

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES FOR VIDEO FILM COMPETITION 2024 FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS OF GRADE 10

1.0 About the competition

The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology and the Mauritius Film Development Corporation invites secondary school students of Grade 10 to participate in a video film competition.

- The theme of the competition is

“Planet vs. Plastics”.

The rising level of global environmental pollution with detrimental health and socioeconomic impacts compel us to think innovatively about how to address the same. Our unsustainable pattern of consumption and production with a take-make-dispose way of life has led to the inextricably linked triple planetary crisis - climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental pollution. Plastic pollution is a deeply concerning strand of this triple planetary crisis.

The world produces 400 million tonnes of plastic annually, 25 times more than 60 years ago. Only 9 % is recycled; 12% is incinerated, and 79% is landfilled or ends in nature. In Mauritius, every year, 70,000 tonnes of plastic wastes are disposed in the landfill of Mare Chicose; 3,000 tonnes are recycled, and an undefined amount ends up in the environment. (Source: <https://www.undp.org>)

The United Nations has identified the young generation as change-makers and inheritors of this planet. Their passion, creativity and energy are critical to pioneer new solutions to address the triple planetary crisis. More than ever before, there is an urgent need to start imparting awareness at an early stage for a sense of environmental stewardship among the young generation for a better world in the future.

It is imperative therefore to inculcate knowledge on plastic and plastic pollution by empowering the youth, amongst others.

Under this theme, students can depict one or a combination of the following and may include a message/slogan:

- The effects of plastic pollution on human health, land, water, terrestrial, aquatic and marine biodiversity
- Remedial actions to reduce the impacts of plastic pollution, and
- How do the students foresee Mauritius or the World in the future, with or without plastic?

This list is not exhaustive; students may illustrate any other concept/ideas related to the theme.

2.0 The objectives of this initiative are:

- To create a better understanding of environmental challenges and concept of sustainable development by encouraging research and innovation on environmental issues.
- To provide the students with a platform to:
 - Develop teamwork, creativity, imaginative and innovative skills, and writing, presentation and communication skills, including confidence.
 - Voice out their opinions on environmental issues.
- To promote environmental stewardship among secondary school students.

3.0 Workshop

Designated Representative of school and two students are invited to attend a workshop by the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change and Mauritius Film Development Corporation (MFDC) in connection with the competition and technicalities of video making.

Date: On 16 February 2024 (10 am to noon)

Venue: Bharati Hall, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka

The filled-in registration form must be sent to the Mauritius Film Development Corporation (MFDC) by mail (mauritiustfilm@intnet.mu) with a copy to the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (envcompetition@gmail.com): **at latest by 14 February 2024**

4.0 Target Group

The Competition is open to all secondary school students of Grade 10 of the four educational zones of Mauritius including State, private aided and non-aided schools

5.0 Competition guidelines

- Grade 10 students from the same school
- A team not exceeding 7 students
- Only 1 submission per group/team
- A maximum of 2 video films/entries per school
- Language: All spoken languages in Mauritius
- Videos in languages other than in Creole, English or French should be subtitled in either French or English.
- Submission should be in HD, with resolution **1920x1080**.
- Duration of the video: 7 minutes.
- The video must not be copied from the Internet/YouTube or other sources.
- The group of students shall work under the supervision of an educator who shall ensure that the content of the video does not incite racial animosity, offend religious and political beliefs.

6.0 Submission process

The video film to be submitted on either:

- A pen drive along with the filled-in participation form, in a sealed envelope to respective zone

directorates;

Or

- Sent by We-transfer on mauritiusfilm@intnet.mu and envcompetition@gmail.com along with the filled-in participation form.

Note: For video(s)/entry/entries transferred by We-transfer, the designated educator should confirm by phone on 6963137 (MFDC) and 57085729 (MoE,SWM &CC) whether the entry has been received.

7.0 Deadline for submission.

Submission of videos with duly filled-in and signed participation form by all Head of Schools to MFDC: **at latest by Friday 22 March 2024 (at latest by 3 pm).**

The Head of school to clearly specify in the participation form:

- The name of the secondary school,
- The Education Zone (1, 2, 3 or 4) of the school,
- The name and contact number of the designated educator for the school.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Registration and Participation forms and participation guidelines can be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (<https://environment.govmu.org>)

8.0 Selection process

- An independent panel of jury members will be constituted to judge the best video based on the following criteria:
 - Relevance to the theme
 - Innovation, creativity and originality
- An independent panel of jury members will select:
 - The 1st to 3rd prize winners for each of the four educational zone, and
 - A grand winner team among the 1st prize winners in the four zones.

9.0 Prizes and Awards

- Announcement of selected nominees: Beginning of April 2024
- Announcement of 3 winners per Educational Zone and a grand winner team amongst the 4 zones
- Award Ceremony: **April 2024 (Tentative Date)**

Cash Prizes per Educational Zone

1st prize- Rs 20,000

2nd prize- Rs 18,000

3rd prize- Rs 15,000

Grand winner Team: Each of the 7 participants in the team to be awarded a Rs 3,000 gift voucher.

A Certificate of participation will be awarded to each team participant who meets the required participation conditions listed in the competition.

A shield will be awarded to each of the winning secondary school.

10.0 Conditions of participation

- The decision of the jury panel shall be final and irrevocable.
- All entries sent should be authenticated by school's seal.
- The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change shall have the exclusive right to use the video in a non-exhaustive manner, make any modification, publicise same in its communication and sensitisation campaign and other relevant activities but will fully acknowledge the participants' contribution.
- The participants' work shall be their original creations and have not been used elsewhere.

For further any additional information and/or queries, please contact officers of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Information & Education Division) on Tel: 203 6200 / 57085729 (Ext:320)