

NATIONAL YOUTH SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION

Making T&T Flood Ready

Speak your piece, Play your part!

Entry Requirements:

- The competition is open to youth in the following age groups: 13 - 15 and 16 – 19.
- Entrants 17 and under will require the consent of a Parent or Guardian, to participate.
- Entries must be by individuals only.
- Each individual can only submit one entry.
- A completed registration form must accompany each entry.
- The competition questionnaire in the registration form must be completed.
- Registration and submission of entries will only be accepted via the [registration link](#):
- Each entry must contain a video submission and script of the content:
 - Video recording of performance (audio-visual) in MP4 format
 - Length of video: Minimum 1 minute, maximum 3 minutes
 - Maximum video size 1 GB
 - Script should be a maximum of 400 words
 - Script should be submitted as a pdf document (in English)
- Registrants will receive confirmation of receipt of their submission
- To submit your entry, follow these three easy steps:

Step 1 **Create a Gmail account**

Step 2 **Complete the Entry Form online**

Step 3 **Upload your video and script**

Click Submit!

Important dates:

- *Deadline for submission of entries is **January 13, 2023.***
- *Judging - **February 2023.***
- *Announcement of winners and distribution of prizes – **March 2023.***

NOTE: Winners and their submissions may be posted on project and partner's social media pages - YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Judging criteria and prize structure

Entries must meet the following requirements:

- Screening Phase: Screening of entries will be done based on responses to the five questions in the registration form and must meet all other necessary criteria for entry, i.e., correctly completed entry form, submitted on time, and upload of script and video within the stated requirements.
- Judging: All entries that pass the Screening Phase will be judged to produce a maximum of three finalists per age category.
- Winners: There will be a 1st prize winner and two consolation prize winners in each age category.
- Entries will be judged based on:
 - (i) relevance to the theme of “Making T&T Flood Ready!”
 - (ii) creativity of execution; script, video and presentation;
 - (iii) inclusion of aspects of the Community Flood Early Warning Systems project in the script and performance;
 - (iv) knowledge about flooding hazards;
 - (v) knowledge about disaster risk reduction.

Prizes, Awards & Recognition

- 1st place winners will receive a cash award of TT\$2,500 each, a training session with a drama professional/ videographer/production company, and a trophy.
- There will be two consolation prize winners per age category who will each receive TT\$500 and a trophy.
- Winners and their submissions will be posted on social media pages related to the project and national partners – YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

[Make T&T Flood Ready - Register here!](#)

Background

About the Community Flood Early Warning Systems project in Trinidad and Tobago

The Community Flood Early Warning System is a two-year project (2021 – 2023) that aims to strengthen community and national capacities for generating early warning of floods. The project is funded by the European Union Humanitarian Aid Operations initiative, which focuses on food and nutrition, shelter, healthcare, water and sanitation, and education in emergencies.

Stream flow gauges will be installed in seven communities that are consistently impacted by floods - two from Tobago and five from Trinidad, these include the **Couva River, Maraval River, Cunupia River, Papourie River, Diego Martin River, Crooks River and Bacolet River.**

This competition is a creative demonstration for you to express your thoughts about 'Making T&T Flood Ready' Let us know how you think human beings can change their behaviours to prevent floods e.g., what actions humans can take to avoid adding to the issues that cause floods or what actions humans can take to supplement what is done by the requisite authorities to mitigate floods in their communities.

Entries must be executed through Spoken Word (script and video performance) and must mention aspects of the project as part of your creative expression; promoting benefits to the communities in preventing and preparing for floods.

Following are useful links to help you learn more about what is in place and who is working towards creating a flood resilient community in Trinidad and Tobago:

1. The Community Flood Early Warning project [Fact Sheet](#).
2. The [Sustainable Development Goals](#).
3. [Disaster Risk Reduction - Youth and Children](#); what's going on globally.
4. European Union Humanitarian Aid - [humanitarian principles](#).
5. Links to useful sites for more information on:
 - [Early Warning Systems](#)
 - [Household Flood Preparedness in Trinidad and Tobago](#)
 - [Flood Responsiveness in Trinidad and Tobago](#)
 - [Discussing Disaster Risk Reduction in Trinidad and Tobago](#)
 - Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management - [Flooding](#) and Resilience
 - Meteorological Services of Trinidad and Tobago – [Forecasting](#)
 - Disaster Management Units – [Flood Preparedness and Response](#)

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RULES AND CONDITIONS APPLY:

- Employees of the United Nations Development Programme and their immediate families may not enter or participate in this competition.
- This competition has been approved by the National Lotteries Control Board.

For more information, please email us at: cfewstt2022@gmail.com.