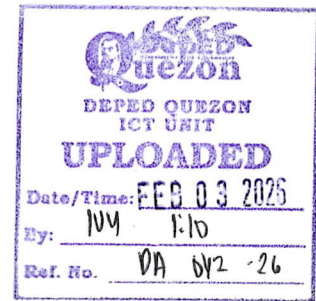




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**UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS CIRCLE AGRIKONOMIYA 2026**

The University of the Philippines Agricultural and Applied Economics Circle (UPAAEC) is pleased to invite your school to participate in AGRIKONOMIYA 2026, on March 27-28, 2026.

With the theme, Rooted in Growth: Cultivating Culture and Innovation for Inclusive Agricultural Development in the Philippines, the event aims to promote agricultural and applied economics as a field of study and as a viable career path for students.

AGRIKONOMIYA 2026 is a month-long event open to all Junior High School and Senior High School students nationwide, featuring four (4) academic competitions, one (1) Agricultural Tour, one (1) Seminar, and one (1) Culminating activity. The event will feature the following competitions: Essay Writing, Poster Making, Debate, and Agricultural Resolutions Pitch.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 012, s. 2025, titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

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UP AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS CIRCLE

# AGRIKONOMIYA 2026

Rooted in Growth: Cultivating Cultures and Technology for Inclusive Agricultural Development in the Philippines



January 2026

Greetings!

The University of the Philippines Agricultural and Applied Economics Circle (UPAAEC) is pleased to **invite your school** to participate in **AGRIKONOMIYA 2026**, our flagship academic event with the theme **“Rooted in Growth: Cultivating Culture and Innovation for Inclusive Agricultural Development in the Philippines.”** This event aims to promote agricultural and applied economics as a field of study and as a viable career path for students.

**AGRIKONOMIYA 2026** is a month-long event open to all **Junior High School and Senior High School students nationwide**, featuring four (4) academic competitions, one (1) Agricultural Tour, one (1) Seminar, and one (1) Culminating Activity. The activities will be conducted through a combination of online and face-to-face modalities, with the on-site events scheduled on **March 27–28, 2026**.

The event will feature the following competitions:

- **Essay Writing**
- **Poster Making**
- **Debate**
- **Agricultural Resolutions Pitch**

In addition, participants may join an **Agri-Tour** showcasing innovative agricultural practices and initiatives in the Philippine agricultural sector. A **Seminar and Culminating Activity** will also be held to formally conclude the event.

#### **Registration Fees:**

- Essay Writing – PhP 250 per participant
- Poster Making – PhP 250 per succeeding participant
- Agricultural Resolutions Pitch – PhP 350 per team
- Debate – PhP 900 per team

Please note that for **all competitions, non-refundable** fees would apply, which already includes access to the seminar, agricultural tour, and event supply kits. The complete guidelines may be found in the official [event primer link](#) attached to this letter.

**Registration** will be open from **January 23, 2026 (Friday) to February 18, 2026 (Wednesday)**.



UP AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS CIRCLE

# AGRIKONOMIYA<sup>20</sup><sub>26</sub>

Rooted in Growth: Cultivating Cultures and Technology for Inclusive Agricultural Development in the Philippines



Please take note of the following **participation guidelines per school**:

- **Essay Writing:** Minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) participants (one English and one Filipino category)
- **Poster Making:** Minimum of one (1) and a maximum of three (3) participants
- **Agricultural Resolutions Pitch:** One (1) team composed of three (3) members
- **Debate:** Two (2) teams composed of three (3) members each

Below are the **registration forms** that must be accomplished prior to participation. Upon submission, kindly wait for our **confirmation email**, which will include instructions for the **School Logo submission and payment**. Please note that **failure to comply** with these requirements will result in your school **not being included** in our official publication materials.

**Registration Form Links:**

- [Essay Writing Competition](#)
- [Poster Making Competition](#)
- [Agricultural Resolutions Pitch Competition](#)
- [Debate Competition](#)
- [Agri-Tour](#)

Should you have any concerns or inquiries, please feel free to email us at [upaaec.agrikonomiya@gmail.com](mailto:upaaec.agrikonomiya@gmail.com). We look forward to your school's participation and are excited to welcome you to **AGRIKONOMIYA 2026**.

Thank you and have a nice day!

Yours in Honor and Excellence,

  
**MARIE ANTONIETTE D. BALMERA**  
Event Head

  
**IZZA MEI A. REYES**  
Event Co-Head

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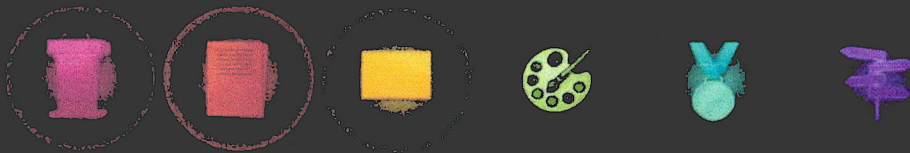
# AGRIKONOMIYA 2026

## EVENT PRIMER

# About AgriKonomiya

*Rooted in Growth: Cultivating Cultures and Technology for Inclusive Agricultural Development in the Philippines*

# AGRIKONOMIYA



Since its inception in 2018, **AgriKonomiya** has become one of the premier events organized by the UP Agricultural and Applied Economics Circle, aligned with the organization's mission to promote agricultural and applied economics both as a field of study and a career.

With the theme, ***"Rooted in Growth: Cultivating Cultures and Technology for Inclusive Agricultural Development in the Philippines,"*** students from junior and senior high schools nationwide are invited to participate in Poster Making, Essay Writing, Debate, and Agricultural Resolutions Pitch competitions. Additionally, events like the Agri-Tour and Culminating Seminar aim to deepen students' understanding of the country's agricultural economy.

