



## THE YOUNG SCIENCE COMMUNICATOR'S COMPETITION

Tell your science story! The Young Science Communicator's Competition challenges you as a young scientist to tell your science story in a captivating, informative and interesting way.

The National Research Foundation (NRF) and the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) invite you to participate in the 2022 edition of the Young Science Communicator's Competition.

This year's competition is focusing on natural sciences, under the theme of the "International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development."

The International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development, celebrated in 2022, recognizes that basic sciences are vital to attain sustainable development and to improve the quality of life for people all over the world. Find out more here: <https://www.unesco.org/en/year-basic-sciences>.

### TO ENTER, YOU NEED TO BE:

- Under the age of 35 (as of 1 January 2022)
- Registered as a Natural Scientist, or as a student with SACNASP (visit SACNASP at [student enrolment](#)).

**IF YOU MEET THESE CRITERIA, READ MORE ABOUT THE COMPETITION DETAILS FOR 2022.**

### CATEGORIES

#### WRITING

Write an article of no more than 700 words for popular print or online media.



*Well-crafted articles for print or online newspapers or magazines can reach a wide readership and interest the public in science and science-related issues.*

#### AUDIO

Record an audio clip of no more than 3 minutes long for online or broadcast media.



*Radio has far-reaching potential into areas where other forms of communication may be limited, such as in rural communities.*

#### VIDEO

Produce a video clip of no more than 1 minute long, for online or broadcast media.



*The viral nature of popular and entertaining videos that are spread by social media and e-mail makes them a highly effective method of reaching many people in a short period of time.*

#### OPEN

Produce a creative communication piece, using any mode of communication, such as poetry, infographics, cartoons, drama.



#### INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE

Produce an article, audio clip or video clip about your research in any of South Africa's official languages that will engage local communities.



*To encourage more science communication in indigenous South African languages, we will have an award for a communication piece in an indigenous South African language. The same format guidelines as per the categories above will apply.*

### HOW TO ENTER

- Make sure you are eligible (see above)
- Send us your original communication pieces on any field of practice (<https://www.sacnasp.org.za/fields-of-practice>). Ensure your piece shows how basic sciences support any one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Enter online ([www.saasta.ac.za](http://www.saasta.ac.za)).
- Contact [sciencecommunicators@saasta.ac.za](mailto:sciencecommunicators@saasta.ac.za) if you experience any problems with the registration form
- Read and sign the competition rules.
- Submit a separate entry form for each entry. Any one person may not enter more than three communication pieces per category.
- **Entries close on 30 September 2022.**

### PRIZES

- R 5 000 to the winner and R 2 500 to the runner up of each category (*sponsored by SACNASP*).
- Winners and runner up per category: a practical experience with community newspaper/radio station (*arranged by NRF-SAASTA*).
- Winner of each category: trip to NRF research facility (*determined in consultation with and arranged by NRF-SAASTA*).