Inter-College Environmental Public Speaking Competition ©
Rules and Regulations

1. **REGISTRATION**
   The **registration** should reach us latest by **15th September 2023,** and the **fee** should reach us latest by **10th October 2023.** Upon your submission of the registration, EEG will send an email acknowledging the receipt of your details. We highly recommend that you make your payment at the earliest to ensure securing your seat at the competition.

2. **TOPIC**
   Every university can send a maximum of four teams from four different colleges (one college cannot send more than one team or else all the teams will face disqualification).

Category	Topics
20th November	Environmental Policies and Regulations: Are they Enough?
21st November	Rising Energy Demands: Satiable with Renewable Energy or Oil Indispensable
22nd November	Multinational Corporations: Compelling Economic Growth or Environmental Degradation?
23rd November	The Omnipresent Microplastics: The Unseen Pandemic

3. Every university/college is required to register the names of a minimum of 3 or a maximum of 5 members per team and one accompanying faculty member, as well as the chosen topics no later than the deadline, mentioned in (point 1).

4. Please note that the entire team is responsible for speaking and facilitating the presentation. **Each team member has to contribute during the presentation. The research should be the product of a team work. Points will be deducted if the whole team is not involved.**

5. Since slots for each topic are limited, the participants will be given the topic of their choice on a first-come-first-serve basis. **(In case many participating teams select the same topic, the first comers will be given priority and they will have the chance to research the topic of their choice while the other teams will be asked to research another topic).**

6. Participants have the choice of the medium of presentation (Arabic/English).

7. Please assure that the names submitted online are clear and of the correct spelling **AS THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN SPELLING AFTER REGISTRATION.** In the case a certain member of the team changes, please inform EEG, **latest by the 10th October 2023,** to enable the Group to absorb the change.

8. A registration fee of **AED 525/-** per team (VAT inclusive) has to be submitted along with the online registration. This fee is non-refundable and every team will get a confirmation of registration only upon receiving the fee.

9. A panel of 4 bilingual judges who are eminent environmentalists and experts from the public and private sectors of the UAE will adjudicate the competition.

10. The criteria for judging will be as follows:
    a. Clarity of speech and team work   10 points
    b. Originality of idea   15 points
    c. Environmental impact/solution   15 points
    d. Presentation of research evidence   10 points

11. On the day of the event, the students are required to know the order they are presenting in as there will be no extra time in between presentations. EEG will send the schedule of presentations to all the participants beforehand, which will be accurate as of on the day of its submission. However, the timing and order of each presentation is subject to change on the day of the competition due to unforeseen circumstances (ex. A team is late or cancels participation).

12. **On the day of the event, each team will be responsible for checking the updated schedule which we will displayed in the foyer of the event venue.** Students are expected to be ready, for their presentations according to the agenda. The exact timings will be shared with all the teams one week before the event.

13. The participants are required to submit a soft copy of their power point presentation to EEG **no later than 1st November 2023.**

14. **Should the institutions need to amend their presentations after the last date of submission, the rule of negative marking will apply (A minus of 5 points will apply if you send in amended presentations a week before the event and a minus of 10 points will apply if an amended presentation is brought on the day of the event).**

15. Any revisions in the presentations on the day of the event will not be accommodated. Please complete your presentations on time so as to avoid disappointment on the day of the event.

16. Each team will be given exactly **10 minutes** to present.

17. **All presentations should be sent to the EEG office in MS Office 2016 format or as a downloaded Prezi file (Links to the online version of the Prezi will not be accepted). In case of video clippings/music files that go along with the presentations, they should be in the mp4/.avi format. EEG encourages the creation and incorporation of original videos, infographics and animations.**

18. **The presentations must use basic font (Calibri) and in case any presentation contains a special font, the team should download the special font and should be sent along with the presentation. Any hindrance encountered during the presentation, EEG will not be held responsible.**

19. Reading from the paper will entail negative points for the participants.

20. International Students will have to comply to UAE's entry rules when applying for visa and visitor protocols.

21. All the teams will be given a feedback form after the event, which has to be filled and submitted to EEG team at the venue or online to be able to receive certificates.

22. **VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES**

a. The teams are expected to download the virtual communication platform app that EEG plans to use. The Name of the platform will be sent one week before the competition.
b. Please ensure that there is a good internet connectivity for clarity in both visual and audio.
c. The participating entities are encouraged to be present and watching the webinar competition throughout.
d. Any delay in connection without a valid reason when the institution's name is called, will be subjected to negative scoring by the panel of judges present.

23. Kindly note that there will be a live broadcast for the event on YouTube to allow the participating universities from the other Countries to see the whole competition**. This broadcast will be *interrupted if any copyrighted music is shared*.** It is strictly advised not to use any copyrighted videos and cause disturbance in the broadcast.

24. **AWARDS**
    The awards will be as follows:
    a. 4 category winners will each be awarded individual **Crystal trophies.**
    b. The runners up in all the four topics and over all runners up will be given **framed Certificates.**
    c. The university with the highest total marks will be awarded the **Annual Rolling Trophy** and will get to keep the trophy for one full year.
    d. Every participating college/university including the team members and the coordinating faculty members will be given **Certificates of Participation**.
    e. If a college/university manages to win three times, it gets to keep the rolling trophy.