



**Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste  
Management and Climate Change**

**in collaboration with the  
Higher Education Commission**



## **PARTICIPATION GUIDE FOR POSTER COMPETITION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS**

### ⇒ **About The Competition**

The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) is inviting students enrolled in public higher education institutions and private Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) registered with HEC in Mauritius to participate in a poster competition.

The **theme** of the competition is

*“Innovative Climate Solutions for Sustainable Lifestyle in Mauritius”.*

*“Countless devastating events such as more frequent and intense drought, storms, heat waves, rising sea levels and warming of oceans, are all together testimony of the aggravating trend of climate change in Mauritius. Therefore, the degree of urgency of the situation cannot be overlooked.*

*The time has come now to step up the pace and act collectively. The Youth is a critical stakeholder in the sustainable development equation. Your energy, motivation and creativity are essential assets to open the path for a more sustainable and climate change resilient future.*

*Each of you can lead by example and inspire by actions.”*

The **objectives** of this initiative are to:

- Create a better understanding of environmental challenges and concept of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Provide the youth a platform to voice out their opinions on environmental issues.
- Engage youth in environmental protection and promote sustainable lifestyle.
- Encourage the youth in developing their imaginary and creative skills.
- Promote environmental stewardship among youth.

**Duration of competition:** 26 November 2021 – 24 January 2022

**The closing date for submission is 24 January 2022.**

### ⇒ **Who Can Participate?**

- Full-time/ part-time students in public higher education institutions and private higher education institutions (HEI) registered with HEC in Mauritius
- In the case of team submission, all participants constituting a team must be from the same institution.

### ⇒ **Entries**

- Individual or a group of maximum 3 students.
- Only 1 submission per individual / group.
- In case of group submission, a contact person should to be designated.

### ⇒ **Submission Process**

Participants should submit the following documents to the HE Secretariat, Higher Education Commission (HEC) via email on [heseecretariat@hec.mu](mailto:heseecretariat@hec.mu), ***not later than 24 January 2022***:

- **Poster accompanied by a brief (not exceeding 200 words) describing its relevance to the theme**
- **duly filled and signed Participation Form\***.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- *The Participation Form can be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (<https://environment.govmu.org>)*
- *Only entries/ submissions by email to HEC will be accepted. Other means of submission will be automatically disqualified.*
- *Upon submission of poster, a notification email from HE Secretariat, HEC within 5 working days. In the event, participants do not receive same, they are requested to contact the HE Secretariat on 467 8800.*
- *In case of group submission, a Contact Person (CP) must be designated in the participation form, and his/her contact details must be correctly and clearly written for future correspondences.*

### ⇒ **Specifications for making the Poster**

- Digital version, colour mode RGB/CMYK.
- Hand-painted version in high quality scanned or photographed.
- Medium and techniques used for the poster may include, but not limited to, digital painting, vector graphics, illustration, cartoon, watercolour, drawing, acrylic painting or mixed media.
- The work should be submitted in A3 in portrait (297 x 420 mm) for publishing and printing.
- The work should be submitted in both PDF and jpeg. format, in 300 Dot Per Inch (DPI) resolution.
- The size of the poster should not exceed 50 MB.

## ⇒ **Selection Process**

### **Jury**

An independent Panel of Jury members will select 10 best posters for which prizes will be awarded.

### **Selection Criteria**

The poster will be assessed, amongst others, on the following criteria:

- Relevance to the theme;
- Innovation, creativity and originality;
- Aesthetic quality and visual impact; and
- Ability to communicate a clear message.

## ⇒ **Prizes**

To the **students** forming part of the top 10 finalists , the cash prizes are as follows:

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> winner: Rs 25, 000
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> winner: Rs 20,000
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> winner: Rs 15,000
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> winner: Rs 10,000
- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> winner: Rs 5000

➤ All winners will receive an Award Certificate.

## ⇒ **Conditions of Participation**

- **Only one** submission per individual/group.
- Students should provide all required information in their participation forms. Failure to do so and adhere to the guidelines of the competition will result in disqualification.
- Posters must incorporate original ideas. The artworks should be unpublished and have never been used in publications or awarded in other contests. The artworks should be unproduced, free from copyright and must not infringe any other propriety rights of any person or entity. Participants will be penalised in case of plagiarism.
- The decision of the Jury Panel shall be final and irrevocable.
- The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change reserves the right not to proceed with the competition.

### **Copyrights:**

Once selected, the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change retains copyright of the poster. Thus, it will have the exclusive right to use the poster, make any modification, publicise same in its communication and sensitisation campaign and other relevant activities.

⇒ ***Declaration of Participants***

- a. Participants guarantee that:
  - their respective entries are their original works.
  - they will bear all the responsibilities and losses arising, in the event that the organizers or related organizations infringe any third-party rights due to the use of the entries.
  - they have never transferred the rights of any work in any way or allowed any third party to use the work in any form.
- b. Participants know and agree that the organizers have the right to publish and display works in various forms, and the works are not refundable. The organizers have the right of the use and copyright of the award-winning works.
- c. Participants know and agree that the organizers and contractors appointed by the Ministry have the right to copy, display, report and publicize all the works without paying any fees to the authors.

***For additional information, please contact officers of the Information & Education Division (MOESWMCC) on 2036200/ 57085729.***

***For queries regarding submission of posters, please contact the HE Secretariat, Higher Education Commission on 467 8800.***