



Photo Contest Terms & Conditions

Regenerative Agriculture: Fostering Resilient Landscapes and Livelihoods

Hosted by the Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN)

The Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN) invites photographers, farmers, practitioners, researchers, and nature enthusiasts worldwide to participate in the RegenAg Forum Photo Contest.

This contest seeks powerful images that capture how **regenerative agriculture** supports resilient ecosystems, thriving landscapes, and the people who depend on them.

Winning and finalist photographs will be featured during the RegenAg Forum in Brazil and may be showcased through SAN communications and publications.

1. Contest Theme

Regenerative Agriculture: Fostering Resilient Landscapes and Livelihoods

Participants are invited to submit photographs that illustrate regenerative agriculture in practice, including farming systems, biodiversity, landscapes, and the people whose livelihoods are connected to agriculture.

2. Contest Categories

Participants may submit photographs in one or more of the following three categories:

Agrobiodiversity

Images highlighting biodiversity associated with agricultural systems, such as crops, beneficial species, pollinators, soil life, agroforestry systems, or biodiversity within farming landscapes.

Submissions must include a caption explaining the **relevance of the biodiversity depicted and its relationship to the crops, farm, or agricultural system shown.**

Landscapes

Images showing agricultural landscapes where regenerative agriculture contributes to ecological resilience.



Submissions must include a caption explaining the **relevance of the landscape and how it relates to regenerative agriculture or sustainable land management.**

People and Livelihoods

Images featuring people whose lives and livelihoods are connected to regenerative agriculture.

Photographs in this category **must include at least one identifiable person.**

- The caption must include:
- The **name of the person(s) depicted**
- The **location**

A short description explaining **who they are and how their livelihood relates to agriculture or regenerative practices.**

Important: Submission of a photograph in this category constitutes the photographer's express representation and warranty that they have obtained all necessary consents, permissions, and signed model releases from every identifiable individual depicted, as further described in Section 7 of these Rules. Failure to provide such releases upon SAN's request will result in immediate disqualification.

3. Eligibility

The contest is open to participants worldwide, subject to the following conditions:

- Participants must be **18 years of age or older** at the time of submission.
- The contest is open to all, including:
 - Farmers or agricultural practitioners
 - Researchers or field professionals
 - Amateur or professional photographers
 - Members of SAN partner organizations or the general public



- Employees, contractors, board members, and immediate family members of SAN and its affiliated organizations are not eligible to participate.
- Participation constitutes the participant's full and unconditional agreement to these Official Rules. Participants who do not meet eligibility requirements will be disqualified, and any prize awarded will be forfeited and returned to SAN.
- SAN reserves the right to verify the eligibility of any participant at any time.

4. Submission Period and Method

Submissions will be accepted exclusively from **April 15, 2026 at 00:00 UTC** through **May 15, 2026 at 23:59 UTC** (the "Submission Period").

Submissions must be made **exclusively through the designated contest submission portal** located at [sustainableagriculture.eco] (the "Contest URL"). Submissions received by any other means, including but not limited to email, postal mail, or social media, will not be accepted.

SAN is not responsible for submissions that are lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, corrupted, or otherwise not received due to technical failures, internet outages, or any circumstances beyond SAN's reasonable control.

The submission portal will automatically close at the end of the Submission Period. Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

5. Submission Requirements

Each participant may submit **up to three (3) photographs** in total across all categories. Each photograph may be entered in only one category.

All submissions must include the following information at the time of submission:

- Photographer's full legal name
- Photographer's country of residence
- Photographer's valid email address
- Photo title
- Category selection
- Caption describing the image
- Location where the photo was taken (country and region at minimum)



- Date the photo was taken
- Camera or device used

Technical specifications:

- Photographs must be submitted in **JPEG or PNG format**.
- Minimum resolution: **3000 pixels on the longest side**.
- Maximum file size: **25 MB per image**.
- Images should retain **original metadata (EXIF data)** whenever possible.

SAN reserves the right to request **additional verification files**, including original RAW files or unedited source files, from any finalist or winner as a condition of prize award. Failure to provide such files upon request may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any prize.

Incomplete submissions or submissions that do not meet the technical requirements above will not be considered.

6. Original Work and Image Authenticity

- All submitted photographs must be **original works created solely by the submitting participant**. By submitting an entry, the participant represents, warrants, and certifies that:
- They are the **sole author and original copyright holder** of the submitted image.
- The image was **captured by the participant** using a camera, mobile device, or equivalent photographic instrument.
- The image has **not been copied, reproduced, or derived from the work of any other photographer or third-party source**.
- The image is **not AI-generated, AI-assisted, or synthetically produced** in whole or in part.
- The image **does not infringe upon the intellectual property rights, privacy rights, publicity rights, moral rights, or any other rights of any third party**.



