

YOUTH ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE LEADERSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

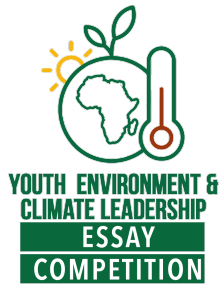
1. **Themes:** The themes for the competition align with the topics covered in the Youth Environment and Climate Leadership Training Courses, which were selected in collaboration with the youth steering committee as part of the overarching program. The essay entries should highlight practical and innovative ideas on one of the following themes:
 - Climate Change and Health
 - Climate Finance and Grant Writing
 - Climate Negotiations and Policy
 - Energy Access and Just Transition
 - Green Entrepreneurship

2. **Eligibility Criteria:** In line with the African Union Youth Charter's definition of youth, participation is open to individuals from Nigeria between the ages of 18 and 35.

3. **Formats:** The essay competition will feature written, video and photo essays. Participants are [initially invited to submit an abstract](#). GreenHubAfrica community manager/team will be available to provide direction and guidance and answers to questions from selected finalists if necessary.

4. **Submission Guidelines:**
 - Abstract Submission:**
 - Written abstracts should be 250-300 words, typed single-spaced in Times New Roman (12 font size), and submitted as a word file.
 - Photo abstracts should consist of a working title and a maximum of four (4) colored photos, each accompanied by a caption. The submission should be no longer than two (2) pages and submitted as a PDF file.
 - Video abstracts should be no more than one (1) minute long and submitted as an .mp4 file.

 - Final Submission Guidelines:**
 - **Written Essays:** Should not exceed 1,000 words, typed single-spaced in Times New Roman (12 font size), and submitted as a Word file.



- **Photo Essays:** Should include a working title and a maximum of four (4) colored photos, each with a caption. The entire submission should be no longer than two (2) pages and submitted as a PDF file.
- **Video Essays:** Should be no longer than three (3) minutes and submitted as a YouTube or Google Drive link. The link should be unlisted on YouTube and made viewable.
- **File Naming Format:** Every submitted file should be renamed in this format: Firstname_Lastname_YECLTEssay. Example: Henry_Bassey_YECLTEssay.

5. Submission Timeline:

- Abstracts submission deadline: **28th February 2025**
- Shortlisting for the Final Essay Submission: **14th March 2025**
- Final Essay Submission Deadline: **28th March 2025**
- Shortlisting of Finalists per Geopolitical Zone: **14th April 2025**
- Winners Announced at Award Ceremony: **22nd May 2025**

6. Live Q&A Webinar:

Did you miss our live Q&A webinar on February 15, 2025, where participants gained valuable insights and had their questions answered by our experts? You can watch the recording [HERE](#).

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