**AgriKonomiya 2026** will be conducted **face-to-face and online platforms**. This aims to create both an immersive learning experience for participants as well as expand access for wider youth participation and create better awareness towards the most pressing issues in the Philippine agricultural sector.

# about the organizers

University of the Philippines Agricultural and Applied Economics Circle

# UPAAEC

The **UP Agricultural and Applied Economics Circle (UPAAEC)**, formerly known as UP Agricultural Economics Circle (UPAEC), is a recognized academic-student organization based at the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, College of Economics and Management, University of the Philippines Los Baños, which aims to promote agricultural and applied economics as a field of study and as a career.

Guided by the core values of **Excellence, Loyalty, and the Spirit of Camaraderie**, UPAAEC has continuously lived up to its mission of supporting and advocating for various agricultural and socio-economic initiatives in the country.

## SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

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10,729  
FOLLOWERS

6,564  
REACH

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10,515  
FOLLOWERS

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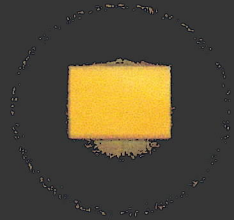


1,115  
FOLLOWERS

2,587  
REACH

# about the competitions

Agrikonomiya 2026: Agricultural  
Resolutions Pitch



## AGRICULTURAL RESOLUTIONS PITCH

The *Agricultural Resolutions Pitch Competition* or Agri-Pitch Competition is a team-based event wherein the participants are required to formulate innovative resolutions for a specific topic given by the organizers. This is a two-part event, wherein the teams are required to submit a written report of their proposed resolutions, then pitch their proposals in front of the judges and audience.

With the theme, "*Bridging Technology and Tradition: Sustaining Indigenous Farming Cultures through Agricultural Innovation*" the Agricultural Pitch competition aims to discover aspiring innovators who can think critically through comprehensive research and skilled solution-making. They are also expected to effectively present their proposals with conciseness and clarity.

## OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness among students about the pressing challenges facing the country's agricultural sector and explore ways they can contribute to solving them;
- To encourage students to apply their creativity and problem-solving skills in addressing real-world agricultural issues;
- To provide a platform where students can showcase their innovative solutions and receive critical feedback from experts and peers; and
- To promote the field of agricultural and applied economics and break the stigma often associated with the agricultural sector.

# about the competitions

Agrikonomiya 2026: Agricultural  
Resolutions Pitch

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- The presentation proper will be held online through Zoom on **March 14, 2026, Saturday**.
- Each school can only send **one (1) team** composed of **three (3) members** for this competition. Each team shall be accompanied by one **(1) coach**. The **first 15 teams** to register in the competition are the official participants. A **registration fee of 350 Php** will be required **per team**. This will be **non-refundable**.
- Each team will be tasked to generate, articulate, or innovate a resolution in the **form of a policy** (an original or a revision) to solve a current agricultural issue that will be set by the competition's organizers. The issue will be released on **February 19, 2026, Monday**. The focus should be on **developing a concrete and actionable resolution**, rather than on technological advancements.
- The teams' resolution must be conveyed in a **written report**, consisting of the following sections: **Title, Introduction, Statement of the Problem, Resolution, Conclusion, and References**. The paper must also be written in **English** only.
- A **template** for the paper will be provided on the release date of the topic. The paper should not exceed **fifteen (15) pages**, with the exception of the title page and references. There will be a **deduction of 0.5 points for every 1 additional page**. This will be **deducted from the overall score**.
- The accomplished paper, in **PDF format**, must be submitted **on or before March 6, 2026, Friday**, via **Google Form** to be sent on **March 2, 2026, Monday**. This will give judges ample time to thoroughly review and familiarize themselves with the submissions in advance.
- The **presentation** must be submitted **on or before March 13, 2026, Friday**, via the provided Google Form that will be sent on **March 9, 2026, Monday**. It must be in either **PDF or PPTX format**. For PPTX submissions, all elements and fonts used must be properly embedded to ensure compatibility.

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: Agricultural  
Resolutions Pitch

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Each team will be given **seven (7) minutes to present** their paper to the judges during the competition proper. All members of the teams must be present and they should wear their school uniform or any presentable attire. After every presentation, **seven (7) minutes** will be allotted for the Question and Answer portion between the presenting team and the board of judges.
- A 5-minute disconnection policy shall be implemented in the event that one of the presenters becomes disconnected. In the event that the said participant cannot make it back before the grace period, the presentation shall be accomplished by the remaining members.
- Plagiarism is **strictly** prohibited. Organizers will check the submitted papers using Turnitin and must ensure a **similarity index of not more than 14%**. A **deduction of 0.5 points for every 1% additional in the similarity index** will be imposed.
- Academic dishonesty will be **strictly** monitored. Organizers will verify the submitted papers and will ensure that the contents are **originally written** by the participants and not AI-generated. Entries found to at least have **70% AI-generated** content will result in **automatic disqualification**.
- The **top 3 winning teams** will be announced during the culminating event.

