



Deba  
**klima**  
2024

## Information to schools

In partnership with

*Dr Francois Gemenne*

and



**RAJIV GANDHI SCIENCE CENTRE**

Promoting Science and Technology

## 1 Introduction

Mauritius Commercial Bank, in partnership with the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre is inviting secondary schools to register for the second edition of '**Deba Klima**', a debate contest. 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 in 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 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 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?

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### Schools register their teams

4 February 2024

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. ONE TEAM per school may register for the contest by 4 February 2024.



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

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## Teams submit their video

25 February 2024

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 should speak in an **UNINTERRUPTED** sequence without editing in the video. Teams should choose **ONE** of the following topics:

**1. Kapav eliminn gaspiyaz manze zis par bann aksion volonter bann komers ki vann manze pou redistribie seki an plis.**

*Food waste can only be eliminated through voluntary actions by food outlets to redistribute surplus.*

**2. Sel solision pou konbat sanzman klimatik se avek enn ogmantasion imedia pri bann karbiran fosil.**

*The only solution to combat climate change is through an immediate massive increase in the price of fossil fuels.*

**3. Lindistri touristik zwe enn rol extra inportan dan devlopman dirab, parski li ankouraz bann inisiativ pou protez nou planet, boost lekonomi ek soutenir bann menaz.**

*Tourism industry plays a major role in sustainable development as it encourages initiatives to protect the planet, boost economy and support livelihoods.*

**4. Fer compost bizin obligatwar dan lakaz ek dan bann biznes pou fer plis linpakt.**

*Composting should be mandatory both at household and commercial levels to create more impact.*

Students should present **CONVINCING ARGUMENTS EITHER FOR OR AGAINST one topic**. 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.**

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## The jury panel assesses the videos submitted

25 February - 10 March 2024

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

- Relevance and depth of arguments
- Construction of arguments
- Mastery of the subject
- Eloquence/communication skills

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## Training of educators and students

19 - 20 March 2024

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.

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)

A Jury Panel will assess the teams using the following criteria:

- Organisation, prioritisation and clarity of arguments
- Content, reasoning and evidence
- Cross examination and refutation
- Expression and presentation style
- Teamwork and adherence to guidelines

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 06 June 2024. 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:

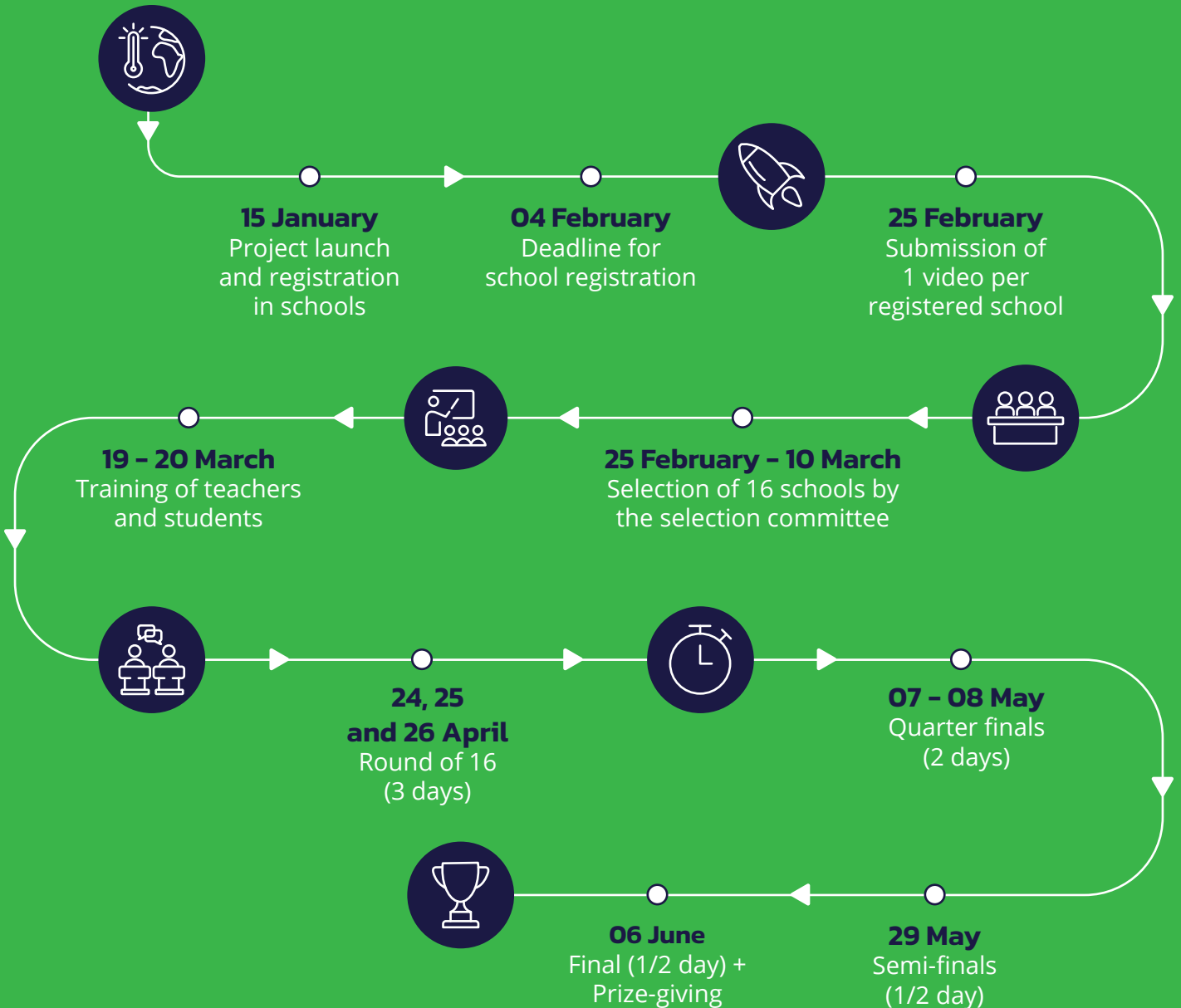
**Winner:** An eco-discovery trip to Rodrigues + savings voucher worth Rs 6,000

**Runner-up:** Prize worth Rs 4,000

**Semi-finalists:** Prize worth Rs 3,000

All participants who reach the Round of 16 will win an Eco-Tour at Ebony Forest Nature Reserve.

## 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 **25 February 2024** 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 tone as well as violent and disrespectful content will not be permitted at any time and may lead to disqualification.
- The decision of the Jury is final.

## 8 Address for correspondence

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