ReSAKSS Data Challenge

Use ReSAKSS data to express yourself

Official Rules

The ReSAKSS Data Challenge edition 2020 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:

i) Essay or Report,
ii) Visual Art,
iii) Information Technology (IT) Product or Service[1],
iv) and High School Project[2].

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

See below for complete eligibility details

Eligible participants are invited to submit their products or projects through the ReSAKSS Data Challenge website at www.resakss.org/challenge to compete for prizes. 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 top three winners from each competition category during ReSAKSS Annual Conference to be held on October 2020.

1. DATES AND TIMES

---

1 The IT Product & Service Category guideline is available on the IT Product & Service page on the challenge website

2 The High School Project category is open to high school students only. Submitted projects in this category can be: i) Essay or Report, ii) Visual Art, iii) Information Technology (IT) Product or Service or a project in any other field of their choice as long as they use ReSAKSS resources.

The **ReSAKSS Data Challenge Edition 2020** begins on February 20th, 2020 and ends on July 20th, 2020. During the contest period there is a single open call for the submission of applications and one judging round. A summary of the schedule for the data challenge is presented below:

Data Challenge Schedule

ACTIVITIES	WHEN
Eligible participants submit their application	**February 20th, 2020, to July 20th 2020**
Jury selects top ten products / projects and top three winners for each of the four competition categories	**July 20th, 2020, August 30th, 2020**
Announcement of winners	**September, 2020**
Presentation of awards to winners during the 2020 ReSAKSS Annual Conference	**October, 2020**

2. ELIGIBILITY

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 challenge.

3. HOW TO PARTICIPATE

To enter the competition, submit one application either as an individual or as a team. A maximum 4 individuals per team is permitted.

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. Applications not submitted in accordance with the instructions provided on the ReSAKSS Data Challenge Site and these official rules may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the challenge organizers.

4. CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

σ 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.

σ Remember to cite any ReSAKSS data you use using the following suggested citation: **"ReSAKSS, 2017."**

σ 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, or other heavy material.

σ The application form is accessible directly from the ReSAKSS Data Challenge website www.resakss.org/challenge

σ The submitted work must be received before or by **July 20th, 2020**.

▪ **Creating your Application (for Individual or as a team)**

σ The submitted documents must follow the technical, creative, and legal entry requirements set out in these official rules.

σ You will be required to complete all sections marked with an asterisk (*) on the application form on the Data Challenge website.

σ Each participant or team should **NOT** submit more than one project for each category. **One cannot apply twice for the same category.**

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

σ All team members must meet the eligibility requirements of the challenge.
σ All team members who are under aged must complete and receive parental or legal guardian consent (as indicated above).
σ Team members may be comprised of participants from different organizations, institutes, universities, colleges, schools, cities, countries etc.
σ A team may be comprised of participants from any age category but should not be composed of more than four (4) individuals.
σ The team's leader will be required to enter some information about themselves and the team when creating an application.

5. 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. All projects will be judged by the following:

Category 1: Essay & Report

σ Relevance—Did the entry apply to the theme of addressing a community problem?
σ Clarity—Are the candidates' arguments clear and concise?

σ Documentation—How did the resources used help in delivering a meaningful message?

σ An Essay or Report is limited to a maximum of **2,500 words**.

Category 2: Visual Art

σ Originality—Was the entry original, creative, and imaginative in content and implementation?

σ Design—Does the overall design support the project purpose?

Category 3: IT product & Service

σ Efficiency— How impactful is the product or service offered?

σ User-friendly— Is the application or website easy to use/navigate?

σ Innovation—How innovative is the product or service?

σ Responsiveness—How well does your application or website work on different devices?

Category 4: High School Project

σ Relevance—Did the entry apply to the theme of addressing a community problem?

σ Originality—Was the entry original, creative, and imaginative in content and implementation?

σ Clarity—Was the candidate's presentation clear?

σ Design—Does the overall design support the project purpose?

Please note that 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 ACCPETANCE OF THE GUIDELINES ABOVE.