



REGULATION
on the competition of schoolchildren's climate projects
on the topic "The climate does not wait"

1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION

1.1 The Republican Competition of Schoolchildren's Climate Projects on the topic "The climate does not wait" (hereinafter - the Competition) is a competition for solutions tailored to solve environmental challenges of the regions related to climate change by reducing the carbon footprint and taking measures to adapt to the climate.

1.2 Competition objectives:

- Identification and promotion of advanced project and research ideas and initiatives of schoolchildren in the field of climate change;
- Intensification of educational and awareness-raising activities of general educational institutions to create understanding among schoolchildren of the problems related to climate change in Kazakhstan, their environmental and moral education, through the development of their interest in project-research work on the study and preservation of the environment;
- Attracting attention to water and resource-saving as a complete system of rational consumption of electricity, heat, water, food, and other resources in everyday life and the socio-economic sphere, as well as the interrelation of climate, water, energy, and socio-economic issues and the role of each person in their solution.

1.3 The competition is organized in the following categories:

Category 1. Water is the basis of life, *in this nomination projects on water conservation and efficient water use under climate change conditions are accepted;*

Category 2. Sun and wind - clean energy of nature, *this category accepts projects demonstrating or proposing the use of renewable energy sources in households, agriculture, and other sectors of the economy;*

Category 3. Climate habits of life, *this category accepts projects that demonstrate practical approaches to changing the behavior of society in the context of climate change and their dissemination to the general public.*

Projects submitted to the competition should demonstrate the connection between climate change and their implementation with an indication of practical application. Present an objective view of current events in the field of ecology, nature management, and environmental protection, and encourage active environmental protection activities.

2. General Regulations of the Competition

2.1 This Regulation establishes the principles of organizing, conducting, and summarizing the results of the contest of schoolchildren's climate projects on the theme "Climate does not wait" (hereinafter referred to as the Competition).

2.2 The organization and conduct of the Competition is based on the principles of public accessibility, free development of personality and freedom, creative self-expression of the Competition participants.

2.3 The Competition is open to children **between the ages of 12 and 14, students in grades 6, 7, and 8.**

2.4 Competition language: Kazakh, Russian, English.

2.5 Team and anonymous works (not containing information about the contestant) are not allowed to participate in the competition and will not be considered. Also, projects that do not correspond to the theme of the contest and are based solely on literary data or abstracts will not be considered. .

2.6 Works may be submitted by educational institutions (including institutions of additional education of children) or other institutions.

2.7 All climate projects sent to the Competition can be used by the Organizers in the future for placement on their information resources, publications, events, etc. with the indication of authorship.

2.8 Winners and prize-winners of the Competition are determined by the Competition Commission. The winners will be invited to participate in the International Climate School, which will be held in Almaty **in the late October2024.**

3. Organizers and partners of the Competition

3.1 The organizer of the Competition is the United Nations Development Programme in Kazakhstan (hereinafter - the Organizer) with the support of the Ministries of Education, Ecology and Natural Resources, Water Resources and Irrigation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

3.2 The Organizer and partners jointly carry out the overall management and control, operational management of the Competition activities.

3.3 The Organizer publishes the Regulations on the Competition on its Internet resource and together with partners controls over its observance.

3.4 The Organizer determines the composition of the Competition Commission.

3.5 The Organizer invites information partners and places information about the Competition on websites and in other mass media channels.

3.6. The Organizer provides organizational, technical, and methodological support for the Competition, and the activities of the Commission, as well as organizes the awards ceremony for the winners of the Competition and provides Prizes to the winners and diplomas to the participants of the Competition.

3.7 The Organizer establishes the procedure and conducts registration of the Competition results, keeps records of applications and works of participants and winners of the Competition.

Partners and other institutions have the right to additional awarding of the favorite participant/participants of the Competition from their funds, which do not belong to the prize fund of the Competition.

4. Timing of the Competition

4.1 The Climate Project Competition runs from **July 15 to September 30, 2024:**

- July 15, 2024, the competition begins and an informational announcement is made;

- **July 15 to September 30, 2024**, is the deadline for submitting the applications and projects for the competition.

From **1 to 7 October 2024**, the competition projects will be evaluated and the results will be summarized. The results will be publicized on UNDP social networks (Instagram, Facebook).

4.2 **Two general consultation online meetings** (via Zoom) will be organized for all interested participants on the following dates to explain the procedure, conditions, and requirements of this Competition:

- August 2, 2024, first consultation meeting, 3:00 pm;
- August 15, 2024, second consultation meeting, 3:00 p.m.

