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## SED2015 Theme Challenge:
### Solve one specific problem in your local community caused or made worse by a climate change or an environmental issue

**We encourage teams to submit solutions in these categories:**

'Cleantech' — products, services, and processes that (a) makes use of renewable materials and energy sources, (b) reduce the use of natural resources, and (c) cut emissions and waste

'Cleanweb' — a category of clean technology that leverages the capability of the internet, social media, and mobile technologies to address a social problem

Instructions: Innovation can come in any form: from concepts, products, inventions, applications, processes, and services. It can be from any discipline such as science, technology, engineering, design, medicine, public health, environmental science, social work, transportation, alternative energy, environmental sustainability, and similar fields.

An eligible solution is one that addresses a specific problem caused by climate change or an environmental issue. Examples of climate-related problems, such as heat-waves and severe weather, include those on human health (physical and mental), food wastage, food and water insecurity, and greenhouse gas emissions. So long as the solution is geared toward improving the capacity of communities to overcome the negative effects of climate change, it is welcome.

Must be age 13-24 years to be eligible to apply; team submissions are welcome. Finalists will give a live 'fast pitch' to a Blue Ribbon Committee. There are 3 awards:

**"Most Potential for Market Disruption"** - wins a $3,000 cash prize
**"Most Promising Business Concept"** - wins a $2,000 cash prize
**"Most Innovative"** - wins a $1,000 cash prize

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# Sustainable Earth Decathlon
# SED2015

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**20** 20TH ANNIVERSARY WORLD PROGRAMME OF **ACTION FOR YOUTH**

THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ENVOY ON YOUTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS WITH SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEN:   Fri-Sat, Nov 13-14, 1-7pm
WHERE: Los Angeles, CA
*(venue TBD as event nears)*

Important dates
Oct 25, 2015:    Deadline for all entries
Nov 12, 2015:    Mandatory orientation for Finalists
Nov 13-14, 2015:  Live SED2015 Solution Showcase

#MyKnowledgeCounts is a campaign to promote community-defined solutions that address the warming of our planet.

Indigenous knowledge matters in finding solutions. Solutions from our communities count!

SED2015 is part of #MyKnowledgeCounts and UNSG #YouthNow campaigns. Visit cypher-international.org/-myknowledgecounts.html