# about the competitions

Agrikonomiya 2026: Agricultural  
Resolutions Pitch

## COMPETITION CRITERIA

### PAPER - 40%

Criteria	Percentage (%)
Relevance to the issue	30
Feasibility	20
Sustainability	20
Innovation	15
Coherence	15
Total	100

### PRESENTATION - 60%

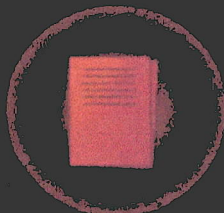
Criteria	Percentage (%)
Overall Performance	30
Content	25
Pitch Quality	25
Time Efficiency	20
Total	100

### DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB 19 (MON)	Topic Reveal
MAR 09 (MON)	Submission of Agri-Pitch Papers
MAR 13 (FRI)	Submission of Powerpoint Presentation
MAR 14 (SAT)	Agri-pitch Event Proper
MAR 28 (SAT)	Announcement of winners (on-site)

# about the competitions

Agrikonomiya 2026: *Essay*  
Writing Competition



## ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

The Agrikonomiya 2026 **“Teenta ng Agrikultura: Essay Writing Competition”** offers young minds a platform to showcase their ideas, insights, and innovative solutions for the future of Philippine agriculture. In line with this year’s theme, the competition aims to set a platform for addressing current issues in the Agriculture sector of the country. Participants are expected to **critically identify key issues** related to the theme stated, **provide a comprehensive situational analysis, and build arguments grounded in facts.** Essays should offer innovative recommendations that address these issues, aiming to reshape the future of the agricultural sector. Writers must persuasively present their insights through impactful, well-structured, and evidence-based essays, while ensuring unity, coherence, and accuracy. Submissions should **reflect the guiding principles of both agriculture and applied economics**, as they explore new frontiers in the industry.

## OBJECTIVES

- To encourage deeper understanding and critical thinking about the challenges and opportunities in Philippine agriculture;
- To promote innovative solutions and forward-looking strategies that address key agricultural issues such as sustainability, food security, and rural development;
- To provide a platform for students and professionals to express their ideas and perspectives on how agricultural and applied economics can shape the future of the country's agricultural sector;

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Essay*  
*Writing Competition*

## OBJECTIVES

- To foster engagement and interest in agriculture and applied economics as both a field of study and a career path; and
- To highlight the role of research and creativity in driving meaningful advancements in Philippine agriculture.

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- There shall be two **(2) categories** for the essay writing competition: a **Filipino and an English category**. **Code Switching is not allowed** for both categories except for words that have no equivalent in Filipino or English.
- Each participating school can have **two (2) representatives** in the essay writing competition—**one for the English category and one for the Filipino category**. The **first fifteen (15) participants to register** for each category will be the official contestants of the essay writing competition accompanied by a maximum of **one coach per participant**. A **registration fee of PHP 250.00** will be required **per participant** and it is **non-refundable**.
- The event will be held on a face-to-face setup on **March 28, 2025, Saturday**, from **9:30 AM to 11:30 AM**.

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Essay*  
*Writing Competition*

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Each participant must bring their pens, pencils, eraser, and/or correction tapes.
- During the contest proper, the **use of any electronic device** is **strictly prohibited**.
- All participants from each school will have **one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes** to complete the essay. The writing duration begins after the topic is revealed **on the same day**.
- The participants will be asked to **raise their hands** after the time given. By this time, their outputs must be ready for submission.
- **Plagiarism and cheating** is **strictly prohibited** in this competition. Submissions of those who will not follow the guidelines will not be accepted.
- The winners will be announced on the same day, **March 28, 2026**, during the **awarding ceremony**.

# about the competitions

Agrikonomiya 2026: *Essay*  
*Writing Competition*

## COMPETITION CRITERIA

Criteria	Percentage (%)
Content and Relevance to the Theme	40
Originality and Creativity	20
Organization/Development of Thought	20
Grammar/Mechanics	20
Total	100

### DATES TO REMEMBER

MAR 28 (SAT)

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Contest Briefing

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

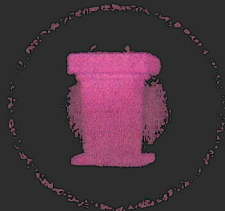
Contest Proper

3:00 PM

Announcement of Winners

# about the competitions

Agrikonomiya 2026: *Debate Competition*



## DEBATE COMPETITION

The ***“This House Agri!: Agrikonomiya 2026 Inter-high Debate Competition”*** is a debate tournament for junior and senior high school students in the Philippines. Focusing on the theme of Agrikonomiya 2026, the debate competition aims to ***create a platform*** for participants to ***express their opinions*** based on facts, ***present logical arguments***, and ***engage in intellectual and structured discussions*** in relation to the theme. Through this competition, the participants are expected to foster critical thinking, effective communication, and persuasion skills, as well as develop their awareness of the issues surrounding the agricultural sector of the Philippines.

## OBJECTIVES

- To enhance the critical thinking of the students in analyzing complex issues, evaluating arguments, and developing logical reasoning skills;
- To improve their communication skills in articulating ideas clearly, concisely, and persuasively;
- To promote research capability and knowledge of the students by conducting thorough research on the given topic and expanding their knowledge in understanding various perspectives;
- To encourage teamwork and collaboration among the students;
- To build the confidence of the students in public speaking and expressing their opinions and arguments in front of the audiences; and
- To cultivate respectful and civil discourse among them.

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Debate Competition*

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- The **Agrikonomiya 2026 Debate Competition** is open to all bonafide and enrolled **junior and senior high school students** for the academic year **2025-2026**.
- The **preliminaries and outrounds** of the debate competition shall be conducted on **March 14, 2026, Saturday, and March 15, 2026, Sunday**, respectively, via the **Discord** app. All participants are required to install the said platform on their personal devices.
- The finals of the debate competition shall be conducted **face-to-face** on **March 28, 2026, Saturday**, at the **University of the Philippines Los Baños**.
- The competition will cater only up to **twenty (20) participating teams. Reservation of slots is on a first-come, first-served basis.**
- Upon registration, each team **must agree to attend the finals** of the debate competition, whether they would advance to the finals of the debate competition or not, as there will be **other events** in Agrikonomiya 2026 that **they could participate in.**
- Teams who will advance to the finals are **required to be present** on the said date and venue.
- Each team shall be composed of **three (3) members**, following the **Modified Asian Parliamentary** debate format with speeches now limited to **five (5) minutes each.**
- Only **two (2) team per school** is allowed to register.
- **Composite teams** are prohibited.

