

Young Hands Together for Diversity International Art Competition

We have joined forces to educate children and youth around the world about the amazing diversity of life in our planet.



If you are 6 to 20 years old become an artist and send us your best creation!



It's fun and easy! All you have to do is make a bright bold design (an emblem) which you think shows how young people can take action to preserve the wonders of our biodiversity.



Your creations will be used to illustrate our different publications and the winners will get some cool prizes.

What are you waiting for? Start using your imagination and send us your best creations by 15 June 2010.



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The **Young Hands Together for Diversity International Art Competition** is part of a worldwide youth education initiative on biodiversity to provide children and young people with useful information and help them participate in protecting, preserving and improving biodiversity in their communities.

The theme for the competition is “biodiversity” and what it means to young people around the world. For example, in their artwork, children and youth may explore the amazing variety of life on the planet, the richness of ecosystems, the reasons why biodiversity is being lost, or the things people are doing to protect biodiversity.

The winning artwork may be used to make the activity badges and logos for the “Young Hands Together for Diversity” initiative. All submissions will be considered for use in “Young Hands Together for Diversity” posters, publications and T-shirts and in other United Nations publications.

The competition is open to children and young people between 6 to 20 years in three age categories: 6-10 years, 11-15 years and 16-20 years.

The competition was launched on 28 January 2010 and closes on 15 June 2010. We invite young people around the world to submit their biodiversity artwork. Last year there were 1,400 entries from 46 countries around the world.

The organizers of the competition are Bioversity International (BI), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The competition is an activity of the Youth and United Nations Global Alliance (YUNGA) and *The Green Wave* for biodiversity.

Contest rules

Participants:

Children and young people between 6 to 20 years are eligible to participate. There are three age categories: 6-10 years, 11-15 years and 16-20 years.

Rules:

1. Artwork must be the original work of the entrant.
2. Artwork should reflect the theme “biodiversity” (e.g. the amazing variety of life on the planet, the richness of ecosystems, the reasons why biodiversity is being lost, the things people are doing to protect biodiversity).
3. Artwork should be done on white A4-size paper in the round or square template frames provided (page 6 and 7). The diameter of the round frame and the length of the square should be 18cm.
4. Any type of art materials may be used (e.g. pens, pencils, paints) except crayons. Computer graphics programmes are also allowed. Using bold colours is recommended.
5. Do not include a particular person, an organization or a brand name.
6. Use your imagination, most of all have FUN! :o)

Submitting your artwork:

Entries may be submitted electronically by email or physically by post.

1. Only **one** entry is permitted per young person.
2. Send your artwork to FAO via email or ordinary post.
3. Send in your entry before the deadline. All entries must be **received by 15 June 2010**.

Via email:

Send your entry to children-youth@fao.org.

Please note that if your submission is sent electronically you should keep the original work in a safe place as we may require the original if your artwork is selected.

Via ordinary mail:

Send your entry (preferably in a water-proof envelope) to:

Dr Reuben Sessa
Young Hands Together for Diversity International Art Competition
NRC
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Rome, Italy

Selection of winners and prizes

Artwork will be judged fairly and impartially by a panel of FAO and CBD staff, WAGGGS representatives and graphic designers.

There will be ten winners: three winners for each of the three age categories and one overall grand prize winner. The winners will be announced on International Youth Day – 12 August 2010.

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E-mail: children-youth@fao.org

Deadline: Entries must be received by **15 June 2010**.

Overall winner:

One fully paid trip for the winner to an international event taking place during the International Year of Biodiversity to receive their prize and a certificate (venue and date to be confirmed later).

Age category winners:

1st Prize (6-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-20 years):

Cash prize of US\$400 and a certificate

2nd Prize (6-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-20 years):

Cash prize of US\$200 and a certificate

3rd Prize (6-10 years, 11-15 years, 16-20 years):

Cash prize of US\$100 and a certificate

Handling of entries and intellectual property

All entries will be handled by the organizers and will not be returned. The intellectual property of the entries is owned by the participants. The organizers, however, have the right to publish, exhibit, print or distribute the entries through any media.

