

CTA Annual 'Peoples' Choice' Photo Competition 2010

Rules and Regulations

The ACP-EU Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA) invites you to submit your photographs of water use and water management, information and communication technology (ICT) and information and communication management (ICM). We encourage submission of photographs that display and celebrate local cultures, communities and people; sustainable livelihoods in the area of water and water management, related to agriculture and rural development throughout the 79 member countries of Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP).

Eligibility, entry period and instructions, judging criteria, prize details and winner selection and notification procedures are detailed below. **BY ENTERING THIS PHOTO CONTEST, YOU AGREE TO ALL OF THE RULES OF THIS CONTEST AND TO ALL OF THE LEGAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS LISTED BELOW.**

ELIGIBILITY

This contest is open to citizens and residents of ACP countries. Citizens of the EU member states are also eligible to participate in the competition as long as the subject matter of the photo depicts a situation in an ACP country.

Employees and immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling or sibling's spouse) of employees of the CTA or its Board are not eligible to participate. No purchase is necessary to enter the contest.

ENTRY PERIOD

The contest begins July 22, 2010 and ends October 31 2010. All entries must be received within this time period in order to be considered for prizes. The CTA reserves the right to modify the deadline for submissions due to circumstances beyond its control.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

Please enter the contest by completing the on-line submission form and submitting your original photograph electronically at <http://annualseminar2010.cta.int>. Entrants must complete all data requested on the form. No other method of entry will be accepted. Photographs submitted through the mail will not be accepted.

Entrants may submit as many photographs as they wish; however, a separate on-line [submission form](http://annualseminar2010.cta.int/photo) (<http://annualseminar2010.cta.int/photo>) must be submitted for each photograph. The image may originate in a non-digital format (such as high quality film slides, negatives or prints scanned into a digital format) as long as it is submitted electronically. Entries must be submitted in JPEG, TIFF, or EPS format (as .jpg, .tiff, .eps files) and should be at least 1MB but shall not exceed 5MB. The actual image file must be submitted, not a link or other type of file. If an image file is not readable, the entry will be disqualified. Altered photographs may be submitted, so long as entrants' specify on the entry form how the photo has been altered. No photo montages or composite images will be accepted. The CTA in its sole judgment shall determine whether a photograph meets these requirements for entry into

the contest. Electronic files submitted to CTA will not be returned and will be retained by the CTA after the completion of the contest.

By entering, you warrant that the photograph that you submit is original and is your own, and does not infringe on the rights of any third party. You further warrant that your participation in this photo contest does not violate any agreement between you and a third party.

By entering the photo contest, photographers grant CTA the exclusive right to publish, use, distribute, reproduce and publicly display your photograph, and to create derivative works from your photograph, in perpetuity, in any of its on-line, print or other media publications, materials or exhibitions, for purposes of promoting CTA's mission and awareness of its programme, including but not limited to use for editorial, advertising, publicity, and fundraising purposes, without payment of compensation. Permission is granted to CTA to provide your name, and your city and state of residence, when publishing, reproducing or otherwise using your photo and when identifying you as an entrant or prize winner in the photo contest. While CTA will make every effort to credit photographers when using photos, there may be circumstances where it is not possible to do so. Subject to the rights granted to CTA, you retain all other copyrights and rights to future use of the photographs you enter into the contest.

If the photograph(s) includes a recognizable person or people, photographers must secure permission from each person (or in the case of a minor, the minor's parent or guardian) to use his/her image in the photo contest, and present it to CTA, if requested. Click here for a [model release form](http://annualseminar.cta.int/pdf/CTA-Model-release-form.doc). (<http://annualseminar.cta.int/pdf/CTA-Model-release-form.doc>) CTA reserves the right to disqualify an entry if it finds, in its sole discretion, that an entrant has not secured a necessary release.

JUDGING CRITERIA & PRIZE WINNER SELECTION

Photos may be uploaded to the site from July 22 to October 31, 2010. The online evaluation will begin one month after the competition is launched, on August 23 2010.

There will be three categories for entries: professional (anyone employed full-time as a photographer), amateur (anyone not employed full-time as a photographer) and youth (anyone under 18).

All eligible photographs will be assigned to one of three categories:

- Sustainable livelihoods: Water use and water management
- Information and communications management and information and communications technology in ACP
- Water and ICTs

Evaluation will take place in two tiers: the first tier consists of the cumulative scores achieved by each photo. The second and final judging will be done by a panel convened by CTA. Up to 75% of the points will be allocated as a result of the votes received online by each photo, the remaining 25% will be granted by the CTA panel.

The CTA panel will judge the photos based on three criteria, which will be weighted equally: visual appeal and composition (maximum 10 points); portrayal of CTA's [mission](#) (maximum

10 points); and originality and creativity (maximum 10 points). The judges will consist of CTA staff experienced or trained in photography and design, and two professional photographers.

