



## African Renaissance Ambassador Debates

*(The National School event of the year)*

Debates schedule and Draws



Grand Finale theme: “Bush-falling is not the African Dream”

We are pleased to announce the detailed schedule and draws for the African Renaissance Ambassador Debates taking place in Cameroon from October 2007 to December 2007. Over 30,000 Youths will have a chance to publicly debate about their future. This is part of ARA’s goal to empower Africans to find solutions to their own problems.

### Regional Grouping of Schools for Debates

<b>Group A</b> 1. PSS Bafut 2. BHS Mankon 3. COTECC Bafut 4. GHS Bafut	<b>Group B</b> 1. PSS Mankon 2. CCC Mankon 3. GBHS Downtown Bamenda 4. PCHS Bamenda
<b>Group C</b> 1. Sacred Heart College Bamenda 2. CPC Bali 3. GBHS Bamenda 4. PSS Nkwen	<b>Group D</b> 1. BGS Molyko 2. CKC Tiko 3. GHS Limbe 4. PCSS Buea 5. GBHS Limbe 6. PHS Kumba

**Debates Sixteenth Finals November 10 2007 , Topic: “Many Cameroonians do not really believe that Cameroon is the ‘land of promise, land of glory’ in spite of the national Anthem’s claims”**

	Group A (in Bafut)		
Match 1 (start 3:PM)	COTECC (Pro)	versus	PSS Bafut (Against)
Match 2 (after match 1)	GHS Bafut (Pro)	versus	BHS Mankon (against)
	Group B (in Bamenda)		
Match 3 (Start 3 pm)	CCC Mankon (Pro)	versus	PSS Mankon (Against)
Match 4 (after match 1)	GBHS Downtown (Pro)	vs	PCHS Bamenda (Against)
	Group C (in Bamenda)		

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Match 5	CPC Bali (Pro)	vs	PSS Nkwen (against)
Match 6	GBHS Bamenda (Pro)	vs	Sacred Heart College (against)
	<b>Group D (in Buea)</b>		
Match 7 (Start 1 Pm)	BGS Molyko	vs	CKC Tiko
Match 8	PCSS Buea	vs	GHS Limbe
Match 9	GBHS Limbe	vs	PHS Kumba

**Debates Eight Finals November 17 2007 : Topic: “General Education rather than Professional education best prepares Cameroonians for success in the global village”**

	<b>Group A (in Bafut)</b>		
Match 10 (start 3:PM)	Winner Match 1 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 2 (Against)
	<b>Group B (in Bamenda)</b>		
Match 11 (Start 3 pm)	Winner Match 3 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 4 (Against)
	<b>Group C (in Bamenda)</b>		
Match 12	Winner Match 5 (Pro)	vs	Winner Match 6 (against)

**Debates quarter Finals November 24 2007:**

	<b>In Bamenda</b>		
Match 13 (start 3:PM)	Winner Match 10 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 11 (Against)
Match 14 (after Match 13)	Winner Match 12 (Pro)	versus	Best loser of Matches 10,11,12 (Against)

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	<b>(In Buea)</b>		
Match 15 (start 1 PM)	Winner Match 7 (Pro)	vs	Winner Match 8 (against)
Match 16 (after Match 15)	Winner Match 9 (Pro)	versus	Best loser of Matches 7,8,9 (Against)

**Debates Semi finals December 01 2007: “Should government policies play a significant role in bush-falling?”**

	<b>In Bamenda</b>		
Match 17 (start 3:PM)	Winner Match 13 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 15 (Against)
Match 18 (after Match 13)	Winner Match 16 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 14 (Against)

**Debates finals December 17 2007: “Bush-Falling is not the African Dream”**

	<b>In Buea</b>		
Match 19 (start 3:PM)	Winner Match 17 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 18 (Against)

Notes:

1. Groupings were largely based on regional proximity of the schools and then random draws
2. Each participating school will get a prize at some point in the competition. Please see distribution below. Furthermore, the two finalists will receive support from ARA to organize one internal school debate each on the UN Foundation debate theme. This will qualify each of these finalist teams to compete in “The People Speak” international debates for an all expense paid trip to the UN in New York in July 2008, a great possibility to represent Cameroon.
3. **Debate day itself**
  - a. Teams should arrive at debate sites at least 1 hour before debate time
  - b. Each participant should wear his/her ARA debate badge (Badges will be made available to schools about 1 week prior to debate)
  - c. Before debate, there will be a short profile of represented schools
  - d. Schools that arrive less than 30 minutes before debate start time or are absent lose the debate, de facto.

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- e. Results should be proclaimed immediately following the debate (and eventually on radio)
- f. Brief comments from sponsors, if available, and consolation prizes. There is a possibility for individual best student debaters.
4. Enough time should be allowed for post-debate activities, such as return trip for schools traveling
5. Debate Facilitators/Chaperons should contact ARA for any questions and check their emails and the ARA debates website [www.aracorporation.org/debates.html](http://www.aracorporation.org/debates.html) regularly for updates, videos and highlights. Contact ARA at anytime at [ara@aracorporation.org](mailto:ara@aracorporation.org) or call ARA/SPF in Cameroon using 74683489
6. The grand finale will also feature high profile guests and a scheduled special performance of the ARA debates theme song by YA SQUAD. The finals will also be broadcasted internationally on the World Wide Web. Voting participation from Africans in Diaspora including ex-students of debating schools is anticipated. Preliminary results will be announced on the date of the Finals but the jury will further review votes from the international community over a 2 day period before the winner is officially announced on CRTV.
7. Debates will be documented through pictures, videos, interviews etc.
8. Judges with no “conflict of interest” will be selected by ARA for each debate. Public votes will constitute 30 % of the final decision. \*

**Distribution of more than 1million FCFA prize money for participation.**

1. The 9 schools who do not proceed beyond the Sixteenth Finals will each be awarded 10,000 FCFA (90,000 total)
2. The schools (3) that do not proceed beyond the Eight Finals will be awarded 25,000 FCFA (75 000 total)
3. The schools (4) that do not proceed beyond the Quarter Finals will be awarded 40,000 FCFA (160,000 total)
4. The schools (2) that do not proceed beyond the Semi finals will be awarded 60,000 FCFA (120,000 total)
5. The Runner up school will receive 150,00FCFA and Winning school will receive 400,000 FCFA. Each Finalist team will also get an ARA accolade.
6. Each debater will be given a token in recognition of their participation

\* Subject to change if deemed necessary by ARA in the interest of the debates.

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