

**4th Edition**



LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OF COTE  
D'IVOIRE

**[INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION  
“GENIES EN HERBE OHADA”  
July-August, 2012]**

*Africa soon towards only one business law*

**OFFICIAL RULES**



## **1. Generalities**

The international Competition “**Génies en Herbe OHADA**» will take place for the present edition in Abidjan in Ivory Coast, **at the end of July** - the beginning of **August, 2012**. The posterior edition will be rotating, as possible, in Etats-parties. The administrative authority over the Competition rests with the Steering committee, which is comprised of representatives of the Law Students Association of Côte d’Ivoire and the partner structures.

All the interested persons, of a State - part or not to the treaty of the **OHADA**, can take part in the Competition.

## **2. The participants**

For the present edition, the participants are two orders: the students and the professionals or the practitioners.

- *The students* - Are considered as such, the persons regularly registered in a Faculty of law or in quite other university Institute where is taught law. Only the students not having obtained the Master's degree 4th year in right yet are authorized to participate in the Competition.

***NB: This category maybe widened to the students registered in Master's degree. However, is excluded from this one: every qualified person who exercises a legal profession; who performs a legal function. The Steering committee decides lastly who can be eligible in this category.***

The students will participate by team of three members consisted rather of at least a girl, who are student in the same country.

For the moment, every country is invited to present only one team which will represent it.

- *The Professionals or the practitioners* - Are considered as such, the persons who finished training in right and who exercise a profession or perform a legal function. They will participate individually.

**3. Language:**

The language of the competition is French. Exceptionally, English can be authorized for the persons having it for official language.

**4. Calendar of the competition:**

A definitive calendar with the program of the Competition will be later communicated.

**5. Progress of the competition:**

- *For the students* - Two heats will be trained in which one the teams will be in confrontation. At the conclusion of the eliminating heats, the 1st team of every heat will be qualified for finale. The determination of the winners is made by attribution of points.

Four tests will be the object of the competition:

- The Questions with Multiple Choices (*QCM*)
- Who am I? (*Q*)
- The African Integration (*IA*)
- Pleading (*P*)

- **The Questions with Multiple Choices:** It is a question of finding the good answer through several proposals of answer.

- **Who am I?** It is a question of finding the good answer through a body of evidence. Every indication counts for a number of points.

- 1st indication: 50 pts.
- 2nd indication: 40 pts.
- 3rd indication: 30 pts.
- 4th indication: 20 pts.
- 5th indication: 10 pts.

- **The African Integration:** OHADA being a tool of African integration, it seemed to us useful to grant a shop window to the concept of the African Integration through his People, his Institutions and Dates. So, the candidates will have to answer questions concerning the African States with regard to the culture, to the history, to the geography etc.

- **Pleading:** This exercise is a feigned trial. The students will establish in middle colleges of fictitious lawyers, every middle college that must play at the same time the role of applicant and defendant in front of the Court Municipality of Justice and of Arbitration (CCJA). It will be a question of arguing of problems of law put in a hypothetical case.

The candidates will have to present also their written conclusions. The oral pleas will last 25 minutes for every team including the time of the retort and of duplicates her.

- *For the Professionals or practitioners* - It will involve of producing an article on the following theme: "OHADA and good governance of company ".

The article will have to present the following characteristics:

- Police: Times New Roman 12
- Pages: 10 one 15 pages maximum

All the contributions will be analyzed by experts' Jury consisted of University professors and the most qualified practitioners, among whom **Professor Dorothé Cossi SOSSA** (*Chairperson of the jury*), Secretary Permanent of OHADA and **Doctor Félix ONANA ETOUNDI**, General Director of ERSUMA.

## **6. Prices and awards:**

- **For the students:** All the participants will receive diplomas of participation and works. The following prices will be awarded: 1st Better Team, 2nd Better team; 1st Better litigant, 2nd Better litigant and 3rd better litigant. These prizes are represented by trophies to which could be added, according to donations, scholarships, and training courses and other prizes.
- **For the professionals or the practitioners:** The author of the best article will be invited, any paid expenses and restoration, to present his works during the day-conference. His article will be published on the website [www.ohada.com](http://www.ohada.com).

## **7. Day-conference:**

A day-conference will be organized during the week of the Competition. All the teams will compulsory have to take part in it. Various relevant questions concerning the OHADA will be discussed.

## **8. Excursion :**

An excursion will take place during the week of the competition. It will be the opportunity for the participants to visit a place of tourist interest of the country host

## **9. Modalities of participation:**

- *For the students competition*, every participating team will have to make the effort to raise necessary funds for its travel in Abidjan. It is asked to every team to settle a registration fee the amount of which will be later specified.

The accommodation, the meals and the travel in teams and persons invited during the week of the competition are taken care by the organizers.

The list of the members of the team must be communicated to the organizers at the latest on May 31st, 2012.

- *For the competition of the professionals or the practitioners*, the contributors will have to send their articles as well as their CV in [geniesenherbeohada@gmail.com](mailto:geniesenherbeohada@gmail.com) and [olivierlob@ohada.com](mailto:olivierlob@ohada.com), at the latest on May 1st, 2012.

## **10. Interpretation of rules:**

Any complaint or any dispute concerning the present regulation will be subjected to the Steering committee which will cut in the last resort.

The Steering committee reserves the right to complete or to modify the rules of the competition at any time without prejudice of the right of third parties.

Any correspondence must be sent to:

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