

Environmental Management Authority
Primary Schools' "Hands-On"
Environmental Competition
2010



GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

The Primary Schools' "Hands-On" Environmental Competition, organised by the Environmental Management Authority in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, is designed to allow students to be directly involved in environmental projects, learning and discovering for themselves with the teacher acting as a facilitator.

Students are required to identify, design, plan and execute an environmentally focused project. This project should involve positive action on the part of the students that would contribute to solving an existing environmental problem or change negative attitudes and behaviours about the environment, among the school population and the community it serves.

OBJECTIVES

Students should be able to demonstrate:

1. An understanding of environmental protection/conservation and the factors that influence it, such as economics society, culture and health;
2. An understanding of the holistic nature of the environment, especially the interconnectedness of natural ecosystems and other systems;
3. An understanding of the appropriate attitudes, values and actions necessary for the preservation and conservation of the environment and how these attitudes and actions add value to the environment;
4. Development of the appropriate skills necessary for effective personal and national participation in helping to manage environmental problems;
5. An understanding of the importance of continuous environmental action to ensure sustainable livelihoods.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND SUSTAINABILITY



Environmental Education is critical in helping communities understand the importance of **sustainable development**.

With this in mind, the EMA designed a special sustainability competition to address the continuity of environmental activities that were initiated in 2009. This competition therefore targets schools that participated in the Primary Schools' Hands-On Competition in 2009, the theme of which was **'W.A.T.E.R. (Working towards Achieving Total Environmental Responsibility) for Life'**.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all Primary Schools who have participated in the Primary Schools' "Hands On" Competition 2009
- Open to all levels in the Primary Schools.
- One or more class/es and teacher/s may participate by doing a project or projects.
- Only one entry per school must be submitted.
- All participants are required to follow the theme.

OPENING WORKSHOP

- This workshop will facilitate teachers.
- The workshop will act as a guide to what is expected at the competition.
- Teachers will be advised on judging criteria, as well as the score sheet.
- The workshop will also act as a forum for any questions from teachers.

VENUE:

EMA Conference Room
8 Elizabeth Street, St. Clair

DATE OF WORKSHOP:

Friday January 29th, 2010

TIME:

9:00 a.m.



RULES

- Schools have approximately **ten (10) weeks** after the opening workshop to complete their projects.
- **All schools are required to submit an official registration form to the EMA by Friday February 19th, 2010.**

DOCUMENTATION OF EFFORTS TO SUSTAIN PROJECTS

- All aspects of the project development for the period **June 2009 to May 2010** must be thoroughly documented in a project description.
- The project description **should not exceed 1200 words** and not contain more than 10 photographs.
- Deadline for all project descriptions is **Friday April 16th, 2010.**

JUDGING



- There will only be **one round of judging.**
- Judging will take place from **Wednesday April 21st to Tuesday May 4th, 2010.**
- A panel of judges comprising officials from the EMA, the Ministry of Education and a Non-Governmental Organisation will be visiting each participating school to conduct Judging.

Co-ordinating teachers and principals are asked to provide a contact number/s and email other than that of the school. This has proven to be very useful in co-ordinating judging, especially during working hours when school phones are usually busy.

Schools are asked to advise the EMA (Nadia Nanan ext. 2313, Marvin Alexander ext. 2277 or Kelly Mc Kree ext. 2255) of any special School holidays to avoid scheduling of judging on these days.

prize-giving ceremony



- Winners will be announced and prizes will be distributed on **Thursday 24th June, 2010** at a venue to be confirmed.
- All schools are invited to send two (2) representatives to this ceremony.

PRIZES



Place

1st
2nd
3rd
4th -10th

Prize

\$3000.00
\$2500.00
\$2000.00
\$1000.00





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REGISTRATION FORM

SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

OTHER CONTACT NUMBERS _____

PRINCIPAL _____

CO-ORDINATING TEACHER _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL _____

PROJECT TITLE _____

Principal's Signature: _____

Coordinating Teacher's Signature: _____

Please complete form and deliver / fax / mail OR email by
Friday 19th February, 2010 to:

Primary Schools' 'Hands-On' Competition
Environmental Management Authority
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PORT OF SPAIN

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