

AFRICA ARBITRATION DAY – NEW YORK ARBITRATION MOOT COMPETITION

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

CPR Institute and the Steering Committee of the 2026 Africa Arbitration Day – New York (“AAD-NY”) are pleased to invite law students to participate in the program’s arbitration moot competition taking place the morning of **Thursday, November 19, 2026**, at the New York City office of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, 66 Hudson Blvd E, New York, NY 10001 .

About the AAD-NY Arbitration Moot

The purpose of the AAD-NY Arbitration Moot is to help develop the next generation of arbitration practitioners in Africa-related disputes.

We will use the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (“Vis Moot”) problem to provide support to students preparing for the annual Vis Moot competition in Vienna.

Application Requirements

Participation is open to currently enrolled law students (pursuing JD, LLM, LL.B. or a comparable law degree) with an interest in Africa-related arbitration. There is no fee to participate in the moot, but participants are responsible for their own travel expenses. The deadline to apply is by 11:59 pm ET on **Friday, September 18, 2026**.

To apply, submit the application form found online at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/8QWMEAt70s>

Financial Assistance

CPR is a non-profit organization and has a very limited AAD-NY Scholarship Fund for students meeting certain eligibility requirements. We anticipate any award from the Fund would only cover a part of the anticipated costs and strongly advise that students still seek to secure financial support directly from their schools, communities, and businesses/ organizations.

Any amounts that are awarded to a student from the 2026 AAD-NY Scholarship Fund would be reimbursed to the student **after** their participation in the 2026 AAD-NY moot when documentation and receipts for eligible expenses incurred are submitted to CPR for reimbursement up to the award amount.

Eligible Expenses are defined as reasonable costs, not to exceed the Award Amount granted to the Named Participant by CPR and incurred by the Named Participant in connection with their participation in the 2026 CPR AAD-NY while traveling to/from/in New York, NY, USA, including expenses for airfare, hotel, transportation, and meals. Eligible Expenses must be documented, and receipts and supporting documentation will be submitted to CPR after the event for review and reimbursement up to the Award Amount.

Applicants applying for financial support from the AAD-NY Scholarship Fund must indicate their request in the application form, including the following information:

1. the scholarship amount they are seeking,
2. how they will secure the rest of the funding needed, and
3. how the student believes participation in the AAD-NY arbitration moot would advance the use of dispute resolution in their country.

Students should note that the Scholarship Fund has limited resources and will not be able to accommodate all requests. Funds are reimbursed after the conclusion of the Moot.

Selection Process.

CPR and the 2026 AAD-NY Steering Committee will review all applications and will select 4 students to compete at the moot and at their discretion may select 4 alternates to participate in the moot. Students will be **notified by September 28, 2026**, whether they have been selected for the 2026 AAD-NY Arbitration Moot. Selected students will then be required to confirm participation, securing travel visas as needed, and making any necessary arrangements to appear in person.

Participation

Students selected for the AAD-NY Arbitration Moot will participate in the following ways:

- **Individual capacity.** Participants will not represent their schools in the moot. Instead, they will participate individually in teams with other participants as assigned by the AAD-NY Steering Committee. Each team will be assigned a coach who will assist with oral argument preparation only.
- **Written argument.** Selected students *and alternates* will be assigned an issue presented by the Vis Moot problem and will individually submit a written argument not exceeding 2,500 words, including footnotes, in word format to Knar Nahikian at knahikian@cpradr.org no later than **11:59 pm ET on Monday, October 26, 2026**.
- **Oral argument.** Selected students will be assigned a **moot coach** to help prepare for oral arguments and will deliver oral arguments on November 19, 2026. Each team shall present oral arguments to three mock arbitrators on **Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 10:30am ET** at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, 66 Hudson Blvd E, New York, NY 10001. Participants should arrive by **10:00 am ET** for registration. Each team will be allocated 30 minutes for oral argument which shall be divided evenly between team members.
- **Complimentary AAD-NY Moot Luncheon.** Lunch will be served exclusively for moot participants, including selected students, coaches, and the tribunal.
- **Complimentary registration for the AAD-NY conference.** Selected students will attend the AAD-NY conference taking place on November 19, 2026, immediately after the moot luncheon.
- **Certificates** will be awarded for Best Oralist and Best Written Submission. Certificates and any awards will be distributed during the 2026 CPR AAD-NY Conference on November 19, 2026.

Please refer to the Moot Package to be provided to selected students for further details about the written and oral arguments.