

**WORLD BANK YOUTH DEBATE CHALLENGE:  
MALAWI, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE  
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

**THE DEBATERS**



[ZAMBIA]: **Mathews Chakulunta Jr** is an expert in inventive speaking, writing, leadership, and youth development, with nine years of experience in public speaking. He has authored over 15 theatrical plays and won two National Debate Best Speaker Awards from the Zambia Universities and Colleges Debaters Association. Mathews holds an Advanced Diploma in Creative Digital Media from Evelyn Hone College. He represented Zambia as a National Youth Delegate at the Entrepreneurship Summit in 2015.



[ZAMBIA]: **Kondanani Siisi** is a skilled communicator with expertise in copywriting, editing, social media management, digital design, photography, marketing, and video editing. She graduated with merit in Media and Journalism Studies from the University of Zambia (UNZA) and has over six years of diverse experience. Currently, she tutors at UNZA and previously interned at Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation and Muvi TV as a television reporter, presenter, and camera assistant. She served as the Entertainment Sub-editor and later the Managing Editor for the Lusaka Star.



[TANZANIA]: **Raphael Denis** is a passionate youth advocate for the rights of children and young people from Tanzania. He has been especially proactive in promoting education and child protection, with a focus on initiatives to end violence in schools. Raphael was appointed in 2020 as a UNICEF Youth Advocate in Child Protection, a role in which he collaborated closely with UNICEF Tanzania teams to champion the rights of children in Tanzania and beyond. Currently, Raphael is leading a safe-schools project in Tanzania with Citizens 4 Change, where he actively engages with students and teachers in 16 schools across Tanzania to co-create child-led solutions for safe and inclusive schools



[TANZANIA] **Kapwani Kavenuke** is the founder of Mojafam Organization aiming at achieving SDGs 1, 5, 8, 10 & 13. As a survivor of Gender Based Violence, she is passionate about Women and Youth Empowerment, leadership and governance as well as Diplomacy. In pursuits of her passions, she currently serves as a Youth Sounding Board Member for the European Union Delegation to Tanzania; UN Youth Delegate for Tanzania under the AUNYD Program & UNA Tanzania, and the Youngest Co-Chair of the Women of the South Speak Out (WOSSO) Independent Advisory Committee. She has received numerous accolades, including Best Emerging Leader Nominee at the Bethel Leadership Summit 2024.



[ZIMBABWE] Kudzaishe Masendeke is a passionate media practitioner and civic leader. She strives to enhance digital literacy and foster a generation that is informed and active in shaping their futures. Kudzaishe is also the founder of a community project called SUNDA, which aims to uplift the young women by addressing the issues that hinder their education. With a passion for empowering young voices, Kudzaishe works tirelessly advocating on SDG 1,4 and 5.



[ZIMBABWE] Walter Gombarume currently serves as the head of education at uncommon.org having served as the head of design. Walter is also a UI/UX Designer who has created digital products for brands like Hino Zimbabwe, Scania Zimbabwe, TumelaPOS, and the Insurance Company of Zimbabwe. Originally a front-end developer, he pivoted to UI/UX design in 2019. His roles include Design Consultant at NoWalls Pan Africa, Product Designer at Appassistance, UI/UX Designer at Topiix. In 2024, he was featured on Africans Who Design, highlighting outstanding African designers.



[MALAWI] **Edward Lwanja** is a dedicated youth education projects practitioner, passionate about ensuring equitable access to quality education in Malawi. Over the past four years, he has been actively involved in community-based projects, advocating for educational reforms, and promoting literacy and public health among marginalized youth. He has experience in leading educational programs, backed by his strong belief in the transformative power of education.



[MALAWI] **Faith Nyirenda** is a social worker, advocate for inclusive quality education, special needs education expert, and sign language interpreter. She is deeply committed to empowering communities, including marginalized groups, through social and economic inclusion. With expertise in social work, special needs education, and cross-cultural awareness, Faith is a dedicated champion for holistic and inclusive education.