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Taking on administration of a program which is in its 60th year does not only come with high expectations to deliver to the highest expected standards of its existence but also overwhelming excitement and responsibility.

The International Law Students Association (ILSA) headquartered in Washington DC USA, is a non-profit association of students, lawyers or any persons who are dedicated to the promotion of international law, rule of law and human rights. The organization's activities include academic conferences, publications, the global coordination of student organizations, and the administration of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, also known as the Jessup Moot, is the oldest and largest international moot competition in the world, attracting participants from almost 700 law schools in more than 90 countries in recent years (100 countries took part in 2018). The competition has been described as the most prestigious moot court competition in the world by a large number of organizations and universities internationally, and is one of the grand slam or major moots. The competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice (ICJ). It is named after Philip Jessup, who once served on the ICJ, and is organized by the International Law Students Association. The moot, under the leadership of Stephen Schwebel (who also wrote the inaugural moot problem), started as a friendly advocacy competition between two teams from Harvard University in 1960. The first champions were declared in 1963 and the competition opened its doors to non-American teams in 1968. More about ILSA is explained further in this report.

Each country that participates in ILSA activities has a national administrator who has to provide

a substantial amount of volunteer work, coordination, financial

support, dedicating a significant amount of time, energy and resources towards the program. A large number ILSA activities have support from national governments, agencies, law firms and other organizations, making possible the growth and expansion of the program and improved resources for participants. As Uganda's national administrator this no easy task to oversee the success of the programs, however, thanks to the coordinating team, the funding partners, volunteers and all participants in their distinguished capacities, the program registered a massive success as illustrated in this report.

We believe cooperation, partnerships and guidance is the way to achieving success, as you read through the report, we are looking forward to engaging you in our programs.

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