



Deba KliMa

Information to schools 2023

In partnership with

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and



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1 Introduction

Mauritius Commercial Bank, in partnership with the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre is inviting secondary schools to register for a debate contest entitled '**Deba Klima**'. Participants will be invited to present argumentation in **Creole** on various topics related to climate change. The contest consists of confrontations between teams of students in structured debates on positions for or against a given topic, supported by appropriate research.

Participating students and educators will benefit from training from Dr François Gemenne, a specialist of environmental geopolitics and migration dynamics.

2 Aims

1. Raise awareness among students on the social, economic and environmental challenges faced by various countries, including Mauritius, due to climate change.
2. Raise awareness among students about the present and future measures, solutions and best practices that could be adopted by the community, businesses, decision makers and scientists so as to mitigate the effects of climate change and promote sustainable development.

3 Who can participate?

One team per school may register for the contest. The team **should** comprise **three** students of **Grades 10, 11 or 12** and **one supervising educator**. All educators, including amongst others those from science or language backgrounds may supervise the students, as long as they are motivated to guide them throughout this inter-school competition.

4 How to participate?

Step
1

Schools run their own debate tournaments at school

30 January - 30 March 2023

Schools are invited to organise debate tournaments at their level to encourage students to conduct research on the topic and enhance their communication skills. Schools are free to develop their debate resolutions on climate change issues. Only ONE team must be chosen to represent the school for the next steps.

Step
2

Schools register their teams

3 March 2023

The Rector/Supervising Educator of each participating school will have to signify their intention to participate in the contest by completing the following online form by 3 March 2023.



[Click here to register your school](#)
or [Scan the QR Code](#)

Step
3

Teams submit their video

30 March 2023

The chosen team from each school needs to record a video (3min 30 to 4min long) which will be used by the Jury Panel to select teams for the debate contest. All **three** students in the team should present their ideas on **ONE** of the following topics:

- Should public transport be encouraged?
- How can countries prepare against flooding?
- How would you sensitise local populations to energy saving?
- Why is 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' more pertinent than ever?

These topics shall not be debated, but elaborated upon in the video to convince people to take action on climate change. The video should be in line with the criteria detailed in the annexed Video Guidelines. **Teams failing to submit videos respecting these guidelines will be disqualified.**

Step
4

The jury panel assesses the videos submitted

01 April - 14 April 2023

A Jury Panel will select the 16 best teams based on the videos using the following criteria:

- Relevance of the ideas
- Construction of ideas
- Mastery of the subject
- Eloquence/Mastery of the language

Step
5

Training of educators and students

24 April - 30 April 2023

The supervising educators and participating students of the selected teams will be invited for training sessions delivered by Dr François Gemenne. The training will aim at providing the teams with information, tools and techniques needed throughout the competition. The 16 teams will also receive a toolkit to steer them through the process.

Step
6

Debates are on

30 May - 29 June 2023

Two teams will debate for and against a motion which will be determined before each round. Both the proposing and opposing teams will present the debate as follows:

- Topic introduction and development of arguments (maximum 5 minutes)
- Consultation among team members (maximum 2 minutes)
- Presentation of refuting arguments (maximum 5 minutes)
- Conclusion (maximum 3 minutes)

The knockout rounds will be as follows:



The competition will be recorded and may be aired and/or posted on TV and social media.

5 Prizes

The Prize Giving Ceremony will be held on 29 June 2023. The prizes are as follows:

Students:

Winner: An eco-discovery trip to Rodrigues + savings voucher worth Rs 30,000 per student

