How to Participate in the 2020 iLINC Carnival?

APEC Cyber Academy (ACA)
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There are two independent programs in the 2020 iLINC Carnival: How Can We Make the World More Inclusive and Sustainable? Striving for SDGs (Striving for UN SDGs) and the International Journalists. Students in K-12 around the globe are welcome to take part in one or both programs. The deadline for prospective participants to fulfill the prerequisites and enroll in the contest programs is September 12, 2020.

■ Prerequisites
Before enrolling in any of the two programs in the contest, there are two prerequisite tasks:

1. Registration to ACA
APEC Cyber Academy (ACA, http://linc.hinet.net/apec/) is the venue for the 2020 iLINC Carnival. All participants are required to register to the web site. When registering, the information you provide in the fields “School Name” and “City” is essential. APEC Cyber Academy will group people into sub-groups or communities based on this set of information. Please making sure that teachers and students from the same school provide identical data (including spaces and type cases of characters) in these two fields. Otherwise, APEC Cyber Academy is unable to identify your team members as being from the same school and will not be able to form teams correctly later. Furthermore, please provide your correct full name, so we can provide you a copy of the award certificate if you win the contest.

2. Learning about Online Safety and Conduct
Since this is an online contest and interpersonal communication plays an important role, we need to make sure all participants are aware of online safety and proper online behaviors. Hence, all participants must pass the game, Survivor Online, before they are qualified to enroll in the contest. Survivor Online is in the “Learning Space” under “Learning with Friends”.
### How to Enroll in the Striving for UN SDGs?

1. Form a team with 5-20 students and one teacher or adult who had registered on the website.

2. The teacher or team captain of the team needs to login to APEC Cyber Academy and go to “Learning Space”, then “How Can We Make the World More Inclusive and Sustainable?”

3. On the “How Can We Make the World More Inclusive and Sustainable? Striving for SDGs” homepage, the teacher or team captain need to choose one of the four PBL courses and enroll the team at the chosen course homepage. The place for enrollment is “Form Teams” system, which is under “Participants” section in the course homepage.

   Figure 1 illustrate the structure of a PBL course unit in ACA. The procedure of enrollment is very simple and online instructions are provided.

4. Student can only enroll in one of the four courses exclusively. However, a teacher can lead more than one team and participate in more than one course.

   ![Figure 1: The PBL Course Unit Structure in ACA](image)

The four PBL courses in 2020 iLINC Carnival are: Fostering Environmental Sustainability with Beneficial Creature, Cheer Them On: Using STEAM to Address Gender Equality Issues in the Olympic Games, Fight for a Better Earth: STEAM to Tackle Climate Change and Battle Global Warming, and Insect Project.
How to Enroll in the International Journalists?
Any K-12 student who is interested in reporting stories and news about his/her local community or anything that is related to UN SDGs is welcome to fill out the online application form and become a journalist. ACA will carefully review all applications and issue an APEC Journalists ID Card to eligible applicants.
The program is in the “Learning Space” of the APEC Cyber Academy. Figure 2 depicts the structure of the portal of the International Journalists program. As soon as the applications are approved, eligible journalists can download their ID Cards in the “My Profile” section and start to submit their stories in the “Upload News Center”. The names of all journalists and their backgrounds will be shown in the “Our Family” section.
All journalists are encouraged to use all kinds of multimedia such as text, graphics, or audio/video files to produce appealing news stories and upload them to ACA. Submitted stories can either be happening at school or in the local community.

![Diagram of International Journalists Program](image)

Figure 2: Structure of the International Journalists Program
*My Profile and Upload News Center are available only to eligible journalists

Hardware Requirements
ACA and its programs are designed with advanced information technology. To enjoy the learning services provided by ACA comfortably, you need a Windows-based PC (Windows 7 or above recommended) with a brand-new Microsoft Edge browser (2020 version). In addition, to take full advantage of ACA’s online tools, you should have a webcam and a headset.
Code of Conduct

ACA provides a variety of communication tools and hosts a versatile international learning community. Participants of the contest are encouraged to communicate with other community members throughout the contest with online tools. However, ACA administers strict rules that require participants to show appropriate online behavior on learning. Anyone who violates these rules, such as using inappropriate language or violating copyright laws when submitting artifacts, will be disqualified and removed from the program. Also, posting meaningless or duplicated messages in discussion forums is prohibited.