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International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO)
African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO)

TO ALL UNIVERSITIES IN GHANA
(See Attached Distribution List)

Dear Sir,

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 13TH CONTINENTAL ESSAY COMPETITION

The African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO) is inviting students in institutions of higher learning in Africa (Colleges/Universities approved by their local commission of higher education) below the age of 35 years to submit an essay on the topic/theme.

“The role of harmonized standards in reducing Technical Barriers to Trade and in promoting fair and just trade within the Intra-African and Global Trade”.

Attached are:

- 1) The Entry Rules and Conditions
- 2) Prizes for the Winners

In this regard, the Ghana Standards Authority is inviting students from higher institutions of learning (Universities) in Ghana to participate in the competition and to submit their essays on the theme to:

**The Ag. Director General
Ghana Standards Authority
P.O. Box MB 245
Accra.**

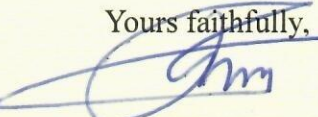
Email: dgsec@gsa.gov.gh

Web: www.gsa.gov.gh

The last day for submitting the essay is **16th March 2026**.

The Ghana Standards Authority wishes all participants good luck in the competition.

Yours faithfully,


**PROFESSOR GEORGE AGYEI
AG. DIRECTOR GENERAL**



ENTRY RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. This competition is open to Citizens of all African Countries below the age of 35 years living in Africa and studying in a university/college recognised by the local commission for university education or equivalent body in their countries.
2. Length of Essays: Essays should be between **1000 and 1200 words**.
3. Presentation: Essays should be double spaced and presented in Century Gothic, size 12.
4. Language of essays: Essays may be submitted in **English or French**
5. Information on the author: Authors may use up to 50 words to describe themselves. Information should include their names, course and year of study, name, town and country in which their university is located (N. B. this will not be part of the 1000-1200 words)
6. Contacts of authors: Authors should provide us with their postal, physical, telephone and email addresses on the first page of the essay and information on the author. Also kindly attach a copy of the Identity Card or passport and a completely filled registration form that can be obtained from Apex. (www.apextrainingafrica.org and ARSO (www.arso-oran.org) websites.
7. Eligibility

The following essays are not eligible for this competition:

- Essays that have been shown or accepted for other competitions.
 - Essays that have been published in any form.
 - Essays that focus on the work of a particular person, organisation or brand name.
8. Number of essays to be submitted: Participants are only allowed to submit one essay.
 9. Please note that AI Generated Essays upon review on the AI Checker will be inadmissible and will be automatically disqualified if the score is more than 20% as per the AI Plagiarism Checker Software.
Kindly note that you shall sign the **Disclaimer Notice** as you register for the Essay.

The essay must be submitted by midnight on **16th March 2026**.

PRIZES FOR WINNERS

Names and Essays of National Winners will be sent to ARSO Central Secretariat for Regional and Continental Competitions. Awards at national levels are as follows:

• At National Level		GHC
1st position	-	2,500.00
2nd position	-	2, 000.00
3rd position	-	1,500.00

For further details on the competition please contact (www.arso-oran.org)

OR

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13th Continental Essay Competition 2025 | 2026 Registration Form



FULL NAME (AS LISTED ON THE ID OR PASSPORT)

DATE OF BIRTH (DDMMYYYY)

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

EMAIL ADDRESS

MOBILE NUMBER

NAME OF UNIVERSITY | COLLEGE

CONFIRMATION FROM COLLEGE | UNIVERSITY

NAME, SIGNATURE AND STAMP OF HEAD OF DEPARTMENT IN COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

SIGNATURE CONFIRMATION FROM STUDENT

PARTICIPANT'S CONFIRMATION THAT THE INFORMATION BEING SUBMITTED IS TRUE AND CONFIRMING THE THEY HAVE READ THE ENTRY RULES, & TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUBMISSION BELOW

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Open Only to African Youths (below the age 35 years) and enrolled in recognised university/College

Kindly type into every field provided in the form and submit it to the National Standards Body (NSB) in your country.

The Form (Document - 3) shall be submitted to the respective National Standards Bodies (NSBs) email addresses together with the written essay (Document - 1) and the copy of Identity card (Document 2) or passport at **date set by the National Standards Bodies in Your Country.**

I declare on my honour that what has been written in this work has been written by me and that, with the exception of quotations, no part has been copied from scientific publications, the Internet or from research works already presented in the academic field by me or by other students & I also accept and allow the essay I have submitted to be analysed for plagiarism or AI Generation Detector as per the rules of the Organisers.