Three finalists will be selected from all eligible submissions based upon the scoring system as outlined above. In the event of a tie, the selection of finalists will be within the discretion of the CTA panel of judges. The CTA panel of judges will also select one grand prize winner from the three finalists.

CTA will post the grand prize winner and the finalists for each category on its Web site (<http://annualseminar2010.cta.int>). The decision of the judges is final and binding.

PRIZE WINNER NOTIFICATION & PRIZES

CTA will notify the category winners by 5th November 2010. Notification shall be by e-mail and/or telephone. If CTA is unable to contact a potential winner, does not receive an acknowledgment of receipt from a potential winner within five (5) days, or if the notification is returned as undeliverable, it has the option to disqualify such potential winner and select an alternate winner.

Each Category Prize winner will be awarded one (1) CANON EOS 1000D EF 18-55 10 megapixel digital camera with a free subscription to CTA's flagship magazine *Spore*. The grand prize winner will be invited (all expenses paid) to participate in CTA's annual seminar on water management (airfare, accommodation, free entrance to the seminar, lunches throughout the seminar), in Pretoria, South Africa from 22-26 November 2010. Second and third runner ups in each category will receive a free subscription to CTA's flagship magazine *Spore*.

The approximate total value of all prizes is € 5,000. Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash or used in conjunction with any other promotion. CTA reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value in the event the offered prize is unavailable. There shall be no substitutions for any prizes except as provided for at the sole discretion of the CTA. All visas, and local taxes, fees and surcharges on prizes, if any, are the sole responsibility of the prize winners.

Prize winners may be required to execute and return to CTA an Affidavit of Eligibility/Release of Liability/Prize Acceptance Form ("Affidavit and Release") within five (5) days of notification of selection as a prize winner. Failure to sign and return an Affidavit and Release to CTA within five (5) days of notification may result in disqualification and the selection of an alternate winner.

The winning photographs may appear on the CTA corporate and/or seminar web site and also may be used by CTA for future publicity or fundraising purposes.

A list of the prize winners will be loaded to the CTA corporate and seminar websites.

Legal Terms and Conditions

LEGAL CONDITIONS

By entering this competition, you agree to these entry rules, and the following legal conditions.

By entering, participants warrant that their entry materials are original, do not infringe on any third party's rights, and that the participant has obtained any necessary permissions from any third party if a third party or third party's property appears in the photograph. The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation, hereafter referred to as CTA, reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it finds in its sole discretion that any of the foregoing warranties are not true. Decisions of CTA shall be final and binding.

By entering, participants release and hold harmless the CTA, its director, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind rising from or in connection with the competition or any prize won, any use of the entry materials by CTA, the warranties participants make, any misuse or malfunction of any prize awarded, participation in any competition-related activity, or participation in the competition.

Participants agree that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved with CTA, and causes of action arising out of or connected with the competition, shall be resolved individually by way of an amicable solution. In case the parties did not reach an amicable solution they will submit the matter to an arbitrator in the Netherlands. The parties agree that the arbitration decision, if accepted by the parties, becomes the binding. In case the parties do not accept the arbitration decision they will submit the matter to the ICC International Court of Arbitration (ICA) in Paris, for final arbitration, the parties being bound by the ICC ICA's arbitration decision.

In any such dispute, the participant shall, under no circumstances, be entitled to claim punitive, incidental or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (if any) associated with participating in the competition. Participant hereby waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

Any attempt by an entrant or other individual to deliberately damage any Web site or undermine the legitimate operation of the competition is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, CTA reserve the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.

CTA is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by Web site users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the competition, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the competition, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. CTA assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. CTA is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any Web site, including injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or uploading images or information in the competition.

All local taxes, fees and surcharges on prize packages are the sole responsibility of the winner. The winner may be required to execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility/Release

of Liability/Prize Acceptance Form. Return of any prize and/or prize notification as undeliverable or failure of any entrant to comply with any Official Rules may result in disqualification.

If, for any reason, the competition is not completed as planned, including, but not limited to, by reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, natural disasters, or any other causes beyond the control of CTA that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the competition, CTA reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the competition.

In no event will CTA, its director, officers and employees, be responsible or liable for any damages or losses of any kind, including direct, indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages arising out of a participant's access to and use of the CTA's Web sites or the downloading or uploading and/or printing of material from the sites. Without limiting the foregoing, everything on the CTA's sites is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied. Some jurisdictions may not allow the limitation or exclusion of liability for incidental or consequential damages, so some of the foregoing limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. Check your local laws for any restrictions or limitations regarding these limitations or exclusions.

ALL DECISIONS BY THE COMPETITION JUDGES WILL BE FINAL AND BINDING.

CTA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND OR CHANGE THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AT ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE CONTEST.