



## KVTC ESSAY CONTEST

*"What are the main challenges of development in Kilombero Valley and how can they be solved"*

In 2017 the Kilombero Valley Teak Company (KVTC) held an Essay Contest to mark its 25 year anniversary and it was one of the highlights of the anniversary events and resulted in a number of high quality essay submissions which gave KVTC valuable insight in the experiences and views of its stakeholders. Due to the success KVTC is holding another Essay Contest in 2018.

The KVTC essay contest is organized to harness the energy, creativity and initiative of the youth in promoting sustainable development. It also aims to inspire the company to learn from the young minds and to think about how each of us can make a difference.

Detailed guidelines for the Essay Competition can be found on the next page as well as here: <http://kvtc-tz.com/news/>



## ESSAY COMPETITION

**OPEN FOR:**  
O-LEVEL STUDENTS FROM  
ITETE, IRAGUA, IGOTA,  
LUPIRO, IKUNGUA, ULANGA,  
MINEPA AND MATUNDU  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS.  
**MAXIMUM 3 SUBMISSIONS  
PER SCHOOL**

1,000-1,200 WORDS,  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND  
TYPED OR PRINTED

**PRIZES**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> PRICE: 150,000 TZS**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> PRICE: 100,000 TZS**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> PRICE: 75,000 TZS**  
**BEST SCHOOL: 500,000 TZS**

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Deadline for submission 26<sup>th</sup>  
October 2018

<p><b>Theme</b></p>	<p><b>What are the main challenges of development in Kilombero Valley and how can they be solved?</b></p>
<p><b>Background</b></p>	<p>Tanzania is often listed as one of the fastest growing African economies achieving GDP growth well above the regional average and consistently scoring around 7% growth per annum. Unfortunately, this growth is not always felt throughout all layers of society and we would like to understand if this growth is felt in the Kilombero Valley and if not what the obstacles are.</p> <p>Areas that we would like the participants to focus on are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>    ) Do you feel Tanzania’s growth is seen in equal measure in the Kilombero Valley?</li> <li>    ) What are ways development and economic growth can be effectively measured in the Kilombero Valley?</li> <li>    ) How students perceive their own past, present and future development trajectory?</li> <li>    ) How development can be influenced by members of students’ household?</li> <li>    ) What roles do local &amp; national governments play and how should companies and NGOs interact to drive development</li> </ul> <p>Contestants are challenged to describe their ideas, own observations and experiences in your society. We like you to be critical about your own role as well as KVTC’s role.</p>
<p><b>Guidelines</b></p>	<p>Eligibility: O-level secondary school students from Itete, Iragua, Igota, Lupiro, Ikungua, Ulanga, Minepa na Matundu secondary schools</p> <p>Essays must be 1,000-1,200 words and be in English language. Word count excludes essay title and cover page. Essays may be typed or printed</p> <p>Essays must have: a) cover page, b) essay title, c) name of author, d) address and contact details, e) age of author at time of writing, f) gender, g) school name and h) word count</p> <p>Each school is required to select the best three candidates and submit these essays to KVTC</p> <p>On submission please enclose the contact information of the submitting school and the assigned teacher.</p> <p>Entries may be submitted by email or in person</p> <p>Entries missing any of the above information will not be considered</p> <p>Essays must be original and unpublished</p> <p>Essays must be written by one person. Co-authored essays are not accepted</p> <p>A panel consisting of KVTC management will be assigned to do the final grading of the submitted essays (8 school x 3 essays per school = 24 essays)</p> <p>Copyright of the essays entered will be assigned to the organizer</p> <p>Entries must be received by October 26th, 2018</p>