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Debate*  
Competition

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- The preliminaries will consist of 3 rounds, with 3rd round being a Silent Round. Teams breaking to the outround (Quarterfinals) shall be decided based primarily on number of team points (1 point for each round won), with teams tied on total team points ranked according to their total speaker points.
- **Iron-manning** is allowed only once in the case that a debater from the team cannot proceed in a preliminary round. Iron-manning in more than one (1) round will disqualify a team from break eligibility.
- **Iron-manning** is prohibited during the outrounds. In the case that a debater from a team in the outround is unavailable, a reserve team shall proceed in their stead.
- There will be a **non-refundable registration fee of Php 900.00 per team**. If a team wishes to back out after they have registered, no refund will be given.
- No team is allowed to back out **one week before the event**.
- **Confirmation of participation** will be sent **through email** once they have completed the registration and paid the non-refundable registration fee.
- Debaters are required to use the **name format** of "SCHOOL NAME - FULL NAME OF SPEAKER AS REGISTERED" (e.g. UPLB - JUAN DE LA CRUZ) **upon entering** the Discord Server.
- Debaters are expected to appear as presentable as possible (e.g. polo shirt, collared clothing, etc.) throughout the competition.

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Debate*  
Competition

## PRELIMINARIES AND OUTROUNDS

### 1. THE DEBATE FORMAT

1.1. The debate will consist of **two (2) teams with three (3) members**, an **adjudicator**.

1.2. Following the **Modified Asian Parliamentary Debate Format**, the teams **supporting the motion** are housed under **"Government"**. The teams **arguing against the motion** are housed under **"Opposition"**.

1.3. Side Government will be composed of **three (3) members**, namely:

- 1.3.1. Prime Minister,
- 1.3.2. Deputy Prime Minister, and
- 1.3.3. Government Whip

1.4. Side Opposition will also be composed of **three (3) members**, namely:

- 1.4.1. Leader of Opposition,
- 1.4.2. Deputy Leader of Opposition, and
- 1.4.3. Opposition Whip.

1.5. Each member of the team will deliver a **five (5) minute speech** in the following order:

- (1) Prime Minister
- (2) Leader of Opposition
- (3) Deputy Prime Minister
- (4) Deputy Leader of Opposition
- (5) Government Whip
- (6) Opposition Whip

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: **Debate**  
**Competition**

## PRELIMINARIES AND OUTROUNDS

### 1. THE DEBATE FORMAT

1.6. A **Reply Speaker from each team** must present a **three (3) minute speech** after the Opposition Whip ends their speech. The Reply Speaker of the Opposition shall present their speech first, which will be followed by the Government Reply.

The speaker order will be as follows:

- (1) Prime Minister
- (2) Leader of Opposition
- (3) Deputy Prime Minister
- (4) Deputy Leader of Opposition
- (5) Government Whip
- (6) Opposition Whip
- (7) Opposition Reply
- (8) Government Reply

1.7. **Whips** of each team are **prohibited** from **being Reply Speakers**, it should be the **First and Second Speakers** of the respective houses.

1.8. **Each member** is highly advised to **offer points of information** while members of the opposing teams are speaking.

### 2. MOTION

2.1. For this competition, **no veto-ing of motions shall be done**, as motions will all be fixed in each round.

2.2. The members should debate the motion **in the spirit of the motion** and the tournament.

### 3. PREPARATION

3.1. The motion will be announced to all debaters **before each round** at their debate channel.

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Debate*  
Competition

## PRELIMINARIES AND OUTROUNDS

### 3. PREPARATION

3.2. Preparation time will be **twenty-five (25) minutes**, at which each team is given the chance to convene with their debaters and prepare their arguments **in separate channels**.

3.3. The teams should arrive at their debate channel **within five (5) minutes of the scheduled starting time** for the debate.

3.4. Late teams will be replaced by a **'swing team'** created by the organizing committee which will be summoned if they are not ready to enter the debate room after 25 minutes of preparation time (during the preliminary rounds).

3.5. The debaters **may consult any printed or written materials that the debaters may have prepared beforehand during the preparation**.

3.6. During the preparation time, the involvement of **anyone other than the three-team debaters is not allowed**.

3.7. **Consulting online materials** (i.e. search engines, online forums, softcopy materials) and **talking to coaches** are **strictly prohibited** during the debate proper.

### 4. POINTS OF INFORMATION

4.1. Points of information (POIs) are **questions** that are **directed towards the member speaking** and may be asked **between the first-minute mark** and the **fourth-minute mark** of the members' speeches.

# about the competitions

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Agfikonomiya 2026: *Debate  
Competition*

## PRELIMINARIES AND OUTROUNDS

### 4. POINTS OF INFORMATION

4.2. To ask a POI, the member **may announce** that they would **like to ask for a "Point of information"** or use other words to this effect. Before this, the speaker is advised to **specify how POIs are to be made** (i.e. POIs through Chat, POIs through speech, etc.) before they announce the start of their timer and the beginning of their speech.

4.3. The member who is speaking **may accept or decline** to answer the POI.

4.4. POIs are **not to exceed fifteen (15) seconds** in length.

4.5. The member who is speaking may ask the person offering the Point of Information to **sit down** where the offer or has **had a reasonable opportunity to be heard and understood**.

4.6. Members are **highly advised** to offer POIs.

4.7. Points of Order and Points of Personal Privilege are **not permitted**.

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Debate*  
Competition

## PRELIMINARIES AND OUTROUNDS

### 5. TIMING OF SPEECHES

5.1. Speeches should last **five (5) minutes** in duration. This should be signaled by a **runner** through the **message box** on the debate channel. Beyond **5 minutes and 20 seconds**, judges are no longer permitted to take anything the speaker says into account.

