



PACIFIC ISLANDS CREATIVE COMPETITION: NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

We want to hear from **YOU!**

APLN is thrilled to announce the **Pacific Islands Creative Competition** on “**Nuclear Weapons and the Climate Crisis.**” We call upon voices from the Pacific Islands to participate in this international competition to share ideas, perspectives and experiences. We want to raise awareness of the impact that changes in the global climate, environments, and contemporary nuclear weapons policies and practices have had, and continue to have, on the Pacific Islands.

Competition Guidelines

1. Eligibility

All **citizens of the Pacific Island Countries** (except Australia and New Zealand) are eligible to submit their entry to the competition. Contestants must be **18 years of age or above**.

2. Topics

Entries can be submitted on topics including, but **not limited to**:

- How climate change is affecting me/my family/our community/our country/our Blue Pacific Continent
- Why I care about the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone
- Ethical issues surrounding the expansion and modernization of nuclear weapons capabilities
- The racism and injustice of nuclear weapons testing
- How the rising military competition between the US and China impacts the Pacific Islands
- The role small island states can play in advancing nuclear disarmament

3. Format

Creative formats of expression are admissible and encouraged. Contestants can choose to address the topic through a creative writing submission, analytical research paper (1500 words), poetry, video (10 minutes), podcast (10 minutes), etc. Entries will be judged on how effectively you communicate ideas on the competition theme. Please email us if you are unsure about the format of your entry.

4. Categories

Contestants can submit their entries in **TWO out of the following FIVE categories**:

- Overall category;
- Women's category;
- Youth category (under 30s);
- Microstate category (population smaller than 500,000); and
- Survivor category (those who lived through the nuclear weapons tests and their descendants).

Each contestant can submit only ONE entry. Please clearly mention under which two of the above categories you would like your submission to be evaluated.

5. Personal Information

State your **NAME, AGE, COUNTRY (Province/City)** clearly within your submission. Please submit your entry to apl@apl.network.

6. Prizes

APLN will constitute an experts' panel to evaluate the competition entries. Five winners (one in each category) will be announced as competition winners and receive an award of **USD \$1,000 each as prize money**. All winners will be invited to **present and showcase their work** submitted for the competition at an international forum. APLN will also provide expert support to the winners (where appropriate and necessary) in **publishing their work** and mentoring them for related activities). Winners will also have the opportunity to **expand their networks** through the APLN's Pacific Islands network.

7. Important Dates

- Competition Announced: **25 July 2022**
- Submission Deadline: **29 August 2022**
- Winners Announced: **12 September 2022**

All entries must be submitted to apl@apl.network on or before 29 August 2022.

For further information, please contact apl@apl.network.



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