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Oppie Tong Af / On The Tip Of Your Tongue Celebrates the Voices of the Future

Oppie Tong Af / On the Tip of Your Tongue, a non-profit organisation focused on youth leadership and public speaking skills development, brought together the country's top young speakers for its national final that took place 7 to 10 October 2026. Around 1,000 participants were invited to the live, in-person event, which celebrated the voices of the future and the leaders of tomorrow.

The organisation offers competition platforms in individual speeches, group orators and debate. This year also marked the launch of its new Debate competition project. Prize money was awarded only to the winning schools and teams participating in Debate: R10,000 to the winning school and R5,000 to the winning team.

While the national final is an in-person celebration, Oppie Tong Af is known for its large-scale live online competition platform. The online format extends the organisation's impact footprint, giving more young people the opportunity to participate and develop their skills. Its English- and Afrikaans-language platform does not discriminate; it aims to provide equal opportunity for participants.

"Through our competitions, young people can build confidence, strengthen their communication skills and grow as leaders," said Vorster Venter, project manager of the non-profit organisation. "Our live online platform helps us reach further, while the national final gives the top speakers the chance to come together and celebrate their achievements."
By combining accessible online competitions with an in-person national final, Oppie Tong Af/ On The Tip Of Your Tongue continues to create opportunities for young people to speak, connect and lead.

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