

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is a collaborative online encyclopedia?

A collaborative online encyclopedia refers to any encyclopedia published on the Internet to which anyone can contribute and consult for free. An encyclopedia can be either general and multilingual, such [Wikipedia](#) (which also includes a [Tamazight version](#)), or specific to a language, such [Al-Marefa](#) in Arabic and [Enciclopedia Libre](#) in Spanish, or it can be thematic, as [World History](#) in English.

I have never contributed to a collaborative encyclopedia, but would like to participate in the Prize.

The Prize is open to the public. Prior knowledge of contribution and participation techniques on collaborative encyclopedias is not required; therefore you can refer to help pages and learning videos.

If you plan to participate in a collaborative encyclopedia based on the wiki model, you can follow [this MOOC](#) (in French) and [this series of tutorials](#) (in Arabic).

Can I participate even if the contest has started?

Yes, anyone can participate during the period from november 30 2022 to march 31, 2023.

Can I participate even if I am not based in Morocco?

Participation in the Award is not exclusive to Moroccans or residents in Morocco. Therefore, feel free to submit any text you wrote, a video or audio clip you recorded, or photo you took related to the Moroccan cultural heritage.

How to get the participation link?

In order to generate your participation link for the text contest, simply click on the URL bar of the page you are working on, at the top of your browser, to select the full link.

For photo, video and audio contests, the link will be generated when the file is uploaded.

Do I have to give up the copyright on my submissions?

If you are the producer of the video, sound recording or the photographer of the picture you always retain the copyright and moral rights to your submissions. But since we are encouraging wide use of these supports, we kindly ask that you release your entries under a free license (usually CC BY-SA 4.0). This means that you cannot

charge a re-use fee, whether on the collaborative encyclopedia or elsewhere, but you can require re-users to attribute you as the author.

What is a free license?

A license is free when it guarantees the user a certain number of fundamental freedoms. Free licenses defend 4 freedoms: freedom of use, freedom of modification, freedom of redistribution and freedom of publication.

What is the Creative Commons license?

There are several standards of free licenses, one of them is the Creative Commons license which allows the author, through variants, to indicate to users what freedoms they have over the work and what are their obligations. There are 6 types of Creative Commons (CC) licenses, they always allow the free distribution of the work, but can prohibit commercial use (NC) and modifications (ND) or even require the maintenance of the license for works derivatives (SA). They all require the mention of the author's name (BY).

I have a video and/or audio file in a format other than the one accepted in the collaborative encyclopedia, what should I do?

You can change the format of a video or audio file using a converter software or an online tool.

If you have chosen the Wikimedia Commons platform, linked to the Wikipedia encyclopedia, you can use the [video2commons](#) tool which will convert and upload your file.

I have materials (photo, or video or audio) taken by my smartphone and wish to submit them for the Prize, are they eligible?

Yes, all types of photographic, videographic and sound recording equipment are permitted for the Prize. You can transfer your files to the chosen collaborative encyclopedia from your smartphone.

If you have chosen the Wikimedia Commons platform, you can use its mobile application, on [iOS](#) and [Android](#), to upload your files.

My question is not here

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