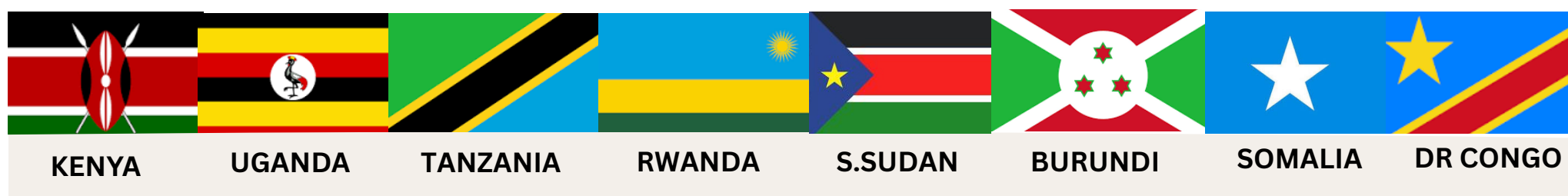




STUDENT ESSAY/VIDEO COMPETITION



The International Phytosanitary and Seed Quality Conference will be held from 14th–17th September 2026 at KEPHIS Headquarters in Karen, Nairobi, under the theme: **Revitalizing Phytosanitary and Seed Systems for Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture**. As part of youth engagement, this is a call for essay or video submissions from students aged 18–35 in tertiary institutions across East African countries. Students can only participate in **one** category (Video or essay) **and not both**

Start of Competition
End of Competition

7th April 2026
31st July 2026

Students will submit essays or videos under any **one** selected sub-theme of the conference:

- Plant health and food safety systems: Managing risks and protecting plant resources
- Safe trade and market access for plants, plant products and regulated articles
- Technological innovations in plant health, food safety & seed quality for sustainable agriculture
- Seed quality, variety development, registration and associated systems
- Policy and regulatory frameworks for food safety, plant health and seed quality assurance

GUIDELINES

Essay

- Must be in English between 1,000-1500 words
- Format: Tahoma Font: 12
- Submit with Subject line **'Student essay or video competition'**

Video

- Should be 3mins long
- Should be in English / Swahili (include sub-titles)
- Videos should be submitted in MP4 format sent as a google drive link that is accessible to the judges
- Video should be of good quality and authentic
- Fill the form in the below link to authorize KEPHIS to the video/essay share to all our platforms
<https://forms.gle/gDupX9e61pkNP8jK9>

Awards (KSH or equivalent in USD)



KES 50,000



KES 40,000



KES 30,000



KES 20,000



KES 10,000

For detailed format visit: www.africa-cope.go.ke/

Students can only Participate in **ONE (1)** category (either essay or video) **and not both**

Electronic copies of the essays (PDF) or Video Link (MP4) should be sent to the Conference

Secretariat at : psqconference2026@kephis.org. Attach a copy of your National ID or passport and provide your contact details (email and phone number)