



Report on the Cameroon School Debate Championship (CSDC) – Limbe 2025

Date: February 27/02/2025

Venue: Saker Baptist College, Limbe

Overview

The Cameroon School Debate Championship (CSDC) is a prestigious annual event aimed at fostering intellectual engagement among students. Organized by the **Baseline Orators Network** and the **Commonwealth Students' Union**, the CSDC serves as a platform for debates, public speaking, and environmental quizzes. Its primary goal is to empower students by enhancing communication skills, critical thinking, and self-confidence.

This year marked the fifth edition, hosted at Pinnacle of Success Academy, featuring 6 distinguished schools:

- Saker Baptist College
- Saint Joseph's College
- Saint Ann Girls College Limbe
- Saint Patrick Credence College
- Government Bilingual High School Limbe
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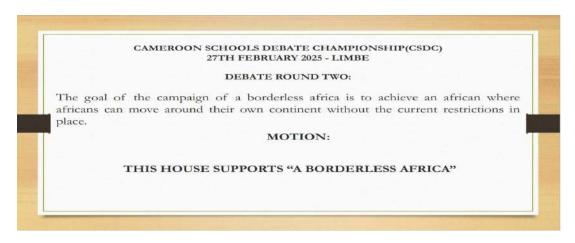
Debate Competition

The debate competition was structured to ensure an engaging atmosphere, with each school fielding 3 teams of three members and 3 student adjudicators.

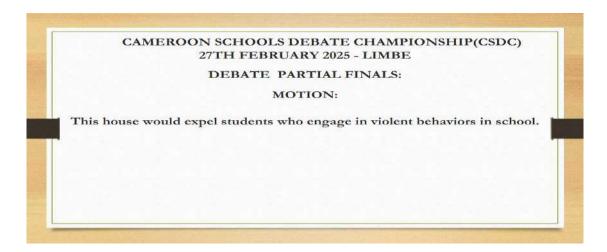
Rounds of Debate



The first round was made up of 18 teams of which 16 were selected for the next round.



Out of the 16 teams which went for the second round, the best 4 teams with the highest speaker points were promoted to partial finals.



During the partial finals, the atmosphere was electric as teams presented compelling arguments in their quest for a spot in the finals. With only two available positions, the adjudicators faced a significant challenge, tasked with providing thorough and fair evaluations of each team's performance. The intensity of the competition was palpable, highlighting the students' dedication and acquisition of skills.



The debate finals confronted Saker Baptist College team B against Saint Ann Girl's College team A.

Public Speaking Competition

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Public Speaking

Round 1: Prepared Speech (participants are required to prepare a speechof their choice and present on the competition day)-(3 minutes).

Round 2(semis): You are a gardener and "Plane" wants you to supply to them, pitch your business. (2 minutes-Elevator speech).

Finals:

How can a youth be patriotic and contribute to national peace while encouraging economic growth?

The public speaking competition showcased 36 talented representatives, with six participants from each of the six schools. Each speaker captivated the audience with their eloquence, confidence, and persuasive skills. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation as participants shared their insights on various topics, demonstrating not only their public speaking prowess but also their ability to engage and inspire.

From this impressive pool of speakers, 15 members were selected to advance to the finals. The judging criteria included clarity of expression, argument strength, and overall delivery, ensuring that only the most outstanding speakers progressed. The competition highlighted the students' hard work and dedication, making it a memorable event for all involved.

Environmental Quiz

Moderated by Mr. Bobga Teophile, the environmental quiz featured three students from each school, who enthusiastically tackled questions related to pressing environmental issues. The competition was intense, with participants demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of sustainability topics. In a testament to their dedication and preparation, G.B.H.S. Limbe emerged victorious in this segment, highlighting their strong commitment to environmental awareness and conservation.

Celebration and Awards Ceremony

After the intense competitions, a wave of joy washed over the students as they enjoyed a well-deserved snack break. Smiles lit up their faces as they savored a variety of delicious offerings, thoroughly pleased with the quality and quantity of the food.

The event culminated in an awards ceremony where medals and trophies were presented by various administrators. The excitement in the room as winners were announced added to the celebratory atmosphere.

Awards Ceremony

Following the competitions, an awards ceremony was held, celebrating the achievements of participants:

Debate Champions

• Team B Saker Baptist College

Ranking of Best Institutional Debate Speakers

| Student Name | Mark R1 | Mark R2 | Average | Rank |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| ATEM MARYLYN MAZOUA | 73 | 72 | 72,5 | 1 |
| NGWA PETRONELA | 71,5 | 72 | 71.75 | 2 |
| JIMICOB MATILDA NKEMAZEM | 74 | 68 | 71 | 3 |
| BRYSON NTOKO | 73 | 68 | 70,5 | 4 |
| TATAW GEORGE OBEN | 69 | 68 | 68,5 | 5 |

Ranking of Adjudicators

| Name | School | Average | Rank |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|------|
| MAFANY SHUTANG | ST JOSEPH | 8 | 1 |
| NGANJE MCJODEL | GHS | 8 | 2 |
| POLI MARIE-STEPHANIE D. | GBHS | 8 | 3 |
| ESOE PRINCE | ST JOSEPH | 7,625 | 4 |
| NKWEJEAU FAVOUR B. | ST ANNE | 7,5 | 5 |

Ranking of Public Speakers

| Name | School | Rank |
|---------------------|---------------|------|
| Ngwa Petronela Ngum | G.H. S Limbe | 1 |
| Kumfa Nick | St Joseph | 2 |
| Tataw George | St Patrick | 3 |
| Jabes Wisdom Nitha | G. H. S Limbe | 4 |
| La Rocha | St Patrick | 5 |

Ranking in Environmental Quizz

| Name | Rank |
|-----------------------|------|
| G.B.HS limbe | 1 |
| Saker Baptist College | 2 |

Conclusion

This year's Cameroon School Debate Championship in Limbe not only highlighted the talents of young debaters and speakers but also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among the participating schools. The event left everyone with lasting memories and a strong desire to participate in future competitions.

Tournament Album



Best Debaters from Saker Baptist College



Best students at the environmental Quiz



Second Best students at the Environmental Quiz from Saker Baptist College



Ngum Petronela from GHS receives the prize for best Public speaker



Overall best Debate Speaker from Saker Baptist College



Overall Best Adjudicator from St Joseph's College