

Speech Competition Guideline

“TAKANGA ‘ETAU FOHE KI HE TONGA ‘OKU TU’ULOA”

Speech

The Climate Change Department is hosting the Climate Change awareness week (CCAW) for Tonga from the 19th – 24th September 2021. The theme of the climate change week is “Building a Resilient Tonga”. To help build a resilient Tonga, we must strengthen our ability to become resilient communities by working together and building a better and safer environment for our future.

This speech competition intends to showcase how our tradition knowledge can be used in our adaptation strategies and actions towards being resilient to the adverse effects of climate change.

You can only choose one traditional knowledge, as per your island theme, that you know helps build the resilient of our people towards the adverse impacts of climate change on our lives.

Island	Theme
Tongatapu	Water, Coastal erosion, Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security, Health
Vavaú	Agriculture, Water, Fisheries
Haápai	Water, Coastal erosion, Agriculture
Éua	Agriculture, Erosion
Niuafóú & Niuatoputapu	Agriculture, Fisheries, Water

The traditional knowledge that you chose could be from the agricultural, fisheries, water resources, coastal, food security sectors or from other sectors that are affected by climate change. An example of one traditional knowledge would be “mixed cropping – *ngoue tuifio*” or “agroforestry – *ngoue fio mo vaotata*”. Mixed cropping helps build resilient of the crops where deep rooted crops are safe while the shallow ones are easily pulled up during a cyclone for example.

The competition aims to raise awareness on the importance of learning our traditional knowledge as part of our capacity building in building a resilient Tonga.

Eligibility

The competition is open the secondary school students only from Form 1-7.

Submission

All speeches should be submitted (pdf) by close of business Friday, 17th September 2021 to sktufui@gmail.com. Submissions later than this will not be considered for marking.

Name and contact detail of the author should be clearly visible on the script. All submitted materials become the property of the Department of Climate Change.

Format

The written speech should be submitted in e-copy (pdf format). The word count is maxed at 2500. The speech should be written in Tongan.

Judging

Entries will be screened and marked by an independent panel.

Each speech will be marked upon:

Criteria	4	3	2	1	Score
Content: Knowledgeable of content, evidence of original thoughts and support for the topic					
Word count: Word count is within the limit					
Structure: Engaging intro, body and conclusion					
Grammar: Sentences are well-constructed, free of unattractive spellings					
Originality: Creative development of ideas					

Awards

The top 3 speeches will be each awarded a shopping voucher amounting to:

1st price - \$500.00

2nd price - \$300.00

3rd price - \$200.00

The top contenders will be asked to deliver their speech in the price giving ceremony.

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