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WHAT'S NEW

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**SRI LANKA'S
FIRST & ONLY
LAW REFORM PROPOSAL
COMPETITION**

COMPETITION GUIDELINES AND RULES

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Rules contained in this document shall be applicable to all participants.*
- 1.2. All proposals must be submitted in English which shall function as the official language of the competition.*
- 1.3. For any submission to be deemed valid participant(s) submitting said proposal must duly adhere to all provisions mentioned herewith in the rules and guidelines document.*
- 1.4. The final interpretation in case of any conflict, inconsistency or ambiguity lies with the Organizers of the Competition, the decision of the Organizers of the Competition on such matters direct and incidental shall be final and binding.*

2. SUBMISSION

- 2.1. Proposals must be submitted in PDF format.*
- 2.2. Proposals must include the following elements in order to be eligible;*

- 1. **Executive Summary***

- 2. **Introduction:***

*Background information on the identified legal challenge or issue.
Rationale for addressing the specific aspect within the legal framework.*

- 3. **Problem Statement:***

Clear articulation of the problem

Emphasise the impact it has on governance, the economy, or anti-corruption.

4. Objectives:

Clearly defined objectives of the proposed legal reforms. What the proposal aims to achieve and the expected outcomes. Identification of stakeholders.

5. Literature Review (Optional)

Review of existing literature or precedents related to the identified legal challenge. Comparative analysis with legal frameworks from other jurisdictions, if relevant.

6. Methodology (if applicable)

Methodology of choice (i.e. quantitative research or survey) why was the specific methodology chosen, how it was conducted.

7. Proposed Legal Reforms

Detailed presentation of the proposed legal reforms, including specific changes to laws, regulations, or policies. Justification for each proposed reform, linking it back to the identified problem.

8. Potential Benefits and Impact to the stakeholders:

Positive outcomes and benefits of implementing the proposed legal reforms. How the reforms contribute to the overall development and resilience of Sri Lanka.

9. Implementation

How can the said reform be practically implemented, steps to implementation. Additionally, an approximation of costs relating to implementation (optional).

10. Challenges and Mitigation

Identifying potential challenges in implementing the proposed reforms. Strategies for mitigation to address or overcome these challenges.

11. Conclusion

Wherein all proposed reforms and arguments in favor of said reforms would be concluded with an emphasis on the need for reform in the area chosen.

12. Bibliography:

Based on the OSCOLA (4th Edition) citation style.

13. Appendix (if applicable):

Any additional supporting documents, charts, graphs, or data relevant to the proposal.

2.3. All proposals must be submitted under the following specifications.

*2.3.1. Font – **Times New Roman**, Font Size – **12 (Body) & 10 (Footnotes)***

2.3.2. All submissions must be more than 25 Pages and less than or equal to 50 pages.

2.4. The coverpage must clearly indicate the following;

*2.4.1. Competitor status either as “**Individual**” or “**Group**”.*

2.4.2. *Team name or name of individual applying.*

2.4.3. *Area of interest for law reform.*

2.5. *All submissions must be accompanied by a declaration affirming that the work submitted is the intellectual property of the individual or team submitting the proposal.*

2.6. *The submission deadline will be strictly enforced. Late submissions will not be accepted.*

2.7. *All submissions should be uploaded via our official web portal, www.whatsnew.yzd.gov.lk*

3. EVALUATION

3.1. *Proposals will be evaluated based on inter alia; the need for reform in the selected area/issue, originality, feasibility of the proposed reform, public interest, utility and impact.*

3.2. *The decision of the evaluation committee will be final.*

4. AWARDS

4.1. *The winner(s) will be announced publicly on a date decided by the organizers prior to the awarding ceremony on a date close to and leading upto the same.*

4.2. *In addition to the winners of the competition there will be awards presented for the 'Runner(s) Up Proposal for Legal Reform'.*

4.3. *The winner(s) will be required to formally present the said winning proposal on the date of the awarding ceremony.*

5. ETHICS & PLAGIARISM GUIDELINES

- 5.1. *In upholding the integrity of the What's New Project, we highlight the importance of originality and ethical conduct in all proposal submissions.*
- 5.2. *Participants are urged to produce authentic and innovative proposals that reflect their own ideas and analyses.*
- 5.3. *Consequences for violating ethical standards, including instances of plagiarism, are severe and may result in disqualification from the competition. Accordingly, we request all participants to employ the Oxford Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA) citation style in all proposal submissions.*

6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 6.1. *The Organizers of the Competition hereby reserve the right to amend, suspend or substitute any provisions mentioned in the rulebook of the competition.*
- 6.2. *The Organizers will communicate such decisions promptly as soon as is practicable to do and in a manner decided fit by the organizers in the interests of equity and fairness.*

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