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The Spoken Arts and Debate Society (SADS) emerges as the winner of the annual World Debate Championship

By Stecy Onyango

Chantelle Mukabi (SADS Chair) and Kagia Samuel (SADS Vice Chair) were recently named as winners of the annual Uhuru World Debate Championship (UWDC), which saw 44 countries taking part in the competition, bringing together 400 debaters, 100 judges, and over 40 countries from across the world.

The competition was held across two time zones and three divisions, namely the Open Category (the highest category for the highest skilled and most fluent debaters), the ESL (English as Second Language being the second category), and the Schools Category (for students at secondary education level). Kagia and Chantelle signed up as ESL speakers, like most African debaters do, but they had such high scores in the preliminary rounds that they ended up breaking through to the Open Category as the 9th breaking Open team out of 32 selected teams for the Out Rounds (octo-finals, quarter-finals, semifinals and the grand finale). They proceeded to win all



Chantelle Mukabi(left) and Kagia Samuel(right) emerged as the winners of the annual World Debate Championship, following Chantelle's win at the Vanderbilt IV Open Tournament and the Society's wins at the Global Unitalks competition.

the out rounds and were able to emerge as the World Champions of the Uhuru World Debate Championship through a unanimous decision by the Global Chief Adjudication Panel. In addition to this, Chantelle was named as the 7th Best Speaker in the Open

Category and the 4th Best Speaker in the ESL Category, with Kagia Samuel named as the 8th Best Speaker in the ESL Category.

This marks one of the many wins by the pair at various competitions, including:

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USIU-Africa gains membership into Quality Matters

By CTW team

USIU-Africa has gained membership into Quality Matters, an organization which helps academic institutions to deliver their online promise through a collaborative and collegial process that centers on continuous improvement. The Quality Matters process is designed to help institutions achieve their quality assurance goals for online learning.

By joining the program, the University will be able to ensure that its online courses, and learning process which is currently ongoing by undertaking course reviews, will result in better course design, make navigation easier for students, reduce barriers to student achievement, and result in better outcomes.



Speaking to CTW following the signing of the agreement, Director of Online Learning, Dr. Philip Machoka noted that USIU-Africa's membership in Quality Matters would help the university step up the quality of its learning outcomes, in line with the University's strategic plan.

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USIU-Africa selected to be part of Light for the World's employability program

By CTW team

Light for the World, in partnership with the Standard Chartered Bank seeks to onboard students with disabilities as well as those without disabilities from USIU-Africa and four Kenyan Universities (Kenyatta University, Multimedia University, Zetech University and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology) to an exciting employability program whose objective is to build employability capacity in form of: career talks, mentorship, coaching, internships, job shadowing, employment opportunities and job readiness training sessions.

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Upcoming events:

- **Wednesday, February 17, at 5:30pm:** Linus Gitahi, Board Chairman of Tropikal Brands Afrika Ltd and former Group CEO of Nation Media. Topic: *Scaling your Business Startup.*
- **Wednesday, March 3, at 5:30pm:** Vincent Rapundo, Chandaria Foundation. Topic: *Social Entrepreneurship and Linking with Foundations.*