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## Qatar Debate readies team for global debate competition

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**QATARDEBATE** Center, an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is making final preparations for the World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC) that will take place in Cape Town, South Africa from January 17. Team Qatar, consisting of five Qatari students, has been undergoing vigorous training at the QatarDebate Center for the last one month. Forty countries from around the world will participate in the competition.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, Kelley Bieringer, Kelley Bieringer, head of English programme at QatarDebate Center said that the team was an exciting one with a lot of potential and enthusiasm.

She said, "This year's team members are very positive and have shown phenomenal improvement during their training. In addition to the



(From left) Kelley Bieringer, Jamal al Baker, Dr Abdellatif Sellami and Ali S al Mufta of QatarDebate Center at a press conference, in Doha, on Tuesday. (HANSON K JOSEPH)

trainers at the centre, we also have a trainer from Slovenia who has been concentrating on different aspects of the students' abilities and presentation skills."

She also said that the students were being trained for a

minimum of five hours a day.

The team members are Saad al Suwaidi, 16, from Qatar Leadership Academy; Hassan al Mulla, 16, from Khalifa Secondary School; as well as Abdulla al Emadi, 14, Haya al Thani, 16, and Noora

al Naemi, 14, from Doha College.

In addition to Bieringer, other QatarDebate Officials, Jamal al Baker, Hassan Suleiman, Nissar Muktar and Annie England Kerr will accompany the team.

In the preliminary round, Qatar will compete against eight teams, Greece, Swaziland, Kuwait, Netherlands, Thailand, Slovenia, Estonia and China.

Speaking about the team's preparedness and prospects, Educational Programmes Manager of QatarDebate Dr Abdellatif Sellami said that the team comprises of promising and fresh youngsters.

He said, "Except two of them who took part in a regional competition in Dubai last year, it was the first time for all the team members to take part at an international scenario. But the team members are fully prepared and are eager to take part in the competition. Therefore we look forward very positively to the competition."

He also explained that for the past three months, the students have been preparing for the tournament, by taking part in workshops and training events.



The Qatar Debate delegation announcing the participation in the the World School Debating Championship in South Africa.

## Doha team prepares for S Africa debate contest

**Q**atarDebate students and officials are preparing to visit South Africa later this month to participate against some 40 other countries in the World School Debating Championships.

The tournament will take place in Cape Town from January 17-27, and will see Qatari students Saad al-Suwaidi, Hassan al-Mulla, Abdulla al-Ema-

di, Noora al-Naemi and Haya al-Thani take on students from Greece, Swaziland, Kuwait, Slovenia, Estonia, China, the Netherlands and Thailand in the first round of debates.

The team will be accompanied by the head of the English programme at QatarDebate, Kelley Bieringer, as well as Jamal al-Baker, Nissar Muk-

tar, Hassan Suleiman and Annie England Kerr.

Bieringer said: "This year's team members are very positive and have shown phenomenal improvement during the course of training. In addition to the trainers at the centre we have also got a trainer from Slovenia who has been concentrating on different aspects of the students' abilities and presentation skills."