- The image has not won any other photography award or contest prior to submission to this contest. (Previously published images are eligible, provided all other requirements are met.)
- The image does not contain any defamatory, obscene, illegal, or otherwise objectionable content.

Permitted editing: Basic post-processing is permitted, including cropping, color correction, exposure and contrast adjustments, sharpening, and noise reduction. Such adjustments must not misrepresent the content of the original scene.

Prohibited alterations: The following are strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification:

- AI-generated or AI-manipulated imagery of any kind
- Composite images combining elements from multiple photographs
- Addition, removal, or substantial alteration of elements within the image that misrepresent the original scene
- Any manipulation that deceives the viewer as to the nature or content of the photograph

SAN reserves the right to disqualify any submission it reasonably suspects of plagiarism, AI generation, manipulation, or any violation of these requirements, at its sole discretion.

Finalists and winners may be required to submit RAW files, original unedited images, or additional photographs from the same session as a condition of verification. Failure to provide such files will result in disqualification and forfeiture of any prize.

7. Consent, Model Releases, and Image Rights

The photographer bears sole and full responsibility for obtaining all necessary permissions, consents, and legal authorizations related to the content of their submitted photographs.

By submitting a photograph, the participant represents, warrants, and agrees that:



- They have obtained **written consent (a signed model release)** from every identifiable individual depicted in their photographs, granting permission for the photograph to be published, displayed, and used publicly, including for commercial and promotional purposes.
- In the case of **identifiable minors**, the participant has obtained a signed release from the minor's **parent or legal guardian**.
- They have obtained any **property releases or other permissions** required under applicable law for images that include privately owned property, trademarks, logos, artwork, or other protectable elements.
- The submission and use of the photograph by SAN **will not violate any applicable law**, including but not limited to laws governing privacy, publicity, defamation, data protection, or intellectual property in the jurisdiction(s) where the photograph was taken and where the depicted individuals reside.

SAN reserves the right to request copies of signed model releases and/or property releases at any time, including prior to announcing finalists or awarding prizes. Failure to provide valid releases upon request will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any prize.

Indemnification: The participant agrees to **fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless** the Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN), its officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates, partners, and licensees from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including reasonable legal fees) arising out of or related to:

- Any breach of the representations and warranties made in these Rules
- Any claim by any third party, including depicted individuals, regarding the use of the photograph
- Any violation of any applicable law or third-party rights in connection with the submission

SAN expressly disclaims all liability for any claims arising from the content of submitted photographs.



8. License and Use of Images

Photographers retain **full copyright ownership** of their submitted images.

By submitting a photograph to this contest, each participant irrevocably grants the **Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN)** a **non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual, worldwide, sublicensable license** to reproduce, display, distribute, publish, adapt, and otherwise use the submitted image – in whole or in part, and in any media or format, whether now known or hereafter developed – for purposes related to SAN's mission, activities, communications, and advocacy, including but not limited to:

- SAN's official website and digital platforms
- Social media channels
- Event exhibitions and materials, including the RegenAg Forum
- Newsletters, reports, and internal communications
- Educational, advocacy, and training materials
- Publications promoting regenerative agriculture and sustainable land management
- Grant applications, donor communications, and institutional presentations

This license applies to **all submitted photographs**, not only those selected as finalists or winners.

Attribution: Whenever reasonably practicable, SAN will credit the photographer by name when their image is used. However, SAN does not guarantee attribution in all contexts, and the absence of attribution in any particular use shall not constitute a breach of these Rules or give rise to any claim against SAN.

No additional compensation: Except for the prizes described in Section 9, **no additional compensation, royalty, or payment of any kind** will be provided to participants for SAN's use of submitted images under this license.

No obligation to use: Submission of a photograph does not guarantee or obligate SAN to use the image in any context.

9. Judging Process and Timeline

Judging Panel: All eligible submissions will be evaluated by a jury selected by SAN. Jury members may include professionals in the fields of photography,





agriculture, ecology, communications, and related disciplines. The identity of jury members need not be publicly disclosed.

Judging Criteria:

- Relevance to regenerative agriculture and the contest theme
- Storytelling quality and strength of message
- Creativity and originality
- Visual and technical quality

People's Choice Award: A People's Choice Award will be determined through a **public voting process** to be conducted by SAN through its official digital channels. Details of the voting procedure will be announced by SAN. SAN reserves the right to disqualify votes that it reasonably determines to be fraudulent, automated, or otherwise manipulative. SAN's determination regarding the People's Choice Award is final.

Timeline:

- Submission period: **April 15 – May 15, 2026**
- Winners announced: **June 2026** (exact date to be confirmed by SAN)

SAN reserves the right to modify the announcement timeline at its sole discretion. All decisions made by the jury regarding prizes, finalist selection, and disqualifications are **final and binding** and not subject to appeal.

10. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Award	Prize
Overall First Place	USD 1,000
People's Choice Award	USD 400



Category Winner – Agrobiodiversity	USD 200
Category Winner – Landscapes	USD 200
Category Winner – People and Livelihoods	USD 200

Additional recognition: All finalists will receive a digital certificate of recognition from SAN. Winning and finalist photographs will be:

- Featured in the **RegenAg Forum** exhibition
- Showcased on **SAN's communication channels**
- Eligible for inclusion in **SAN publications and materials**

Prize conditions:

Prizes will be awarded only to participants who have met all eligibility requirements and fulfilled all conditions set forth in these Rules, including verification of authenticity and submission of required releases.

- SAN reserves the right to **withhold, cancel, or reclaim any prize** if the winner is found to have violated these Rules at any time, including after the prize has been announced or awarded.
- Prizes are **non-transferable and non-exchangeable**. No cash alternative will be offered, except at SAN's sole discretion.
- Winners are **solely responsible for all applicable taxes, duties, fees, or charges** arising from receipt of any prize, in accordance with the laws of their country of residence. SAN will not cover or reimburse any such obligations.
- SAN reserves the right to **substitute a prize of equivalent or greater value** if the stated prize becomes unavailable due to circumstances beyond SAN's control.
- Prize payment details, including preferred payment method and currency, will be communicated to winners directly. SAN does not assume responsibility for bank fees, exchange rate losses, or transfer charges incurred by the recipient.
- In the event that a winner cannot be contacted within **30 days** of SAN's initial notification attempt, or fails to respond or meet verification requirements within that period, SAN reserves the right to disqualify that winner and award the prize to an alternate finalist at SAN's discretion.



11. Disqualification

SAN reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to **disqualify any submission or participant** at any time for any of the following reasons, without limitation:

- Failure to meet eligibility requirements
- Submission of incomplete, late, or technically non-compliant entries
- Use of AI-generated, AI-manipulated, or synthetically altered imagery
- Plagiarism or infringement of third-party intellectual property rights
- Failure to pass authenticity verification, including failure to provide RAW or source files upon request
- Failure to provide required model releases or property releases upon request
- Misrepresentation of any kind in the submission or in communications with SAN
- Content that violates applicable law, infringes on the rights of third parties, or that SAN deems offensive, defamatory, disrespectful, or harmful to individuals or communities depicted.
- Any attempt to manipulate, tamper with, or undermine the judging or voting process
- Any conduct that SAN determines to be contrary to the spirit of the contest

Disqualification will result in forfeiture of any prize. SAN is not obligated to explain the reasons for disqualification to the affected participant.

12. Privacy and Data Protection

By submitting an entry, participants consent to the **collection and processing of their personal data** (including name, email address, country of residence, and photographic content) by SAN for the purposes of administering the contest, communicating with participants, and fulfilling the license described in Section 8.

SAN will not sell participants' personal data to third parties. Data may be shared with SAN's operational partners and service providers solely for contest administration purposes.

Participants have the right to request access to, correction of, or deletion of their personal data, subject to SAN's legal obligations and the perpetual license granted under Section 8. Requests may be submitted to SAN via the contact information on the contest website.

13. Limitation of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law:

- SAN shall not be liable for any technical failures, interruptions, errors, or delays in the contest platform or submission process.



- SAN shall not be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, consequential, or punitive damages arising in connection with participation in this contest, receipt or use of any prize, or use of submitted photographs.
- SAN's total liability to any participant, for any cause and regardless of the form of action, shall not exceed the value of the prize awarded to that participant.
- Participants enter the contest at their own risk. SAN makes no warranties, express or implied, regarding the contest, the prizes, or any use of submitted images.

14. General Conditions and SAN's Reserved Rights

- SAN reserves the right to **cancel, suspend, or modify the contest** or these Rules at any time, for any reason, including but not limited to technical failures, fraud, or circumstances beyond SAN's control. In such cases, SAN will not be liable to any participant for any resulting loss or damage.
- SAN reserves the right to **amend these Rules** at any time. The most current version of the Rules will be posted at the Contest URL. Continued participation following any amendment constitutes acceptance of the revised Rules.
- These Rules constitute the **entire agreement** between SAN and participants with respect to this contest and supersede all prior understandings or representations.
- If any provision of these Rules is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
- These Rules shall be governed by and construed in accordance with **the laws of the jurisdiction in which SAN is incorporated**, without regard to conflict of law principles. Participants agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that jurisdiction for any dispute arising from these Rules or the contest.

15. Acceptance of Rules

By submitting an entry to this contest, the participant confirms that they have read, understood, and unconditionally agree to be bound by these Official Rules and all decisions made by SAN and the jury in connection with this contest.

Participants who do not agree to these Rules should not submit an entry.





For questions regarding the contest, please visit sustainableagriculture.eco or contact SAN through the official contact channels listed on the website.

These Official Rules are effective as of the opening of the Submission Period on April 15, 2026.