Connection link:

<https://undp.zoom.us/j/86972186181?pwd=atY6tpJMPS9GjGKCHmAs4Pb5OmQsiF.1>

Conference ID: 869 7218 6181

Access code:951343

4.3 Winners and prize-winners of the Competition will be invited for awarding and participation in the International Climate School Festival, which will be held in October 2024 in Almaty. Travel, accommodation and meals for the winners and prize-winners will be provided at the expense of the Organizer.

5. Terms of the Competition

5.1 Applications for participation will be submitted **from July 15 to September 30, 2024**, via Google application form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1d_Lf-q9MjXr3bVbdT0DFovsrNx-C38iWvRBL3pPByg/edit?ts=668e205c.

Participants should post climate projects on their file-sharing platforms, the download links for which are indicated in the Google application form itself in a special column.

Links to the file-sharing platform should be open and available for downloading.

5.2 Requirements for the projects submitted to the Competition:

- Compliance with the Competition topic;
- fully and correctly completed application form (Google form) for the competition with all requested data. The application form is specified in Annex 1 to this Regulation;
- Projects should be formatted as follows:
 - PowerPoint presentations - no more than 10 slides and a total volume of no more than 10 MB;
 - video format, total duration up to 5 minutes, and total volume up to 20 MB. Playback format MP4, MPEG, MOV, WMV. Horizontal or vertical orientation. The optimal recommended resolution is 1920x1080 (Full HD, 1080p), but not less than 720x576.
- The file name should be renamed, with a name and surname of the participant and the nomination for which the project is submitted.
- closed links (with closed access), as well as files sent by mail or otherwise, are not eligible for the contest.

5.3 Works that do not correspond to the Competition topic or the requirements specified in paragraph 5.2 of this Regulation are not allowed to participate in the Competition and are not considered.

5.4 Winners and prize-winners of the Competition in each nomination are awarded diplomas of the Competition organizer, souvenirs, and incentive prizes.

The following number of prizes will be established:

Category 1. Water is the basis of life:

- I place;
- II place;
- III place

Category 2. Sun and wind - clean energy of nature

- I place;
- II place;
- III place

Category 3. Climate habits of life

- I place;

- II place;
- III place

The winners of the competition in all three categories and their legal representatives (1 person from each participant) will be invited for awarding and participation in the International Climate School Festival, which will be held late October 2024 in Almaty. The exact dates and venue of the festival will be communicated additionally to the winners themselves.

6. Competition Committee and criteria for evaluating entries

6.1 The composition of the Commission shall not be announced before summarizing the results, in order to avoid pressure.

6.2 The Commission evaluates the project works of the participants and ensures the unity of the criteria for selecting the winners and prize-winners of the Competition.

6.3 The Commission may participate in awarding the winners and prize-winners of the Competition.

6.4 Commission members carry out expert evaluations of climate projects submitted for the competition based on their subjective assessment based on their experience and guided by the main evaluation criteria.

6.5 Evaluation criteria:

- relevance of the project topic and its relation to climate change;
- full disclosure of the topic;
- content (objectives, process and results of the research, conclusions, recommendations);
- scientific basis of the project idea, practicality, and feasibility of project implementation;
- creativity, originality, and out-of-the-box approach;
- scale, scope, and opportunity to replicate the project;
- cooperation with representatives of local communities, scientific, educational, and public organizations and other institutions.

6.6 Information about the results of the contest will be posted on social media networks (Facebook, Instagram) and the website of the UNDP in Kazakhstan: <https://www.undp.org/kazakhstan>.

6.7 The decisions of the commission and the organizer of the competition will be final and not subject to appeal.

**Online-application
for participation in the competition**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1d_Lf-q9MjXr3bVbdT0DFovsrNx-C38iWvRBLe3pPByg/edit?ts=668e205c.

1. Title of the project submitted for the competition:

2. Title of the competition category:

- Water is the basis of life
- Sun and wind - clean energy of nature
- Climate habits of life

3. Settlement, Region:

4. Title of educational institution (full name of the school, institution of additional education):

5. Data about the author of the project:

Full name of the participant	Date of birth	Grade (study group)

6. Details of the parent (guardian) of the author of the project:

Full name of the parent (guardian)	Contact information (cell phone and email)

7. Data about the project manager (to be filled in if available):

Full name of the manager	Place of work and Position	Contacts (Phone, e-mail)

8. Link to the file-sharing site where the climate project is uploaded. The link should be available openly for uploading and downloading by the organizers.

