

UCAC 30th ANNIVERSARY

Special Edition of the CENTRAL AFRICA STUDENTS CHALLENGE (CASC) 2021

(October – December 2021)

On the Campus of the Catholic University of Central Africa in Yaoundé

Practical Modalities Of the Social and Human Sciences Paper Theme

**The Issue of Refugees in Africa:
Legal, Political, Humanitarian, Social, Economic and Security Aspects**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Period:** The final of the **Central Africa Students Challenge (CASC) 2021** shall take place at the **Catholic University of Central Africa from 14 October to 15 December 2021.**
- **Target:** Master's Students duly enrolled at the Catholic University of Central Africa, a state university, an Advanced Professional School and a Private Institute of Higher Education (PIHE) in Cameroon.
- **Theme:** The Issue of Refugees in Africa: Legal, Political, Humanitarian, Social, Economic and Security Aspects.
- **Venue of the Final:** The Catholic University of Central Africa, Nkolbisson Campus.
- **Participation:** Teams sponsored by public or private universities in Cameroon may participate in the competition.
- **Team Sponsorship:** A university institution may sponsor only one team which shall obtain the status of sponsored team. The university institution shall endorse the registration form of its sponsored team by signing, stamping and dating it.
- **Team Composition:** The teams shall be freely constituted at the initiative of the academic institutions and shall include four (4) members. Teams must be mixed, bilingual, multidisciplinary and each shall designate their captain.
- **Dissertation:** Teams must present an original, documented and well-argued work, written in one of the two official languages of Cameroon.

AFFILIATION

- **Registration:** Students wishing to participate in the competition must form their teams and obtain the sponsorship of their university then register on the site before the closing date. Registration shall be done through a form to be filled out on the site of UCAC www.ucac-icy.net, or OPEN www.opencameroun.org, **Friday, 19 November 2021**, latest. Any team application containing incomplete, erroneous or late information to the Organising Committee shall not be accepted.

Steps	Schedule
Registration of teams on the website	19 November 2021

- **Submission of Files:** The captains of the competing teams shall submit their work (a dissertation) simultaneously in 2 versions (paper and soft copies). The file must be accompanied by the affiliation form endorsed by the sponsoring university institution.
- **Deadline:** The application files (paper and soft copies, USB key) of the teams must reach CASC 2021 Organizing Committee **latest on Wednesday, 3 December 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** at the following address

**Catholic University of Central Africa, Catholic Institute of Yaoundé (UCAC-CIY) /
Nkolbisson – Yaoundé - P.O. Box: 11628, Yaoundé, Cameroon, tel.:222 23 74 00/695 12 43 84**

The files shall be in a sealed envelope bearing the inscription:

"Central Africa Students Challenge (CASC) 2021 - Application file, Social and Human Sciences Paper".

Each application file submitted by an academic institution shall include the **application form, as well as the attached documents** (*photocopies of NICs and student cards (or attestations) for the 2020/2021 or 2021/2022 academic years*).

The electronic version (in pdf format) of the dissertations of the sponsoring teams shall also be sent by the team captain to the Organizing Committee **by the same date (Friday, 3 December 2021 at 2:00 p.m.)** to the following mail address: casc2021@ucac-icy.net.

- **Affiliation Fee:** Registration fee to CASC 2021 - UCAC 30th Anniversary shall be free. Each institution may register only one team.

Steps		Schedule
1	Submission of applications (affiliation form) and team dissertation, soft copy (PDF format), and printed version	Friday, 3 December 2021 at 02:00 p.m.

PRELIMINARY PHASE

- **Period:** It shall take place from **14 October to 3 December 2021**.
- **Rules:** The sponsored teams and institutions that fail to strictly comply with CASC rules shall be sanctioned.
- **Writing:** The volume of the dissertation shall be 60-70 pages, not including appendices. The dissertation shall be written in A4 format, Times New Roman font, size 12, line spacing 1.5. It may not be revised or modified in any way after its reception by the Organizing Committee.

The dissertation shall be structured as follows:

- ✓ A title;
 - ✓ A Table of Contents;
 - ✓ A Résumé and an Abstract;
 - ✓ An Introduction;
 - ✓ Parts;
 - ✓ Chapters;
 - ✓ A Conclusion;
 - ✓ Main Recommendations;
 - ✓ A Bibliography;
 - ✓ And possibly Appendixes.
- **Reception of Dissertations:** The Organizing Committee shall receive the dissertations from the sponsoring teams (printed and soft copies) no later than **Friday, 3 December 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**
 - **Examination of Files:** It shall be done by the Organizing Committee in the presence of a board of examiners **Friday, 3 December 2021 at 04:00 p.m.**
 - **Conformity of Dissertations:** The dissertations must distinctly mention the theme, the names, surnames, fields and levels of the candidates, specifying the lead. Finally, the contact

information of the sponsoring university must be included. The checking of the administrative conformity of the files shall take place at the headquarters of the Organizing Committee.