5.2. POIs may only be offered **between the first-minute mark** and the **fourth-minute mark** of the speech (which shall be signaled by a runner at each mark).

5.3. Timing of the speeches is a **duty of the runners**.

5.4. Taking POIs are not mandatory but encouraged.

5.5. In case the runners are not present, it is the **duty of the adjudicator** to ensure that speeches are timed.

### 6. THE ADJUDICATION

6.1. The debate will be judged by an **Adjudicator**, preferably assisted by a **panelist** from the field of **Agricultural and Applied Economics**.

6.2. At the conclusion of the debate, the Adjudicator should **confer** and **rank the teams**, to identify the winner for the round.

6.3. At the conclusion of the conferral, the Adjudicator should provide a **verbal adjudication** of the debate.

6.3.1. The verbal adjudication should **not exceed ten (10) minutes**.

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Debate*  
Competition

## PRELIMINARIES AND OUTROUNDS

### 7. OBSERVER POLICY

7.1. Individuals who wish to observe a round, including team coaches, during the preliminary rounds must declare their intent at the Discord chat in the voice chat room assigned. They must be acknowledged by the runners and be consented to by the chair and debaters in the round before being allowed to enter the voice chat.

7.2. Observers must have their microphones and cameras turned off at all times. Causing a disturbance may delay the round and result in their removal from the voice chat.

### 8. CONTENTION

8.1. Teams who are unsatisfied with the Adjudicator's decision shall direct their concerns/inquiries to the **Organizing Committee**.

8.2. The Organizing Committee shall **convene** with the participants and the Adjudicator, and the Adjudicator **shall explain** how they adjudicated the round (i.e., highlighting the standard they used, the relevant arguments they were able to credit, etc.).

8.3. The concerned participant **may bring their coaches during the discussion**, but coaches are expected to ask and behave with proper decorum.

8.4. The **call of the Adjudicator** will be **treated with finality** in cases of a **split decision** in a round.

# about the competitions

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Agrikonomiya 2026: Debate  
Competition

## PRELIMINARIES AND OUTROUNDS

### 9. UNSTABLE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

9.1. If a speaker is disconnected, the **timer will be paused**, and the speaker will be given **five (5) minutes to reconnect**. The timer will resume once the speaker successfully reconnects.

9.2. If the speaker fails to reconnect within the allocated time, **the remaining team members may choose whether to proceed** with the debate for that round **or forfeit**.

9.3. If **anyone** from the team disconnects **while someone is delivering their speech**, the timer should **not be paused**, unless the disconnected member has to **speak right after the current speaker** (i.e. if the Leader of the Opposition disconnects while the Prime Minister is speaking).

9.4. The time assigned for each speech will **remain the same** and shall not take away from the time allotted for other speeches.

9.5. If the **Adjudicator is disconnected**, the **timer will be paused** and the **round will be put on hold**. The timer shall resume once the Adjudicator reconnects.

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Debate*  
Competition

## FINALS

### 1. THE DEBATE FORMAT

1.1. The debate will consist of **two (2) teams with three (3) members**, an **adjudicator**, and a **panel** with a **panelist** from the field of **Agricultural and Applied Economics**.

1.2. Following the **Modified Asian Parliamentary Debate Format**, the teams **supporting the motion** are housed under **"Government"**. The teams **arguing against the motion** are housed under **"Opposition"**.

1.3. Side Government will be composed of **three (3) members**, namely:

- 1.3.1. Prime Minister,
- 1.3.2. Deputy Prime Minister, and
- 1.3.3. Government Whip

1.4. Side Opposition will also be composed of **three (3) members**, namely:

- 1.4.1. Leader of Opposition,
- 1.4.2. Deputy Leader of Opposition, and
- 1.4.3. Opposition Whip

1.5. Each member of the team will deliver a **five (5) minute speech** in the following order:

- (1) Prime Minister
- (2) Leader of Opposition
- (3) Deputy Prime Minister
- (4) Deputy Leader of Opposition
- (5) Government Whip
- (6) Opposition Whip

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## FINALS

### 1. THE DEBATE FORMAT

1.6. A **Reply Speaker** from each team must present a **three (3) minute speech** after the Opposition Whip ends their speech. The Reply Speaker of the Opposition shall present their speech first, which will be followed by the Government Reply.

The speaker order will be as follows:

- (1) Prime Minister
- (2) Leader of Opposition
- (3) Deputy Prime Minister
- (4) Deputy Leader of Opposition
- (5) Government Whip
- (6) Opposition Whip
- (7) Opposition Reply
- (8) Government Reply

1.7. **Whips** of each team are **prohibited** from **being Reply Speakers**, it should be the **First and Second Speakers** of their respective houses.

1.8. **Each member** is highly advised to **offer points of information** while members of the opposing teams are speaking.

### 2. MOTION

2.1. For this competition, **no veto-ing of motions shall be done**, as motions will all be fixed in each round.

2.2. The members should debate the motion **in the spirit of the motion** and the tournament.

### 3. PREPARATION

3.1. The motion will be announced to all debaters **before the round** at the convening room.

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### 3. PREPARATION

3.2. Preparation time will be **twenty-five (25) minutes**, at which each team is given the chance to convene with their debaters and prepare their arguments in **two separate preparation rooms**.

3.3. The teams should arrive at their debate channel **within five (5) minutes of the scheduled starting time** for the debate.

3.4. The debaters **may consult any printed or written materials** that the debaters may have **prepared beforehand during the preparation** and in the debate.

3.5. During the preparation time, the involvement of **anyone other than the three-team debaters is not allowed**.

3.6. **Consulting online materials** (i.e. search engines, online forums, softcopy materials) and **talking to coaches** are **strictly prohibited** during the debate proper.

