



ReSAKSS DATA CHALLENGE 2023




GUIDELINES

(Essay or Report, Visual Arts, High School Project)

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data to express
yourself!**

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1. Official Rules

The ReSAKSS Data Challenge is a competition for enthusiastic data users to showcase their creativity and analytical skills using data and other resources on the ReSAKSS website to develop an innovative knowledge product or project that addresses a development challenge faced by Africa in one of four categories:


IT Product and Service or
Predictive Modeling


Essay or Report


Visual Arts


High-school project

2. Eligibility

The challenge is open to researchers, high school and university students, graphic designers, IT specialists, analysts, and anyone else in Africa, passionate about creatively using data available on the ReSAKSS, eAtlas, and AAgWa platforms to communicate and address development challenges faced by Africa.

The challenge is open to all Africans within the continent and in the diaspora. All individuals under the age of 13 must have a parent or legal guardian submit the application on their behalf. All participants under the age of 18 must have permission from a parent or legal guardian to enter this challenge. The challenge organizers reserve the rights to verify an individual's eligibility to participate in the competition.

For this 2023 edition, eligible participants are invited to submit their products or projects through the ReSAKSS Data Challenge website to compete for prizes:


US\$ 1500
First Prize


US\$ 1000
Second Prize


US\$ 500
Third Prize

- » **Website:** <https://data-challenge.resakss.org/>
- » **Email Inquiries:** Kindly submit any questions via: data-challenge@resakss.org

Each candidate's submission along with all materials provided in connection with the challenge is referred to herein as an "application". The challenge will be comprised of an open application phase, selection phase, announcement of winners, and a presentation of awards to the most innovative projects from each competition category during the ReSAKSS Annual Conference to be held in November 2023.

3. Dates and Times

Applications open on August 24, 2023, and close on September 30, 2023. A summary of the schedule for the data challenge is presented below:

Activity	Timeline
Eligible participants submit their application	August 24 to September 30, 2023
Jury selects top projects and top three winners for each of the four competition categories	October 1 to October 15, 2023
Announcement of winners	October 18
Presentation of awards to first prize winners during the 2023 ReSAKSS Conference	November 1

4. How to Participate

1. To enter the competition, submit one application either as an individual or as a team.
2. A maximum 4 individuals per team is permitted.
3. You may participate in **ONLY ONE (1)** category, whether as an individual or a team. If you participate in multiple category applications, only the first application you submit will be considered.
4. Applications not submitted in accordance with the instructions provided on the ReSAKSS Data Challenge website and these official rules may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the challenge organizers.

5. Conditions and Requirements

- » Digital platforms: resources to be exploited include:

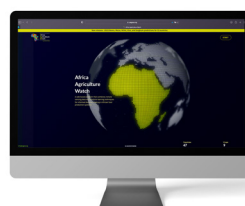
ReSAKSS: www.resakss.org



eAtlas: <https://eatlas.resakss.org/>



AAGWa: www.aagwa.org



- » Each submitted knowledge product or project must be innovative and clearly demonstrate how ReSAKSS data or other resources have been used to address a development challenge faced by Africa.
- » Remember to cite any ReSAKSS data you use using the following suggested citation: ReSAKSS 2023.
- » Fill in the application form and send it along with a clear and detailed description of your work in PDF and submit a link to your work if it is a video, a photo, application, or other heavy material.
- » The application form is accessible directly from the ReSAKSS Data Challenge website: <https://data-challenge.resakss.org/>

Creating your Application (as an individual or a team)

- » The submitted documents must follow the technical, creative, and legal entry requirements set out in these official rules.
- » You will be required to complete all sections marked with an asterisk (*) on the application form on the Data Challenge website.

Team eligibility as of the day the team leader registers for the challenge:

- » All team members must meet the eligibility requirements of the challenge.
- » All team members who are under aged must complete and receive parental or legal guardian consent.
- » Team members may be comprised of participants from different organizations, institutes, universities, colleges, schools, cities, countries etc.

Team eligibility as of the day the team leader registers for the challenge:

- » A team may be comprised of participants from any age category but should not be composed of more than four (4) individuals.
- » The team's leader will be required to enter some information about themselves and the team when creating an application.

6. Judging Criteria and Process

The ReSAKSS Data Challenge jury members are experts in their respective fields: University Professors, Senior Researchers, Visual Designers, Journalists, and IT Specialists.

Category 1: Essay or Report

1. **Relevance** – Did the entry apply to the theme of addressing a community problem?
2. **Clarity** – Are the candidates' arguments clear and concise?
3. **Documentation** – How did the resources used help in delivering a meaningful message?
4. An **Essay or Report** is limited to a maximum of 2,500 words.

Category 2: Visual Arts

1. **Originality** – Was the entry original, creative, and imaginative in content and implementation?
2. **Design** – Does the overall design support the project purpose?

Category 4: High School Project

1. **Relevance** – Did the entry apply to the theme of addressing a community problem?
2. **Originality** – Was the entry original, creative, and imaginative in content and implementation modalities?
3. **Clarity** – Was the candidate's presentation clear?
4. **Design** – Does the overall design support the project purpose?

NOTE: Any document submitted explaining the concept and/or realization of a project should not exceed 2,500 WORDS.

**BY SUBMISSION OF YOUR MATERIALS,
YOU INDICATE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE GUIDELINES ABOVE**

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