



## **GUIDELINES FOR THE STUDENTS ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL PHYTOSANITARY CONFERENCE 2023**

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1. The Students Essay Writing Competition for the 4<sup>th</sup> International Phytosanitary Conference is open to all students from ages 18 years to 35 years from the East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo.
2. The competition begins from Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and ends on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 11:59pm
3. The essay is open to students pursuing agriculture and all other related plant health courses in all the East African Community countries listed above.
4. The students can write on one or more topics in the thematic areas of the 4<sup>th</sup> International Phytosanitary Conference (see thematic areas below).
5. All students who submit their essays should do so accompanied by copies of their student identity cards.
6. The essay should be written in English language.
7. The essays should be original and should not bear any sense of plagiarism or copying of another person's work. Appropriate credit should be given to the work of others through appropriate citation. All plagiarized work will be disqualified.
8. The essay must be the author's original work and must not have been published as an essay or any other form before.
9. The essay should not exceed 1000 words, excluding the title, footnotes, tables and references. The text format should be double space, new times roman font size 12 and a margin of 1 inch on each side.
10. The Judges' decision is final and all essays remain the property of Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) but shall acknowledge the author of any essay published in journals. Canvassing will lead to automatic disqualification.

11. The winner shall be announced and prizes presented to them during the opening of the conference on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
12. The winner will get a cash prize of USD300; 1<sup>st</sup> Runners up will get a cash prize of USD200 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners Up will get a cash prize of USD100.
13. All essays should be sent to: [phytosanitaryconference@kephis.org](mailto:phytosanitaryconference@kephis.org) in PDF format.

## **THEMATIC AREAS OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL PHYTOSANITARY CONFERENCE**

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- a) Invasive species
- b) Pest Risk Analysis
- c) Pest Surveillance in Phytosanitary Systems
- d) Import control and Quarantine Regulations
- e) Pest diagnostics in phytosanitary systems
- f) Export certification in phytosanitary systems
- g) Emerging innovation in Phytosanitary systems
- h) Industry role in implementation of successful phytosanitary systems
- i) Climate Change resilience, mitigation and adaptation
- j) Cross-cutting issues in phytosanitary systems (To include legal requirements, Capacity building, regulatory framework, trade negotiations and communication in phytosanitary systems, GMOs, Biosafety, gender issues in sanitary and phytosanitary systems).

***The Secretariat***

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