



## ESSAY COMPETITION

### 7<sup>TH</sup> CONTINENTAL ESSAY – ENTER AND STAND A CHANCE TO WIN

Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) invites all College & University students in Botswana to enter the 7<sup>th</sup> Continental Essay Competition and stand a chance to win.

#### Theme;

***“The role of Standardisation in resolving and addressing the socio-economic issues for the Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons and creating durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa”***

#### 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 recognized 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 **their postal, physical, telephone and email addresses on the first page of the essay together with the title 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 the AMC Group Africa Limited (<http://amcgroupafrica.com/>) and ARSO ([www.arso-oran.org](http://www.arso-oran.org)) websites.

#### 7. Eligibility

- The following essays are not eligible for this competition:
  - i. Essays that have been shown or accepted for other competitions.
  - ii. Essays that have been published in any form.
  - iii. Essays that focus on the work of a particular person, organization or brand name.

8. Number of essays to submitted: Participants are only allowed to submit one essay.

**WHAT THE ORGANISERS ARE LOOKING FOR—NOT NECESSARILY IN THE ORDER BELOW:**

There are different areas on the Role of Standardisation in resolving and addressing the socio-economic issues for the Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons and creating durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa.

• **The Impact of Migration in Africa**

- The Problems facing Refugees, IDPs and Returnees | the sustainable Development in Africa
- Strategies developed to address problems facing Refugees, IDPs and Returnees in Africa
- Durable Solution to Forced Displacement within Africa
- The socio-economic issues for the Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons

**THE ESSAY SHOULD HAVE:**

1. A precise introduction of the essay
2. General understanding of standards within the context of Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)
3. Explanation of the problems Refugees, Returnees and IDPs face and how standards can be used to provide durable solutions
4. General understanding of the specific issues affecting Refugees, Returnees and IDPs i.e. Security, Health, Livelihoods, Housing and Infrastructure, Education, Environment, Weak Government Structures and Asylum Policies.
5. A clear example in the society on how standards have been used to create durable solutions to Forced Displacement as per the specific issues affecting Refugees, Returnees and IDPs within Africa or in your country
6. A clear Conclusion

## **PRIZES FOR WINNERS**

There will be two levels of winners

### **At Regional Level**

- 1st position – USD 500
- 2nd position – USD 300
- 3rd position – USD 200

### **At Continental Level**

- 1st position – (male and female)  
each USD 1000
- 2nd position – USD 800
- 3rd position – USD 500

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Deadline for Botswana submissions is **6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**