



UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

English essay competition FAQ

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Programme of UNIDO

1. I am not a student, can I participate in the contest?

Yes, as long as you were born in 1985 or after. In addition, you should be a national **and** resident of any Latin American or Caribbean country.

2. What should the essay be about and where can I find more information about the topics?

The essay should have the title: “The industrialization challenges of the LAC region in achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 9 and an Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID)”

Elaborated on the challenges and actions within the LAC region please take into account the following topics:

1. The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) # 9: “**Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation**”
2. The UNIDO Mandate: Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (**ISID**)
3. **One of UNIDO’s thematic areas** (Creating shared prosperity *or* Advancing economic competitiveness *or* Safeguarding the environment)

For more information on the topics please visit the webpages sidebar. You also find the links in the PDF document.

3. How do I submit my essay?

UNIDO LAC Bureau will **only** accept **complete applications**: **essay**, digital **passport** copy, **CV** with **contact information** (email, address and telephone/mobile phone) and the attestation of authorship electronically submitted **once** to LAC-essay@unido.org. No hard copies are required.

4. Can I submit two essays?

Contestants may only send **one** essay. The essay must be written by only one person. **Co-authorship is not possible.**

5. What is the Business report format?

The standard components are: Title page, Table of contents, Introduction, Body, Conclusions, Recommendations and Bibliography. Please do not forget to **cite your sources** using Harvard or Oxford reference style.

6. Do I have to prove my English knowledge skills?

You don’t have to prove your English proficiency by sending a certificate. However, your high level skills will be evaluated in the essay. The winners will present an oral presentation of the essay followed by a *Question and Answer* session in English.

7. Where can I find the attestation of authorship?

You can download the attestation of authorship in the side bar of the webpage or *here*.

Print and sign it to send back the scanned digital version via email along with the other documents required.

8. How do I know if my essay was selected as one of the top 10?

The winners will be published at the UNIDO LAC webpage on February 19, 2016. The authors will be individually contacted to start the arrangements for the trip to Austria.



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9. Can you tell me more about the awards?

The 10 finalists will be individually contacted by UNIDO LAC Bureau to provide details about the 10 online professional development courses (per person) granted by the International Commission On Workforce Development. The Award certificate will be sent or hand over personally to the finalists. The essays will be published at the UNIDO LAC website.

The authors of the 3 best essays win a trip to Vienna in economy class. UNIDO will pay for round-trip air transportation via the most direct and economical route. They will visit the UNIDO Headquarters to present the paper to UN Staff and the Diplomatic Corpus. In addition, an 800 Euro scholarship will be delivered to each winner upon arrival. The winners will participate at an AIESEC workshop.

The UNIDO LAC Bureau will be responsible for providing accommodation in a hotel near to the UN Headquarters in Vienna. Food and transportation costs during the trip as well as personal expenses shall be borne by the winners.

It is important to highlight that the awards **are non-transferable, cannot be redeemed for cash and cannot be substituted for other awards.**

10. Which are the travel-related requirements for my trip to Vienna?

Winners may need a **visa** for the trip to Austria. Should you need a visa please contact the nearest Austrian Embassy or Consulate with anticipation prior to your travel to inform yourself about the requirements for your trip. Please consider that you are **responsible** for obtaining a visa if it is a requirement to travel to Vienna (UNIDO may issue an official support letter if needed), for obtaining health insurance as well as for covering any other expenses that accrue to the award (taxes, visa and passport fees, any compensation in case of illness, etc.).

11. Is it mandatory to do a presentation if chosen as a winner?

It is mandatory to do a **30 minute presentation on your essay** in Vienna. The audience will be UNIDO technical experts, academics and LAC region diplomatic corpus.

Please note that the oral presentation **must** be performed in English and that the dress code is formal.

12. What happens if my essay is selected as a winner and I am not able to go to Vienna?

The winners cannot choose to obtain just a part of the awards. The awards are non-transferable, cannot be redeemed for cash and cannot be substituted for other prizes.

13. Can I travel with a companion?

We do not encourage you to travel with a companion. However if you do so, he/she will have to bear all the expenses of the trip. UNIDO will not facilitate any kind of assistance.

14. What is the weather like in Vienna?

Vienna has a typical continental climate, with hot summers and cold winters. At the beginning of March the weather might reach up to 10°C and drop below 1°C. It is very humid and cold, snow might fall. Please check the weather forecast in advance.

15. Who do I contact if I have further questions?

If you have further questions after reading all the guidelines provided at the webpage, you should first read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

For specific inquiries please write to LAC-essay@unido.org.

Please note that queries will **only** be answered by the **provided email contact** (and not via phone or any other channel of communication).