3.7. The **use of cell phones** is **strictly prohibited** during the debate proper except for the purposes of taking a picture of the motion or using a timer. **Urgent usage** of gadgets for personal matters would require the **approval of a member of the Organizing Committee**.

### 4. POINTS OF INFORMATION

4.1. Points of information (POIs) are **questions** that are **directed towards the member speaking** and may be asked **between the first-minute mark** and the **fourth-minute mark** of the members' speeches.

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### 4. POINTS OF INFORMATION

- 4.2. To ask a POI, the member **may stand, raise their hand, and announce** that they would **like to ask a “Point of information”** or use other words to this effect (e.g.: “POI” or “On that point”).
- 4.3. The member who is speaking **may accept or decline to answer** the POI.
- 4.4. POIs are **not to exceed 15 seconds** in length.
- 4.5. The member who is speaking may ask the person offering the Point of Information to **sit down** where the offer or has **had a reasonable opportunity to be heard and understood**.
- 4.6. Members are **highly advised** to offer POIs.
- 4.7. Taking POIs are not mandatory but encouraged.
- 4.8. Points of Order and Points of Personal Privilege are **not permitted**.

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### 5. TIMING OF SPEECHES

5.1. Speeches should last **five (5) minutes** in duration. This should be **signaled by claps**: one clap at the 1st and 4th minute, two claps at the 5th minute and three claps after 5 minutes and 20 seconds. **Beyond 5 minutes and 20 seconds**, judges are no longer permitted to take anything the speaker says into account.

5.2. POIs may only be offered **between the first-minute mark** and the **fourth-minute mark** of the speech (with which shall be **signaled by one clap each mark**).

5.3. Timing of the speeches is a **duty of the runners**.

5.4. In case the runners are not present, it is the **duty of the Adjudicator** to ensure that speeches are timed.

### 6. THE ADJUDICATION

6.1. The debate will be judged by an **Adjudicator**, assisted by a panel with a **panelist** from the field of **Agricultural and Applied Economics**.

6.2. At the conclusion of the debate, the Adjudicator should **confer** and **rank the teams**, to identify the winner for the round.

6.3. At the conclusion of the conferral, the Adjudicator should provide a **verbal adjudication** of the debate.

6.3.1. The verbal adjudication should **not exceed ten (10) minutes**.

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### 7. CONTENTIONS

7.1. Teams who are unsatisfied with the Adjudicator's decision shall direct their concerns/inquiries to the **Organizing Committee**.

7.2. The Organizing Committee shall **convene** with the participants and the Adjudicator, and the Adjudicator **shall explain** how they adjudicated the round (i.e., highlighting the standard they used, the relevant arguments they were able to credit, etc.) after the event has ended.

7.3. The concerned participant **may bring their coaches during the discussion**, but coaches are expected to ask and behave with proper decorum.

7.4. The **call of the Adjudicator** will be **treated with finality** in cases of a **split decision** in a round.

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## COMPETITION CRITERIA

The **WUDC Speaker Scale** will be used by the Adjudicators as a judging criteria for each round of the debate.

The **mark bands** below are **rough and general descriptions**; speeches need not have every feature described to fit in a particular band. Many speakers **will range across multiple bands** depending on the feature assessed for example, their style might appear in the 73-75 range, while their engagement might be closer to the 67-69 bracket, and their argumentation closest to the 70-72 range. Judges should not treat any individual feature as decisive in and of itself, but should rather aim to **balance all features of the speech to come to the speaker score that seems most appropriate**. Throughout this scale, **'arguments'** refers both to **constructive material and responses**. Judges should assess all speakers in a fair manner and must take note of the fact that neither language proficiency nor accent influence a speaker's speaker score. Please use the full range of the scale.

SCORE	QUALITATIVE COMMENTS
<b>95-100</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plausibly one of the best debating speeches ever given;</li><li>• It is incredibly difficult to think up satisfactory responses to any of the arguments made;</li><li>• Flawless and compelling arguments.</li></ul>
<b>92-94</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An incredible speech, undoubtedly one of the best at the competition;</li><li>• Successfully engaging with the core issues of the debate, arguments exceptionally well made, and it would take a brilliant set of responses to defeat the arguments;</li><li>• There are no flaws of any significance.</li></ul>

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## COMPETITION CRITERIA

SCORE	QUALITATIVE COMMENTS
89-91	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brilliant arguments successfully engage with the main issues in the round;</li><li>• Arguments are very well-explained and illustrated, and demand extremely sophisticated responses in order to be defeated;</li><li>• Only very minor problems, if any, but they do not affect the strength of the claims made.</li></ul>
86-88	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An incredible speech, undoubtedly one of the best at the competition;</li><li>• Successfully engaging with the core issues of the debate, arguments exceptionally well made, and it would take a brilliant set of responses to defeat the arguments;</li><li>• There are no flaws of any significance.</li></ul>
83-85	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arguments address the core issues of the debate;</li><li>• Arguments have strong explanations, which demand a strong response from other speakers in order to defeat the arguments;</li><li>• May occasionally fail to fully respond to very well-made arguments; but flaws in the speech are limited.</li></ul>
79-82	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arguments are relevant, and address the core issues in the debate;</li><li>• Arguments well made without obvious logical gaps, and are well explained;</li><li>• May be vulnerable to good responses.</li></ul>

