keri is heavily involved with debating, both as a speaker and as an adjudicator. At school, she spoke on the Gauteng provincial team, and at university level she reached the finals of the South African National Universities Debating Championships. She was the Deputy Chief Adjudicator at Schools Nationals in 2008 and 2009 and Chief Adjudicator at the ASDC in 2009. She was also a member of the National Schools Organising Committee in 2009, Chair of the Western Cape Debating Board in 2010, and Deputy Chair and Chair of the University of Cape Town Debating Union Board in 2009 and 2010 respectively. Finally, she served as the co-ordinator of the Rotary League in 2009.

Joe Roussos



Joe has been involved in South African debating as a speaker, coach and organiser for many years. In 2007 he acted as Gauteng Provincial Co-ordinator, and coached the winning provincial schools teams in both 2007 and 2008. More recently, Joe served as the Funding Officer on the South African Schools Debating Board in 2009, convened the 2009 National Universities Debating Championships, and was the Chief Adjudicator of the Gauteng Schools Provincial League.

Mark Schoeman



Mark represented South Africa as a speaker at WSDC in 2007 and 2008. Since starting university he has been fully involved in the Western Cape Rotary League, breaking to adjudicate advanced break rounds at the 2009 Western Cape Schools Provincial Championships and serving on the Organising Committee of the 2010 Justice Edwin Cameron Invitational Tournament for Southern African universities.

Adrian Marcia



Adrian has become heavily involved in high school debating during his first year of university. He has adjudicated high rooms at the Gauteng Provincial Championships, and was the coach of the Gauteng junior team that attended the National Championships in 2009.

Sean Darge



Sean has been an active member of the debating community in South Africa for several years, despite only completing high school at the end of 2009. He was a member of the Western Cape Provincial Schools Team in 2005, 2006 and 2007, and served as Chair of the Rondebosch Boys' High School Debating Society. We know that we can rely on Sean to help out with any and all aspects that hosting this tournament may demand.

Centre for Education Policy Development



The Centre for Education Policy Development (CEPD) will be managing the finances for WSDC 2012. The CEPD is a nongovernmental, non-profit organisation which works in the field of education and training. It provides a range of services, from research, evaluation and event management to project and financial management. Its clients range in size from small organisations to national governments. They have a long track record of managing funds for large education projects, and their books and financial operations are regularly audited.

south africa

SOUTH AFRICA

Fast Facts Form of Government: Republic Population: 49 million Official Languages: There are 11, including English, which is spoken by almost everyone. Currency: Rand (1USD = +7.50ZAR) Time Zone: GMT +2

South Africa has overcome an oppressive past of colonisation and Apartheid to become a peaceful and stable democracy, based on equality, protection of human rights, and the spirit of "Ubuntu" - the recognition that our humanity is defined by our relationships with others. Sixteen years into our democracy, a common respect for expression and debate has continued to encourage widespread and lively discussion of political decisions, economic policy and social paradigms.

Our country has 11 official languages – an indication of the multitude of cultures and peoples who create the diversity characteristic of this "Rainbow Nation". In additional to the 11 ethnic groups recognised by our official languages, the country is also home to immigrant communities from all over the world. Post-1994, there has been increasing integration among our many cultural groups, and a uniquely South African identity has started to take shape. The country is a

rich tapestry of African, Asian and European peoples, blended into a whole which retains and respects the diverse heritage of its constituent parts.

South Africa has demonstrated an outstanding capability to host international events, ranging from political events like the Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers in 2006, to social forums like the International AIDS Conference in 2000, and major sporting events such as the 2003 ICC Cricket World Cup and the upcoming 2010 FIFA World Cup. The South African debating community has also proved capable of hosting major events, such as the annual National Universities Debating Championships, which attract over 100 teams from across Southern Africa, the annual African Schools Debating Championships, and the 1997 and 2003 World Universities Debating Championships.





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CAPE TOWN: HOST CITY

Nestled between Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean, Cape Town has been called South Africa's most beautiful city. The city offers a remarkable array of natural landscapes, from the Atlantic seaboard and sandy beaches to forests, rugged mountains, fertile winelands and orchards, and the fynbos plants of the Cape Floral Kingdom. The warm, sunny weather characteristic of Cape Town in January will ensure that the participants are able to fully experience all that Cape Town has to offer

Cape Town also has a rich cultural history. It is home to the Castle of Good Hope, which dates from the Dutch occupation of the Cape in the seventeenth century, as well as the townships of Langa, Gugulethu and Khayalitsha, which were key battle points in the anti-Apartheid struggle. The Bo Kaap is home to a thriving Cape Malay subculture, filled with bright colours and aromatic foods.