FAQ

1. How will my artwork be used?

The project is developing a series of educational materials for children and young people, teachers and youth leaders. The artwork we receive will be used to make activity badges, logos, posters, publications and T-shirts for the “Young Hands Together for Diversity” initiative. Your artwork may also be used in FAO or CBD publications.

2. When do I need to submit my artwork?

Entries must be received by **15 June 2010**.

3. When will the winners be announced?

The winners will be announced on International Youth Day – 12 August 2010.

4. What could I win?

There is prize money for first, second and third prize. The overall winner will have a fully paid trip to an international venue to receive their prize and certificate. Even if you aren't one of the official winners, your artwork could still be used in international exhibits and publications.

5. How do I contact the organizers?

Send an email to **children-youth@fao.org** or write a letter to Young Hands Together for Diversity International Art Competition, FAO, NRC, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome, Italy.

6. How do I find out more about “Young Hands Together for Diversity”?

Keep visiting the website for updates or email **children-youth@fao.org**.

7. Why is this year's theme biodiversity?

The United Nations declared 2010 to be the International Year of Biodiversity. It is a celebration of life on Earth and of the value of biodiversity for our lives. The world is invited to take action in 2010 to safeguard the variety of life on Earth: biodiversity. “Young Hands Together for Diversity” is one way for young people around the world to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity.

8. What is biodiversity?

‘Bio’ means life and ‘diversity’ means variety, so biodiversity refers to the incredible variety of living things in nature and how they interact with each other; therefore, it is one of the world's most precious treasures. Every human being, plant and animal contributes to the diversity and the beauty of the Earth. In the same way that humans live in communities, so do animals and plants. Where communities of plants and animals live together, and share their space, their land and their climate, they form an ecosystem. There are many different ecosystems around the world, such as deserts, forests, oceans, mountains or rivers.

In our world you can find an amazing amount of animals and plants, all the different kinds of them are called species. Biodiversity includes the differences between species, the difference within species and the range of ecosystems in which they live.

Countless species of trees, flowers, birds, insects, mammals, etc. contribute to the diversity and beauty of our nature. Different species live in different ecosystems. Biodiversity is everywhere, just look around you and you will find millions of different types of plants and animals and different ecosystems!

9. Why is biodiversity important?

The quality of our lives depends on biodiversity! All the natural resources such as land, air, water or sunlight and the rich variety of plants and animals allow us to maintain good conditions of life on Earth. Nature gives us different services such as climate regulation, healthy soil, shelter and protection, food and medicine production, etc. and gives us nice places to relax and have fun. The diversity of human cultures is another important part of biodiversity; being different from one another helps us enrich our lives and become respectful people.

10. Where can I learn more about biodiversity?

There are many biodiversity resources available online. Here are some websites to get you started:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