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Competition

## COMPETITION CRITERIA

SCORE	QUALITATIVE COMMENTS
76-78	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arguments are almost exclusively relevant, and address most of the core issues;</li><li>• Occasionally, but not often, arguments may slip into: i) deficits in explanation, ii) simplistic argumentation vulnerable to competent responses or iii) peripheral or irrelevant arguments;</li><li>• Clear to follow, and thus credit.</li></ul>
73-75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arguments are almost exclusively relevant, although may fail to address one or more core issues sufficiently;</li><li>• Arguments are logical, but tend to be simplistic and vulnerable to competent responses;</li><li>• Clear enough to follow, and thus credit.</li></ul>
70-72	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arguments are frequently relevant;</li><li>• Arguments have some explanation, but there are regular significant logical gaps;</li><li>• Sometimes difficult to follow, and thus credit fully.</li></ul>
67-69	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arguments are generally relevant;</li><li>• Arguments almost all have explanations, but almost all have significant logical gaps;</li><li>• Sometimes clear, but generally difficult to follow and thus credit the speaker for their material.</li></ul>
64-66	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some arguments made that are relevant;</li><li>• Arguments generally have explanations, but have significant logical gaps;</li><li>• Often unclear, which makes it hard to give the speech much credit.</li></ul>

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## COMPETITION CRITERIA

SCORE	QUALITATIVE COMMENTS
61-63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Some relevant claims, and most will be formulated as arguments;</li><li>• Arguments have occasional explanations, but these have significant logical gaps;</li><li>• Frequently unclear and confusing; which makes it hard to give the speech much credit.</li></ul>
58-60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Claims are occasionally relevant;</li><li>• Claims are not be formulated as arguments, but there may be some suggestion towards an explanation;</li><li>• Hard to follow, which makes it hard to give the speech much credit.</li></ul>
55-57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One or two marginally relevant claims;</li><li>• Claims are not formulated as arguments, and are instead are just comments;</li><li>• Hard to follow almost in its entirety, which makes it hard to give the speech much credit.</li></ul>
50-55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Content is not relevant;</li><li>• Content does not go beyond claims, and is both confusing and confused;</li><li>• Very hard to follow in its entirety, which makes it hard to give the speech any credit.</li></ul>

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Debate*  
Competition

## COMPETITION CRITERIA

### DATES TO REMEMBER

MAR 14 (SAT)

9:00 AM Onwards: Preliminaries

Location: To be conducted online using the  
Discord App

MAR 15 (SUN)

9:00 AM Onwards: Outrounds

Location: To be conducted online using the  
Discord App

MAR 28 (SAT)

9:00 AM Onwards: Finals

Location: To be held on-site at the University of  
the Philippines Los Baños

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Poster Making Competition*



## POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

The **Agrikonomiya 2026 Poster Making Competition** aims to enhance and encourage the participants' ability to express their knowledge and opinions regarding the current state of the country's economy and its agricultural sector through their individual works of art. This competition enables junior high and senior high school students the opportunity to express their own vision of this year's Poster Making Competition theme in unique and creative ways.

## OBJECTIVES

- To showcase artistic works featuring themes from Philippine agriculture, its cultural heritage, and innovations that blend inclusive development;
- To raise further holistic awareness in the realities surrounding the fields of agriculture and economics; and
- To create a platform for artistic expression, creativity, and critical thinking while deepening an understanding of Philippine agriculture

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*Agrikonomiya 2026: Poster  
Making Competition*

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Registration Fee (non-refundable): Php 250 per participant for each participating school (Note: The registration fee of the first participant per school is FREE.)
- Each participating school may have a maximum of 3 participants for the competition. (max of 30)
- Each participant may only submit ONE (1) entry.
- The poster must illustrate, interpret, and highlight this year's Poster Making Competition theme.
- Only traditional mediums such as illustration board, coloring materials, pencils, and markers are allowed. Each participant will be provided with their own poster kit consisting of a ½ size illustration board, pencil, eraser, marker, and cotton balls. Other coloring materials, such as colored pencils, crayons, or oil pastels, may be brought by the participants. All posters must be in portrait orientation only.
- Each entry must have a title, along with a brief explanation of the artwork. It must be written in English only and should be limited to a maximum of 3 words for the title, and 5 sentences for their explanation.
- The participant shall be held responsible for any issues that can be raised related to the originality and authenticity of the output.

*Any form of plagiarism, copying, or use of previously submitted artworks will result in automatic disqualification.*

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Agrikonomiya 2026: *Essay*  
*Writing Competition*

## COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- Announcement of winners will be made at the awarding ceremony on March 28, 2026.
- For concerns, questions, and clarifications, kindly send an email to the organizers with "Poster Making" in the subject line (e.g. Poster Making - Concerns Re: Criteria).

## COMPETITION CRITERIA

Criteria	Percentage (%)
Relevance to the Theme	40
Creativity and Presentation	30
Originality and Concept Depth	20
Visual Impact	10
Total	100

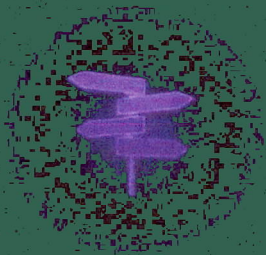
### DATES TO REMEMBER

MAR 27 (FRI)	Topic Reveal
MAR 28 (SAT)	D-Day/Announcement of Winners (on-site)

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# AGRIKONOMIYA AGRITOUR

The Agrikonomiya 2026 will have the Agri-Tour 2026, **a whole day captivating experience** designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the **complex connections between agriculture and economics**. This event will highlight the innovative practices and initiatives driving sustainable development in the agricultural sector of the Philippines.

By partnering with several institutions related in the field, **participants will not only learn about theoretical concepts, but also gain hands-on experiences**. The field visits and interactive discussions will provide them the knowledge of contemporary agricultural practices and economic modeling, allowing them to apply the conceptual frameworks in practical scenarios.

## OBJECTIVES

- To present the tour venue not only as a site but also as an engaging destination for educational tourism, merging academic excellence with the natural beauty of our campus;
- To offer participants a comprehensive understanding of the dynamic relationship between agriculture and economics;
- To emphasize its importance and illustrate the various career opportunities and contributions it can provide for future leaders in the agricultural sector; and

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# OBJECTIVES

- To inspire renewed interest among young people in the agricultural sector of the Philippines, promoting active involvement and collaboration while nurturing a new generation of informed and passionate advocates for sustainable agriculture.

