



Photograph & Art Competition

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Caribbean is endowed with several renewable energy resources - wind, biomass, solar, geothermal and other resources - which remain to be developed. How can we shape a sustainable future by tapping into the energy resources that we possess?

Participants are invited to submit online **digital photographs, or scans of artwork** highlighting the empowerment of the peoples of the CARICOM Region through sustainable energy use.

Eligibility

The competition is open to all [CARICOM](#) citizens under two (2) categories – amateurs and professionals. Entries will only be judged if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Employees of the CARICOM Secretariat and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.

Competition Stages

The Photo and Art Competition will be held at two (2) levels – National Competition and Regional Competition.

National Phase of the Competition: There will be a series of national competitions taking place simultaneously in each and every Member State. Over a three (3) week period, the public will be invited to cast votes online – via [Facebook](#) and [CARICOM Energy Portal](#) – for the entries of their choice within the respective Member States. These popularity votes will form 50% of the total score received by the entries and will be complemented by scores received from a panel of three (3) judges.

Regional Phase of the Competition: The winners of the respective national competitions will be selected as **finalists** for the Regional Competition. Regional Competition entries will be voted on during the CARICOM Energy Week. A mix of popularity votes and scoring from a panel of adjudicators will again determine the final score for each entry. **Winners will be announced on November 14, 2015.**

Entry Period

The National Component of the Photo and Art Competition begins at 9:00 am on Monday, October 12, 2015 and ends at 12 midnight on Friday, October 30, 2015. Entries submitted after the entry period will not be eligible. Voting for entries in the National Competition will begin as soon as they have been uploaded and verified during the entry period.

Voting for the Regional Final of the Photo and Art Regional Competition begins at 10:00 am on Monday, November 9, 2015 and ends at 12 midnight on Friday, November 13, 2015. Entries for the Regional Competition will be automatically uploaded on the basis of the results of the National Competition.

How to Enter

- All persons desirous of participating in the competition must pre-register by completing the registration form found [here](#). Upon registration the individual will be issued with an automatically generated ID number which must be quoted at the time of uploading an entry along with the description of the photo/artwork submission.
- All entries for the National Competition must be uploaded through the [CARICOM Energy Portal](#) or through the [CARICOM Energy Week Facebook](#) photo submission application. Entries sent via email will not be acknowledged.
- **Amateurs may enter a maximum of three (3) entries and professionals a maximum of five (5) entries.**
- All entries must be original and must not have been previously exhibited or published. Entries cannot contain published patterns or must not have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization. Entries not meeting the requirements will be disqualified and removed from the online platform.

- Digital photographs or scans of art work may not exceed ten megabytes (10 MB). Photographs may be in any format – color or black and white - and must be in a *.jpeg*, *.jpg* or *.gif* format.
- Art work can be on any medium.

The CARICOM Energy Unit reserves the right to reject any additional entries or entries that it deems offensive, obscene, inappropriate, or not in compliance with the competition rules. By entering, you indicate your acceptance of the Official Rules and the decisions of the competition, which are final and binding.

Criteria & Judging

- Winners for the National Competition will be based on a mix of popularity votes – via social media – and adjudication by a panel.
- National Competition voting will take place during the period October 12, 2015 to October 30, 2015. As soon as entries are uploaded and verified, the public can start voting.
- Winners for the National Competition will be entered into the Regional Final, in which winners will be selected on the basis of a mix of popularity votes – via social media – and adjudication by a panel.
- Voting for the Regional Competition will take place during the CARICOM Energy Week from November 8 – 13, 2015. Judging will take place on November 12, 2015.
- Judging will be based on the following criteria
 - Impact – effect on the viewer, catches the eye and holds attention, mood and storytelling techniques
 - Composition – arrangement, completeness and balance of picture elements
 - Technical Quality – sharpness, clarity
- **Six (6) winners** will be selected, three (3) from each category, for the Regional Competition. Winners will be announced at the end of CARICOM Energy Week on November 14, 2015.
- All Regional finalists will receive honorable mention and their submissions will be featured as part of the CARICOM Energy Programme 2016 Calendar.

Prizes

The CARICOM Energy Unit will award the following prizes

Amateurs

1 st Prize	Laptop [\$US 1,000]
2 nd Prize	Tablet [US\$ 750]
3 rd Prize	Phone [US\$ 500]

Professionals

1 st Prize	US\$ 3,000 cash
2 nd Prize	US\$ 2,000 cash
3 rd Prize	US\$ 1,000 cash

Honorable mention winners will receive US\$100 Gift Voucher [from AMAZON].

Your Rights

The CARICOM Energy Programme wishes to thank you for helping to further the goals and objectives of CEW 2015 through your photography and art work.

- **You will retain all rights to any photograph you submit - including ownership if applicable.**
- If you submit a photograph, you grant the CARICOM Energy Unit royalty-free, non-exclusive rights during the Photo and Art Competition to:
 - Display the photograph on the Photo and Art Competition page of the [CARICOM Energy Portal](#).
 - Display the photograph on the Photo and Art Competition CEW 2015 [Facebook Page](#).
 - Allow third-parties to share the photograph on the following social media platforms: Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.
- If your photograph is formally honored by the competition as a winner or an honorable mention, you grant The CARICOM Energy Unit royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to:
 - Use the photograph on the Internet and in Social Media in support of its mission.
 - Use the photograph in the CARICOM Energy Unit's internal and external communication materials.
 - Use, in connection with the Photo and Art Competition your name and country of residence in promotions and other publications.
 - Retain a digital copy of your photograph that will be archived in CARICOM's photo library.

The CARICOM Energy Unit will endeavor to credit all photographs with the caption of the name of the individual who submitted the entry, i.e. "Person's Name".

Questions

Questions about competition rules and the CARICOM Energy Week can be emailed to ewprogramme@gmail.com