www.fao.org/biodiversity/biodiversity-home/en/

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

www.wagggsworld.org

Bioersity International

www.bioersityinternational.org

Convention on Biological Diversity, Youth

www.cbd.int/ibd/2008/youth

Convention on Biological Diversity, Kids

<http://kids.cbd.int/>

The Green Wave

www.greenwave.cbd.int

Tunza for children, United Nations Environment Programme

www.unep.org/tunza/children/inner.asp?ct=env_issues

Tunza for youth, United Nations Environment Programme

www.unep.org/Tunza/

United Nations Cyber School Bus

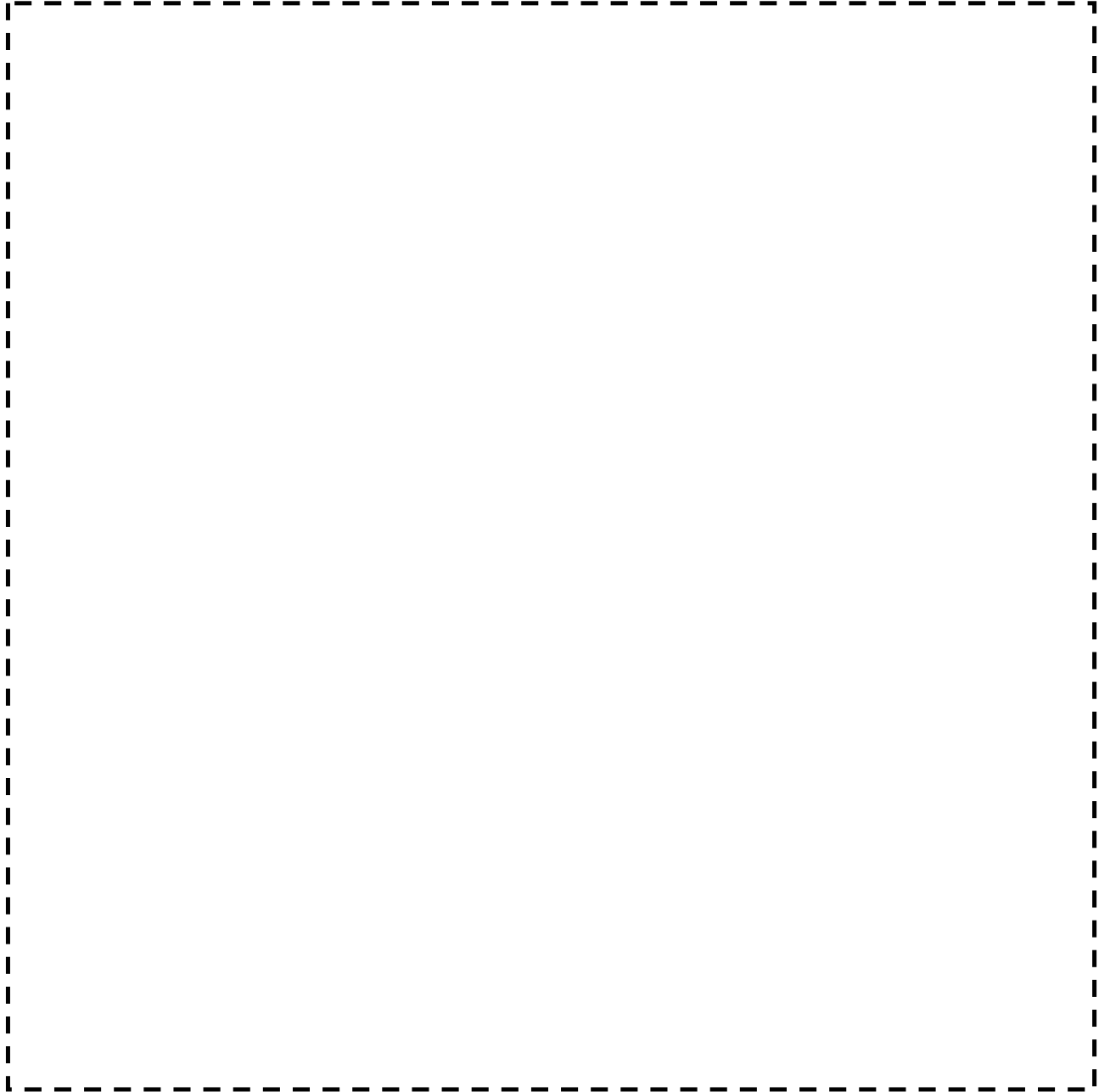
