



I am a Youth of a Small Island

International competition

Terms and Conditions

Thank you for your interest in the “**I am a Youth of a Small Island**” international competition. This global competition is being organised by the United Nations (UN) Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and other UN Partners to mark the mid-term review of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA Pathway).

This competition is open to Youth ages 15-24. Submissions must reflect the reality of the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) as a special case for sustainable development. The interpretation can be from such angles as: economic, social, cultural, environmental or any combination of these. In keeping with the theme of sustainable development for the SIDS, this interpretation can also take the view of visioning for the future when today’s youth will become adults. The submission must be creative, draw the viewer, keep their attention with originality and innovativeness.

Entries for the contest can be submitted in the form of: essays, photography, visual arts, video, poetry or musical. One global winner will be selected, together with regional winners from each of the SIDS region (AIMS, Caribbean, Pacific).

ELIGIBILITY and SUBMISSION CRITERIA

1. This competition is open to participants within the group 15-24. Submissions will be judged in two age group categories of 15 to 19 years and 20 to 24 years.
2. Entrants must be nationals of a SIDS country (see full list of SIDS below) or a SIDS national residing in another SIDS country. Entries can also be submitted by a third party or an official representative on behalf of the entry.
 - A third party or an official representative can be a Parent, Guardian, Teacher or Registered School
3. Entries and completed entry form must be submitted via email by 5 August 2019 to the email:
✓ eclac-media-pos@un.org
4. Entries are to be submitted in any one of the following the languages of English, French, Spanish and Portuguese
5. Maximum length and format of submission:
 - a. Essay: 800-1,000 words in pdf format.
 - b. Poetry: 500 words in pdf format
 - c. Song: 2 minutes maximum in mp3, aiff or wav formats
 - d. Video: maximum 3 minutes in mp4, mov or m4v format.
 - e. Photography and Art-work: digital copy in jpeg, jpg, or png format, no larger than 5 MB.
6. No more than three (3) entries may be submitted by any one participant.
7. Content must comply with all local and national laws of the country of origin.
8. The organizers reserve the right to remove and disqualify submitted entries which may cause offence or may be unsuitable or inappropriate for this competition.
9. Inappropriate content can be determined by the judging panel in its sole and conclusive determination.
10. Submissions must be original, unpublished work and cannot infringe upon any copyright laws.
 - The contestant must be the sole author/creator of all entries and hold full rights to them.
 - For any other material used, the contestant must have received permission from the subject(s) used in the said submission
 - Materials that have won awards in other competitions or that have been previously published are not eligible.
11. By entering the competition, contestants are deemed to have agreed to the use of their submission(s) for UN promotional material, online platforms and publications.
12. The competition runs from Friday June 28th, 2019 to Monday August 5th, 2019
 - All entries must be submitted no later than Monday August 05th, 2019.
 - Any entries received after the closing will not be considered.
13. Winning and finalist entries will be exhibited on the websites of the participating UN Agencies. Additional recognition will be announced at a later date.
14. Winners will be announced no later than September 15th, 2019.
 - a. There is no entry fee.
 - b. The decision of the judging committee is final
15. For further information please send message to eclac-media-pos@un.org

List of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are:

- Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and South China Sea (AIMS): Bahrain, Cabo Verde, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Mauritius, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Seychelles, Singapore.
- Caribbean: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands and U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Pacific: American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.