All of this promises an exciting and diverse range of options to explore.

Cape Town is as safe as most leading cities internationally. Making Cape Town's Central Business District (CBD) the safest in the country was the main driver behind the establishment of the Central Improvement District in November 2000. This Public Private Partnership collects over ZAR14,5 million a year from property owners, of which nearly half pays for extra security on the streets of Cape Town's central city.

A security force of 129 community patrol officers, 15 private security ground patrols and eight mounted patrols keep the streets of the central city of Cape Town safe for all those who work in, visit or live in the city of Cape Town. A 75-camera surveillance network, paid for by the City of Cape Town, assists in keeping crime at bay. In addition, Cape Town also boasts a well-trained municipal police force.

National Reserves

Exchange rate for major currencies (as at 27 Aug '09)					
R7.85	1 US \$				
R12.76	1 £				
R11.20	1€				

Estimated costs of consumables in CapeTown Routes Unlimited (as at August ′09)						
Coffee	R 8.50	US \$ 1.08	£0.66	€0.75		
Soda	R 6.50	US \$ 0.82	£0.50	€0.58		
Draft beer	R 12.00	US \$ 1.52	£0.94	€1.07		
Bottle of white						
wine in restaurant	R 75.00	US \$9.55	£5.87	€6.69		
Bottle of red						
wine in restaurant	R 96.00	US \$12.22	£7.52	€8.57		
3 course meal	R125.00	US \$15.92	£9.79	€11.16		
Sandwich in						
restaurant	R 22.00	US \$2.80	£1.72	€1.96		
Big Mac burger	R 19.95	US \$2.54	£1.56	€1.78		



Cape Town & Western Cape Map showing 6 regions

Other attractions in Cape Town & Western Cape include:

- The Castle Goede Hoop
- Cape Town Townships •
- Whales
- Во Каар
- Floral Heritage
- . Beaches
- Garden Route
- Cango Caves
- National Parks
- Cape Dutch and colonial architecture era

CAPE TOWN

TOP TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Cape Town has so much to offer as a tourist destination. It is blessed to have South Africa's top six tourist attractions within one hour's drive from the city centre, the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Table Mountain, Cape Point, the Cape Winelands, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and Robben Island, a short boat trip away.

1. Table Mountain



South Africa's world-renowned icon, Table Mountain, was afforded National Park status in May 1998.

Table Mountain offers something for everyone – magnificent views, cable car rides, mountain-biking, hiking, serious rock climbing, cross country running, fascinating botany, birding and for the more adventurous, abseiling and paragliding. Visitors are treated to a spectacular view during the ride to the top of Table Mountain aboard a modern cable car with a revolving floor.

2. Victoria & Alfred Waterfront



Cape Town's Victoria and Alfred Waterfront has established itself as a leading world-class waterfront. The unique working harbour with scenic views of Table Mountain combined with entertainment options like shopping, street musicians, museums, an aquarium, boat trips and cinemas promise to make any visit an unforgettable experience.

3. Robben Island



Robben Island is one of South Africa's four World Heritage sites. This barren windswept island was the prison home of former President Nelson Mandela for 18 years. Here you can experience the view that kept Nelson Mandela's dream of freedom for his country alive.

4. Winelands/Wine Routes



South Africa and the Western Cape produce some of the world's best wines. The first wines in South Africa were produced at Steenberg in 1695 and Groot Constantia is the oldest productive wine estate in the country situated within the city of Cape Town.

5. Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens



Kirstenbosch is internationally acclaimed as one of the great botanical gardens of the world. Situated on the south eastern slopes of Cape Town's magnificent Table Mountain, the estate covers 528 hectares and includes a cultivated garden and a nature reserve. Indeed the tiny Cape Peninsula has more floral diversity than the whole of Europe combined.

6. Cape Point



The Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point form part of the Cape Peninsula National Park and are managed by South African National Parks. Visitors can enjoy the 7 750 hectares reserve of indigenous flora and fauna and over 150 bird species and can also travel with the only funicular in Africa to the viewing platform 678 metres above the sea.



