FAO World Food Day photo contest for Europe and Central Asia

The contest

The United Nations General Assembly declared 16 October as World Food Day (WFD). The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (“FAO” or “the Organization”), as the coordinating agency for this UN day, is organizing a photo contest (hereby the “Contest”) for Europe and Central Asia, as part of the 2021 World Food Day celebrations.

The Contest aims to raise awareness of the importance of food systems transformation towards more efficiency, nutrition, sustainability and inclusiveness. The chosen theme for WFD 2021 is “better production, nutrition, environment and life”. Entries will be judged with respect to the four thematic categories.

Contest participants (“Entrants”) are being asked to submit a photo that illustrates the WFD theme and the ways that the food we choose and the way we consume affects our health and that of our planet.

PROCESS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Submissions will be accepted from 19 August 2021 until 24 October 2021 midnight CET. Entries received after the deadline shall not be considered. Participation is free of charge.

All winners will be notified by e-mail after the judging is complete. Upon receipt of notification e-mail from FAO, the Entrant must respond to the notification e-mail to accept the prize. If FAO does not receive a response within seven (7) days of the notification, FAO reserves the right to reallocate the prize to another Entrant.

ACCEPTANCE

By submitting entries, the Entrant confirms that these General terms and conditions, including Copyright and privacy requirements for this Contest, have been read, understood, and agreed to by the Entrant.

PRIZE

A prize will be awarded to the best photo of each thematic category. The prize for the outright winner of each category will be a surprise gift bag. Prizes for the Contest may not be substituted, replaced or otherwise modified.

General terms and conditions

1. The Contest is open only to individuals (“Entrants”). The age to declare is that at the time of entering the Contest. If the Entrant is under the age of 18, the consent of their parent or legal guardian is required.
2. FAO employees and their immediate family members (spouses, parents, children, siblings and their respective spouses, regardless of where they live) or persons living in the same households of such employees, whether or not related, are not eligible to enter the Contest. FAO will determine eligibility at its sole discretion.
3. Partners or relatives of partner staff of the institutions involved in the Contest, and relatives of the judging committee, are not eligible to compete.

4. FAO reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify submissions which are:
   a. incomplete or not relevant to the theme;
   b. disrespectful of the impartiality and independence of the FAO, reflects adversely on FAO, incompatible with the aims and objectives of FAO, or derogatory to any persons depicted in the entry;
   c. contains nudity, threatening, false, misleading, abusive, harassing, libellous, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, scandalous, inflammatory, pornographic or profane content;
   d. contains any material that could constitute or encourage conduct which would be considered a criminal offence, give rise to civil liability, or otherwise violate any law;
   e. not compliant with these General terms and conditions, or
   f. not consistent with the Organization’s values and guiding principles.

5. FAO also reserves the right to verify the eligibility of any entry and/or Entrant (including an Entrant’s identity and address) and to disqualify any Entrant who submits an entry that is not in accordance with the Contest rules, including these General terms and conditions, copyright and privacy, or who tampers with the entry process.

6. FAO will not pay any fees or costs relating to participation in the Contest or for the use of any submissions in relation to the Contest.

7. No logos, URLs, telephone numbers, or calls that solicit directly for monetary donations should be included in any material.

8. FAO and its staff and agents shall not be responsible or liable for any claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature arising out of or in connection with the Entrant’s participation in this Contest or the acceptance or use of the prizes awarded.

9. FAO and its staff and agents shall not be responsible or liable for incomplete, lost, damaged, late, misdirected or illegible entries or for failure to receive entries due to transmission failures or technical failures of any kind, including, without limitation, malfunctioning of any network, system, hardware or software, whether originating with sender or for any human error, lost/delayed data transmission, or any other error, malfunction, or unauthorized access to entries.

10. FAO reserves the right to cancel, modify, suspend, or delay the Contest in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond FAO’s reasonable control, and to change, amend, delete or add to these General terms and conditions at any time.

11. FAO does not represent or endorse the accuracy or reliability of any data, information or other material provided by any Entrant. FAO explicitly disclaims any responsibility for the content of any data, information and materials provided by the Entrants in the Contest.

12. By submitting entries to the Contest, Entrants agree to indemnify, defend, and hold and save harmless, FAO against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any third party against the Organization, including, but not limited to, all litigation costs and expenses, attorney’s fees, settlement payments and damages, based on, arising from, or relating to the Organization’s use of the photos submitted by the Entrant. The obligations under this section do not lapse upon closure of the Contest.

13. By submitting entries to the Contest, Entrants agree that personal data, especially names and addresses, may be processed, shared, and otherwise used for the purposes and within the
context of the Contest, FAO institutional activities, and any other purposes outlined in these rules. The data may also be used by FAO in order to verify the Entrant’s identity, postal address and telephone number or to otherwise verify the Entrant’s eligibility to participate in the Contest.

14. Nothing in these General terms and conditions or in any rules related to the Contest, nor any acts performed or statements made in relation to the Contest, shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of FAO.

Copyright and privacy

15. Entrants must own the copyright of the material they submit for the Contest. If the material contains images of a person or persons, Entrants must have obtained the permission of those persons for submission of their material to the Contest, as well as the use of the material by FAO for the purposes described in these General terms and conditions. The Entrant also confirms that each person depicted in the material has granted permission to be portrayed as shown.

16. The Entrant declares that, to the best of his/her knowledge, no third party can claim any rights on the material submitted.

17. FAO will not seek additional approvals in connection with the use of the material and it will not be responsible for any claim or complaint alleging violation of the rights of third parties.

18. The Entrant declares that they have not licensed any rights in the submission that conflict with the usage rights required by FAO.

19. The Entrant will be responsible for any claim made by any third party in respect of the Entry and will fully indemnify FAO in respect of all royalties, fees and any other monies owing to any person or entity by reason of breach any of the foregoing terms and conditions.

20. Copyright of the material remains with the Entrants. Whenever the work is published by FAO, the Entrants will be credited. Failure to publish a credit due to error or oversight shall not be deemed a breach of this condition.

21. By entering the Contest, Entrants agree that any work submitted may be used free of charge by FAO and the Entrants grant an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide exclusive license to FAO, for non-commercial purposes, to reproduce, distribute, display and create derivative works of the entries (along with a name credit) in connection with the Contest and the promotion of FAO’s work, in, among others:

- FAO corporate website: [www.fao.org](http://www.fao.org) and its subpages;
- corporate videos or digital recordings to illustrate the work of the Organization;
- FAO publications, brochures or posters;
- social-media channels, including promotion of the Contest itself;
- any other media used by FAO to communicate.