

## **THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI TEAM SHINES AT THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION AT STETSON.**

The 22nd Annual International Environmental Moot Court Competition International Finals was held in March 22–24, 2018, at Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Florida. This year's competition focused on "Responses to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza and Trans-boundary Wetlands."

The annual Stetson I. E. M. C. is the world's premier moot court competition devoted exclusively to global environmental issues. Stetson Law School founded the Competition in 1996 and hosts the International Finals each spring. Teams compete in regional rounds throughout the world and the top teams in each region advancing to the international finals. The competition brings teams of students together from all over the world to Stetson. This year's teams travelled from Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Ireland, Kenya, Nepal, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, the U.K. and Ukraine.

The University of Nairobi, Kenya, won the Spirit of Stetson Award. The award is in recognition to the university with the most spirited team and voted on by all the competing teams and judges. It is based on the interaction of the teams, by recognising the camaraderie, fair play, and civility of the teams.

The two students from the University of Nairobi's team also won awards as best oralist in the preliminary round as follows; Kanyangi Leah Aoko was voted sixth best overall oralist and Kanyangi Esther Nyachia came in at number eleven, she tied with Shreyans Jain, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, India.

The University of the Philippines College of Law won the 22nd International Environmental Moot Court Competition and the National Law Institute University, India were the runners up.

The University of Nairobi was represented in this year's competition by a team of two students and a coach. The team was comprised of twins namely, Leah Aoko Kanyangi and Esther Nyachia Kanyangi. The team coach was Wyclife Omwange who doubled as the faculty representative. We congratulate the team for their outstanding performance.