

# South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO)

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## Participation Guideline for Schools

We are very glad you'd like to participate in the first ever South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO)! This document will guide you by providing:

1. An overview of the SANGO
2. How to register your school and your learners
3. How to take part in the online SANGO

If you have any questions, you're welcome to contact us by email on [sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com](mailto:sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com) and we'll respond as soon as we can.

### Part 1: Overview of the SANGO

Who: The Southern African Geography Teachers' Association (SAGTA) and the Society of South African Geographers (SSAG) are jointly launching the South African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO).

Purpose: The main purpose of SANGO is to foster a love for Geography, help grow and develop Geography at secondary school level, and encourage learners to consider a career in Geography.

When: The inaugural Olympiad will take place on: **14 September 2017.**

Eligibility: Participants must be high-school learners aged 16 to 18 (they must be, or turn, 16, 17 or 18 in 2017).

Costs: Schools are to pay R50 to register to participate. In addition, each learner who wishes to participate must pay R30 (the school can also cover this cost). This token fee is to assist running costs.

Prerequisites: A Gmail email address for each learner. Adequate Internet access (the SANGO is conducted only online). School fee and learner fee paid.

The Olympiad: Individual learners from all 9 provinces will write an online national Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Test based on the geographical themes below.

Themes to be tested: The themes of the competition are as follows:

1. Climate & climate change
  2. Hazards & hazard management
  3. Resources & resource management
  4. Environmental geography & sustainable development
  5. Landforms, landscapes & land use
  6. Agricultural geography & food problems
  7. Population & population change
  8. Economic geography & globalisation
  9. Development geography & spatial inequality
  10. Urban geography, urban renewal & urban planning
  11. Tourism & tourism management
  12. Cultural geography & regional identities
- Required skills:
13. Mapping skills
  14. Inquiry skills
  15. Graphicacy skills (read, analyse and interpret images, photos, statistics, and graphs)

**A key regional focus will be Africa.**

Certificates: All learners will be emailed a personalised certificate of successful participation in the 2017 SANGO. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum certificates will be given to the top 15%, 10%, 5%, and 1% respectively.

How: Both schools and learners must register to participate online, and the SANGO will be administered online. Instructions on how to do this follow in parts 2 and 3.

Future goal: The SANGO dovetails with the International Geographical Union's (IGU) international Olympiad. The IGU runs an annual international Olympiad (<http://www.geoolympiad.org/>). Our long-term aim is for winners of SANGO to represent South Africa at this international event from 2020 onwards.

## Part 2: How to register your school and learners

### A. School registration:

Step 1: Send an email expressing your school's wish to register to participate in this year's SANGO to: [sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com](mailto:sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com)

Step 2: You will be emailed a *schools' registration link* to fill out an online registration form for your school.

Step 3: Using the *schools' registration link*, you will need to fill out an online form which indicates the following:

School Name, The School's Exam Centre Number, School's VAT number, State/Independent school, Province, City, School's Address, Teacher representative name and surname, Teacher's personal email address, Teacher's cell phone number, School email address, School alternate email address, How many learners will be paid for by the school to register/participate in the SANGO, Confirmation of parental consent to participate in the Olympiad etc.

Note: All contact details are confidential, and will only be used to communicate specifics about the Olympiad.

Step 3: You will be emailed one invoice (with banking details) for the school registration fee, PLUS the number of learners you have indicated you will pay for to participate.

NB: Schools are required to arrange for the collection/allocation of funds at school level, and make ONE payment for  $n$  number of learners to participate i.e. R50 school registration fee + (R30 x  $n$  learners participating) = Once off payment.

**This payment must be received by the deadline of 1 September 2017.**

NB: the deposit reference must state: "SANGO + The School's Exam Centre Number", and proof of payment must be emailed to: [sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com](mailto:sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com) and SAGTA Secretariat: [secretary@sagta.org.za](mailto:secretary@sagta.org.za)

Step 4: Once payment has been received and confirmed, you will be emailed a *learner registration link* which will allow you to register each of your learners individually.

## B. Learner registration:

Step 1: One link will be sent to you to register the learners your school has paid for. Each learner will have to individually register/be registered using this same *learner registration link*.

Step 2: The link will take you to an online form (much like the school registration form), and the following details will have to be filled out for each learner:

Learner's South African ID number, First Name, Surname, Birth date, Race, Gender, Grade, School name, The School's Exam Centre Number, Learner's Gmail email address, confirmation of parental consent to participate in the Olympiad.

NB: Each learner **MUST** have (or register for, see Section C below) a GMAIL email address. **This is a non-negotiable prerequisite. The learner will be unable to register or participate in the Olympiad without a Gmail email address.**

NB: Each participating learner at your school, is to be registered using the same *learner registration link*.

Step 3: An email confirming each learner's registration will be sent to their Gmail email address.

Step 4: Once you have completed registering all your learners, you must email [sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com](mailto:sa.geog.olympiad@gmail.com) confirming and finalising your learner registration process.

NB: In this email, you must include a list of the full names and ID numbers of the learners whom have paid and registered.

Step 5: You will receive an email response confirming the list of your registered learners to participate in the online SANGO.

### C. How to setup a free Gmail address:

If each/any of your learners don't already have an existing Gmail email address, you/they can sign up for a new one as follows:

Step 1: Visit this web address: <https://accounts.google.com/SignUp>

Step 2: Fill in the required details.

Step 3: The form will indicate if the email address you choose is valid. Use for example [learner name].[surname].[school abbreviation] e.g. [john.smith.ghs@gmail.com](mailto:john.smith.ghs@gmail.com)

Step 4: You can skip adding a mobile number if you want to.

Step 5: You should add a recovery/secondary email address:

- i. If you/the learner forgets the Gmail password, it can be recovered through this secondary email address. You can thus regain access to the Gmail account, by having Gmail send a recovery email to your secondary email address (Click 'Forgot password?' to do this).
- ii. The recovery email address can be the learner's / school's / teacher's / parent's personal email address.

Step 6: Ensure each learner's Gmail email address and password are kept safe, as it will have to be used to enter the online SANGO.

### **Part 3: How to take part in the online SANGO**

Step 1: The 2017 SANGO will be run on the **14<sup>th</sup> of September 2017**. Diarise this date.

Step 2: On the date of the SANGO test, a link to the online Multiple Choice Questionnaire will be sent to all registered schools.

**NB: This link will only be active from 7am to 5pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2017.**

Step 3: Schools are to arrange for test conditions in a computer lab on the day, and only then should they provide all learners with the link to the online test. In other words the Olympiad will be arranged as you would for a test or exam.

Step 4: Learners will have to log into the online test with their Gmail username and password (have these handy, the test cannot be opened without using the learner's Gmail address).

Step 5: Learners will have 2hours (120 min) to complete 40 MCQ's, on the themes listed in Part 1.

**NB: The onus is on schools to maintain test conditions and time limits.**

Step 6: Once the test closes at 5pm, it will take up to three weeks to administer results.

Step 7: Each learner will be emailed (to their Gmail address) a personalised PDF certificate of successful participation in the 2017 SANGO (which they or the school can print). Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum certificates will be given to the top 15%, 10%, 5%, and 1% of learners respectively. Schools will also be notified of their overall results.