# AGRITOUR GUIDELINES

- The AgriTour is **free of charge** for all registered participants.
- The tour is available for every participant of Agrikonomiya and accompanying coaches. However, there will be a registration for those that will be participating in the event.
- Participants will be **divided into groups** consisting of **15-20 members depending on the riding capacity of the tour vehicle**. Each group will be **led by two resident members** who will serve as a **guide and leader** for the duration of the tour.
- It is expected that **participants remain within the group they are assigned** to throughout the entire tour to ensure smooth coordination and safety. **Active participation is highly encouraged**, and participants should feel free to ask questions to the facilitators at each venue to enhance their learning experience.

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# AGRITOUR GUIDELINES

- It is encouraged for the participants to bring their own packed lunch or to pre-order lunch from the organizers. The **lunch pre-order** form will be shared in the **Agrikonomiya 2026 official Facebook group and group chat** in the succeeding weeks for **participants who wish to avail of lunch meals**.
- To ensure comfort and safety during the tour, participants are expected to wear their **PE uniform**. If **not available**, appropriate clothing such as **pants/jogging pants, t-shirt, and closed shoes**, suitable for outdoor activities is advised. Participants are also encouraged to **bring umbrellas, wear caps, or apply sunscreen** to serve as protection from the heat, as some parts of the tour may be outdoors. Most importantly, **do not forget to bring your drinking water** to stay hydrated.

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# CULMINATING SEMINAR

The Agrikonomiya 2026 Culminating Seminar will explore the innovative cultural traditions within the agricultural sector, focusing on the theme *“Rooted in Growth: Cultivating Cultures and Technology for Inclusive Agricultural Development in the Philippines.”*

The event aims to tell the story of Filipino agriculture including its origins, challenges, triumphs, and cultural richness. Participants will then explore emerging technologies that address long-standing problems such as climate variability, post-harvest losses, and market access, building a bridge between tradition and the future.

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## REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

### • REGISTRATION FEE

a. All competitions have a registration fee. The registration fees are as follows:

- Essay Writing Competition - PHP 250.00 per Participant
- Agricultural Resolutions Pitch Competition - PHP 350.00 per Team
- Debate Competition - PHP 900.00 per Team
- Poster Making - PHP 250.00 per Participant

Registration fees are non-**refundable**.

b. **Upon successful registration**, you will receive a **confirmation email** containing payment details. Please note that **failure to complete the payment** will result in the **cancellation of your registration**.

### • NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

a. **Essay Writing Competition** - 2 participants (1 for the English category, 1 for the Filipino category)

- The first 15 participants to register for each category in the competition are the only official participants in the Essay Writing Competition.

b. **Agricultural Resolutions Pitch Competition** - 1 team (Composed of 3 members)

- The first 15 teams to register in the competition are the only official participants in the Agricultural Resolutions Pitch Competition.

c. **Debate Competition** - 2 teams (Composed of 3 members)

- The first 20 teams to register in the competition are the only official participants in the Debate Competition.

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## REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- d. Poster Making Competition - 3 participants
  - The first 30 teams to register in the competition are the only official participants in the Poster Making Competition.

### • REGISTRATION FORMS AND REMINDERS

- Aspiring participants may register for the competitions through the following links:
  - **Essay Writing Competition**
    - <https://tinyurl.com/fd8t7ps2>
  - **Agricultural Resolutions Pitch Competition.**
    - <https://tinyurl.com/b5yyj2hc>
  - **Debate Competition**
    - <https://tinyurl.com/4jznahyt>
  - **Poster Making**
    - <https://tinyurl.com/2vz989c7>

### • IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Start of Registration:** January 22, 2026 (Thursday)
- **End of Registration:** February 18, 2026 (Wednesday)
- A confirmation email will be sent to the provided contact details upon registration.
- Any questions or concerns regarding the competitions must be directed to the official Agrikonomiya email address at [upaaec.agrikonomiya@gmail.com](mailto:upaaec.agrikonomiya@gmail.com).

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## REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

### • AWARDING

- Awards for the Winners of the Essay Writing Competition
  - The Champion will receive a Champion's medal and certificate
  - The 1st Runner-up will receive a 1st Runner-up's medal and certificate
  - The 2nd Runner-up will receive a 2nd Runner-up's medal and certificate
  
- Awards for the Winners of the Agricultural Resolutions Pitch Competition
  - The Champion will receive a Champion's medal and certificate
  - The 1st Runner-up will receive a 1st Runner-up's medal and certificate
  - The 2nd Runner-up will receive a 2nd Runner-up's medal and certificate
  
- Awards for the Winners of the Debate Competition
  - The Champion will receive a Champion's medal and certificate
  - The 1st Runner-up will receive a 1st Runner-up's medal and certificate
  - The 2nd Runner-up will receive a 2nd Runner-up's medal and certificate
  
- Awards for the Winners of the Poster Making Competition
  - The Champion will receive a Champion's medal and certificate
  - The 1st Runner-up will receive a 1st Runner-up's medal and certificate
  - The 2nd Runner-up will receive a 2nd Runner-up's medal and certificate
  
- Overall Champion and Runner-ups
  - There will be one (1) Overall Champion, one (1) Overall 1st Runner-up, and one (1) Overall 2nd Runner-up among all schools who participated in the competitions. The winning schools will receive a plaque and certificate for standing out among the schools who joined Agrikonomiya 2026.

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## REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- OVERALL SCORE BREAKDOWN

COMPETITION	Percentage (%)
Essay Writing Competition	25
Agricultural Resolutions Pitch Competition	25
Debate Competition	25
Poster Making Competition	25
Total	100