Runner-up: Prize worth Rs 15,000 per student

Semi-finalists: Prize worth Rs 8,000 per student

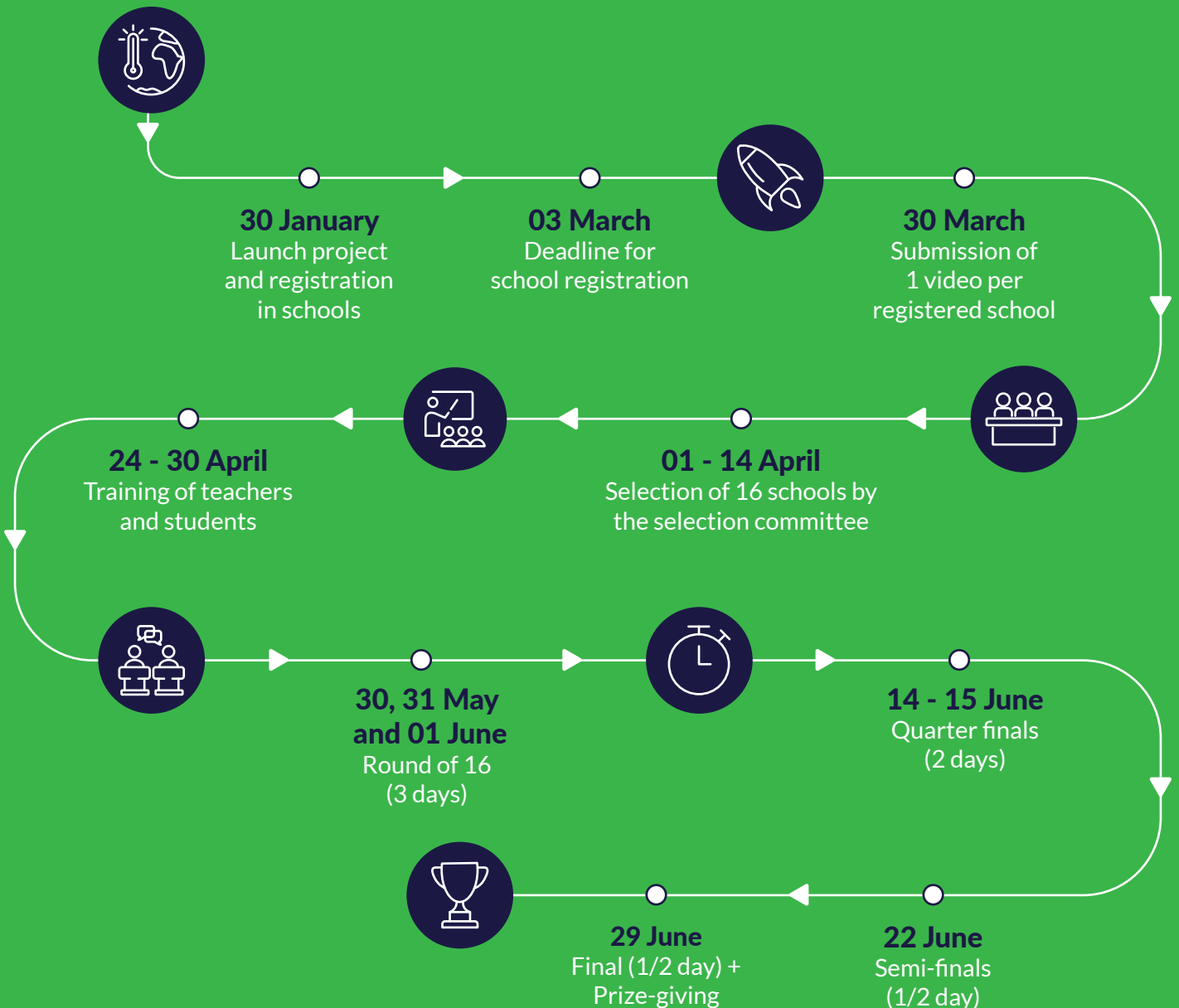
Supervising teacher:

Winner: An eco-discovery trip to Rodrigues + savings voucher worth Rs 6,000

Runner-up: Prize worth Rs 4,000

Semi-finalists: Prize worth Rs 3,000

6 Milestones*



*Schools will be given timely notice if some dates are subject to change.

7 Rules and Regulations

- Each school should register only **one** Team which **should** consist of **three** students only, working under the supervision of **one** educator.
- Students represent their respective schools and are not allowed to participate as individuals.
- The students who registered must be those present until the final stages of the competition unless *force majeure*.
- All debates will be in Creole.
- Videos for the selection process **should not exceed 4 minutes**. Teams which fail to submit their video by **30 March 2023** will be disqualified.
- Participants who do not respect the time allocated during the debates will be penalised.
- Allocation of themes and motions to be debated by each team will be done through a lucky draw.
- By participating in the debate contest, students and their responsible parties, Educators and Rectors give permission to the organising committee to use their names, the school names as well as photographs and videos where they are featured and which will have been shot to promote or communicate on the debate contest. Participants release MCB and RGSC from any claims, liabilities and/or damages arising directly or indirectly out of their participation in the contest.
- Disrespect, use of foul language and aggressive tones will not be permitted at any time and may lead to disqualification.
- The decision of the Jury is final.

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