- **Transmission of Dissertations to the Scientific Council:** The dissertations validated during the administrative conformity check phase shall be transmitted to the Scientific Council on **Saturday, 4 December 2021**. The Scientific Council shall proceed to the control of the academic conformity of the dissertations **from 4 to 6 December 2021**. At this stage, the evaluation criteria shall be as follows: structuring of the document, 10 points, respect of the font, line spacing and characters, presentation of the document (aesthetics, nature of binding), writing style.
- **Pre-selection Jury:** It shall be composed of five members: a Chairperson, two (2) rapporteurs, two (2) members.

The pre-selection Jury shall receive the dissertations selected by the Scientific Council **on Monday, 6 December 2021**. This jury shall sit **from 6 to 10 December 2021**. It shall be responsible for drawing up the list of five (5) teams qualified for the pre-selection phase. The projects shall be evaluated based on the innovative nature of the proposal (creativity, operationality, originality), the scientific quality of the work (methodology, research objectives, problem, clarity), the relevance of the approach (models, theories, tools, analyses), Valuation (societal impact, added value of the project's recommendations), Team composition (skills, multidisciplinary, bilingualism, mix, team spirit).

Proclamation of Results: They shall be announced on **Friday, 10 December 2021**.

PRE-SELECTION PHASE

- **Date:** It shall take place **on Monday, 13 December 2021**.
- **Identification:** During the pre-selection phase, students shall wear a badge with their full names and the name of their sponsoring university.
- **Performance:** Each team shall have a one-hour appearance before the pre-selection Jury to present their work. All team members shall be allowed to speak. The presentation time shall be divided as follows:
 - ✓ presentation by the team = 20 min.;
 - ✓ questions and comments from the jury = 40 min.
- **Powers of the Jury:** The pre-selection Jury may grant additional speaking time to the teams. They shall be responsible for:
 - ✓ Time-keeping for each team's intervention;
 - ✓ Controlling compliance with the competition rules;
 - ✓ Moderating interactions;
 - ✓ Resolutions in camera.
- **Assessment and Ranking:** The dissertations of the pre-selected teams shall be subject to a double evaluation, in terms of form and content. The pre-selection Jury shall give each dissertation a score out of 100 points. The score for the content shall take into account the

originality of the approach, the composition of the team, the innovative character, conformity to the theme, the operational nature of the proposals, the performance, the respect of the time limit, the style, leadership. The score for the form shall refer to compliance with the graphic charter, the editorial style and the quality of the candidates' presentation.

The pre-selection Jury shall be responsible for ranking the teams by order of merit. The two teams with the best scores shall be qualified for the final of the competition.

THE FINAL

- **Date:** It shall take place **on Wednesday, 15 December 2021**.
- **Jury of the Final:** The Jury of the final shall be called the CASC Grand Jury. It shall be composed of five members: a Chairperson, two (2) rapporteurs, two (2) members.
- **Process:** After the proclamation of the two finalists for the final debate, each finalist team shall receive the other party's dissertation for review. The finalist teams shall also be able to make improvements or modifications to their dissertations, in the form of a document of 5 pages maximum. This document must be submitted by the team concerned to the Organizing Committee four hours before the final.

The operation of the Grand Jury shall be quite different from that of the pre-selection phase. Indeed, the two finalist teams shall compete against each other, on the one hand, and shall be subject to interactions with the Grand Jury, on the other hand.

The ability of the teams to express themselves and/or to answer the questions of the opposing team, as well as those of the Grand Jury, shall be particularly taken into account in the evaluation system.

- **Powers of the Grand Jury:** The Grand Jury may grant additional speaking time to the teams. They shall be responsible for:
 - ✓ Time-keeping for each team's intervention;
 - ✓ Controlling compliance with the competition rules;
 - ✓ Moderating interactions;
 - ✓ Proclaiming the results of the final.
- **Qualification of the Teams:** At the end of the final, the Grand Jury shall proclaim the following:
 - ✓ The team having achieved the best score shall be declared winner and be titled "Winner of the CASC 2021 Special Edition";
 - ✓ The team ranked second shall be named "Finalist of CASC 2021";
 - ✓ The team ranked third shall be titled "3rd of CASC 2021";
- **Honours:** These are the trophy, prizes, bonuses and awards provided by the Organizing Committee, for the CASC 2021 Edition. The purpose is to:
 - ✓ to award all the participants selected through the pre-selection and final phases; 4
 - ✓ to give the trophy to the champion team;
 - ✓ to award prizes to the students (certificates);
 - ✓ to award certificates to the sponsoring university institutions;
 - ✓ to award prizes to the students of the teams ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- **Prizes Award:** It shall take place during the closing ceremony of the CASC 2021, **on Saturday, 15 December 2021**.

Good Luck to all the Teams!