www.cyberschoolbus.un.org/

WWF

www.biodiversity911.org/default.html

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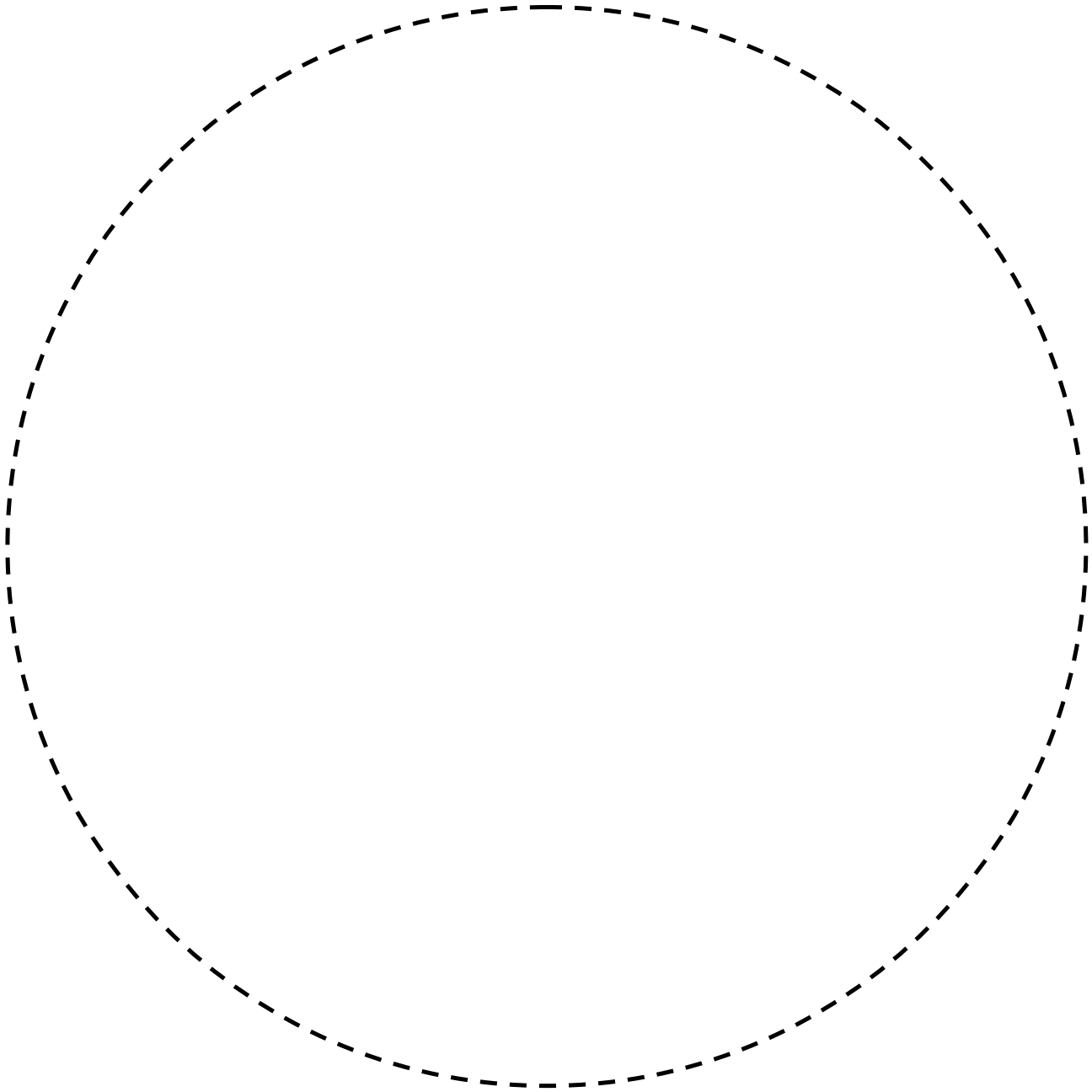
Square Template



Participant's name:
Participant's SURNAME:
Country:
Age: Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY):.....
E-mail address (write this very clearly please):
E-mail of parent, guardian, teacher, leader (write this very clearly please):.....

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Round Template



Participant's name:
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