

WCC Eco-School on Water, Food and Climate Justice Lilongwe, Malawi, 24 July – 3 August 2017

Participant Guidelines

A. Basic Guidelines

1. The application form should be used to apply for the Eco-School on Water, Food and Climate Justice only. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have followed the instructions in these guidelines.
2. Please type or write clearly on the application form. The details you give in your application form will be used for the administration of your application, and potentially as the basis of your participant record. If the form is incorrectly completed your application may be delayed and may not be processed.
3. Your surname/family name is used to identify and match all materials sent with your application and for dealing with enquiries. Please use only the full name given in your passport and identity documents.
4. You are expected to have sufficient working knowledge of English since medium of instruction will be English.
5. You are advised to apply well in advance of the closing date for applications. The completed application form must be accompanied by all the supporting materials listed in **Section B**.
6. The Eco-School will train church youth between the ages of 18-30 years. There will be a maximum 20 participants for the school.
7. The eligibility criteria of candidates include:
 - a) Must be an African national.
 - b) Hold at least a Bachelors degree in any discipline including theology, sociology or social work. A Master's degree is preferable.
 - c) Basic knowledge on ecology and issues related to water, food, nutrition and climate change.
 - d) Passion for justice (assessed through an essay).
 - e) A letter of endorsement from your church or ecumenical organization.
 - f) After meeting the eligibility criteria, participants will be selected with a view to achieving regional, gender and denominational balance.
8. Selected participants are granted full scholarship, including flights, accommodation and board. However, a registration fees **of US\$150** is mandatory for each participant or from the endorsing church/organization. This amount must be paid before or at the beginning of the school.

9. Selected participants must agree to attend the full programme from 24 July - 3 August 2017.

B. Application and Supporting Materials

All applicants are required to submit the following documents:

- ❑ Completed application form
- ❑ One (1) passport-size photograph of the applicant (attached to the application form)
- ❑ An essay in English of not more than 1000 words responding to the following questions:
 - a) Why are you interested in the Eco-School on Water, Food and Climate Justice?
 - b) What is your involvement in youth work and ecumenical activities at a local, national or international level?
 - c) Have you participated in initiatives or events before which dealt with ecological issues or in water, food or climate change related issues?
 - d) Describe yourself (personality, values and life experiences).
 - e) What are your ideas for activities on ecological engagements that may include water, food and climate change issues after the Eco-School?
- ❑ A copy of the ID page of the applicant's passport
- ❑ An endorsement letter from the applicant's church or ecumenical organization
- ❑ A curriculum vitae or resume listing the applicant's academic and/or professional experience (max. 2 pages).

NOTE: Please save all forms electronically with your family name in the following way:
EcoSchool2017ApplicationForm_FAMILYNAME.docx; Passport_FAMILYNAME.pdf;
Endorsement_FAMILYNAME.pdf; CV_FAMILYNAME.pdf. Scholarships
Request_FAMILYNAME.PDF

It is preferred that you send your application electronically along with scanned copies of all supporting documents to eco.school@wcc-coe.org . However, if it is more convenient to send the application by post, please mail the application along with the supporting materials to the following address:

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The deadline for receiving the complete application including supporting documents is 31 May 2017.