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THE TOURNAMENT: CAPE TOWN 2012

Cape Town 2012 will be a truly memorable experience for all involved. The Cape Town championships should act as a benchmark for future competitions, increasing the number and diversity of teams that take part. We can host up to 48 teams and offer lower-than-average registration fees of ZAR3000 (approximately US\$400), thereby minimising any financial obstacles which may otherwise prevent some nations from competing.

Venues and Tours:

The preliminary rounds of the Championships, up to the octo-finals, will be held at high schools in Cape Town and its surrounding areas. This will maximise the participants' exposure to South African students, as well as maximise the opportunities for South African learners to watch international debates. These schools will range from top-end private schools to under-resourced township schools, and will include schools already heavily involved in the Cape Town debating circuit as well as those just starting out.

The quarter finals, semi finals and final will be held at showcase venues across the Western Cape, such as picturesque wine farms, a FIFA World Cup football stadium, and the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens.

The opening and closing ceremonies will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, which has extensive experience in hosting international events and which is situated close to Cape Town's V&A Waterfront. The break night party will be held at La Med, a restaurant and party venue situated right on Clifton Beach. In addition to the experience of the tournament itself, a range of full-day and half-day tours during the course of the competition will provide the opportunity to become better acquainted with Cape Town and its environs. This will include a half-day winelands tour for all participants, as well as optional tours to Table Mountain, Cape Point, Robben Island and a nearby game reserve.

Accommodation – The Ritz Hotel:

The Ritz Hotel is located in the suburb of Sea Point, and offers some of the Cape Peninsula's best views of the Atlantic seaboard. The hotel is situated 300m from the beach, and is within a few minutes' walking distance of several affordable restaurants. In addition, the hotel features its own café, which serves light meals all day, as well as a rotating restaurant on the 23rd floor, which offers 360 degree views of Cape Town.

The hotel has 222 en-suite, air-conditioned rooms with TV and all basic amenities. It also features a wonderful pool deck, which is supervised until late at night. The Ritz also has extensive conferencing facilities, which will be used as the centre of operations for the tournament organisers, and which will also be used to host a Round Zero, if necessary.



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Logistics:

Getting to Cape Town is simple, with many major international airlines (including British Airways, Delta, Emirates, Etihad, KLM, Lufthansa, Malaysia Airlines, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways and Virgin Atlantic) flying directly into Cape Town. Many more airlines fly into Johannesburg, and a short connecting flight can be taken from Johannesburg to Cape Town.

The Organising Committee will arrange transfers at no extra charge for all delegates from the airport to the hotel on arrivals day and back again on departures day.

Visa applications will also be simple. The Cape Town and Western Cape Convention Bureau provides assistance for visa applications by issuing a letter confirming that the tournament is happening in Cape Town and/or confirming that a particular delegate has registered for the tournament. Once the Department has been informed of the event, a blanket approval will be sent to all South African representatives abroad authorising them to issue visas to delegates, provided all the visa requirements are met. This procedure will facilitate a speedy visa application process.

Proposed Schedule:

Day 1 – Tuesday, 17 January 2012 Arrivals and registration

Day 2 – Wednesday, 18 January 2012

Half day Cape Town city tour Tournament overview and adjudication workshop for coaches and adjudicators Free afternoon for all delegates to explore the local area Opening ceremony: Dinner and entertainment at the CTICC

Day 3 – Thursday, 19 January 2012 Preliminary rounds 1 & 2 (held at Cape Town schools)

Day 4 – Friday, 20 January 2012 Preliminary rounds 3 & 4 (held at Boland schools) Free evening for speakers Cocktail party for the coaches and adjudicators: Two Oceans Aquarium

Day 5 - Saturday, 21 January 2012

Free day with the option of organised tours around Cape Town and surrounding areas Preliminary round 0 (bye round), if needed (held at hotel)









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Day 6 – Sunday, 22 January 2012

Preliminary rounds 5 & 6 (held at the University of Cape Town with audiences invited)

Day 7 – Monday, 23 January 2012 Preliminary rounds 7 & 8 (held at Township Debating League schools) Break night party: La Med Restaurant.

Day 8 – Tuesday, 24 January 2012 Octo-finals (held at Cape Town schools) Quarter-finals Worlds Council Meeting (held in the hotel in the evening)

Day 9 – Wednesday, 25 January 2012 Winelands Tour Lunch and semi-finals in Stellenbosch

Day 10 – Thursday, 26 January 2012 Worlds Council Meeting continues (morning) Grand Final (afternoon) Prize-giving and closing ceremony at CTICC (evening)

Day 11 – Friday, 27 January 2012 Farewell and departures









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