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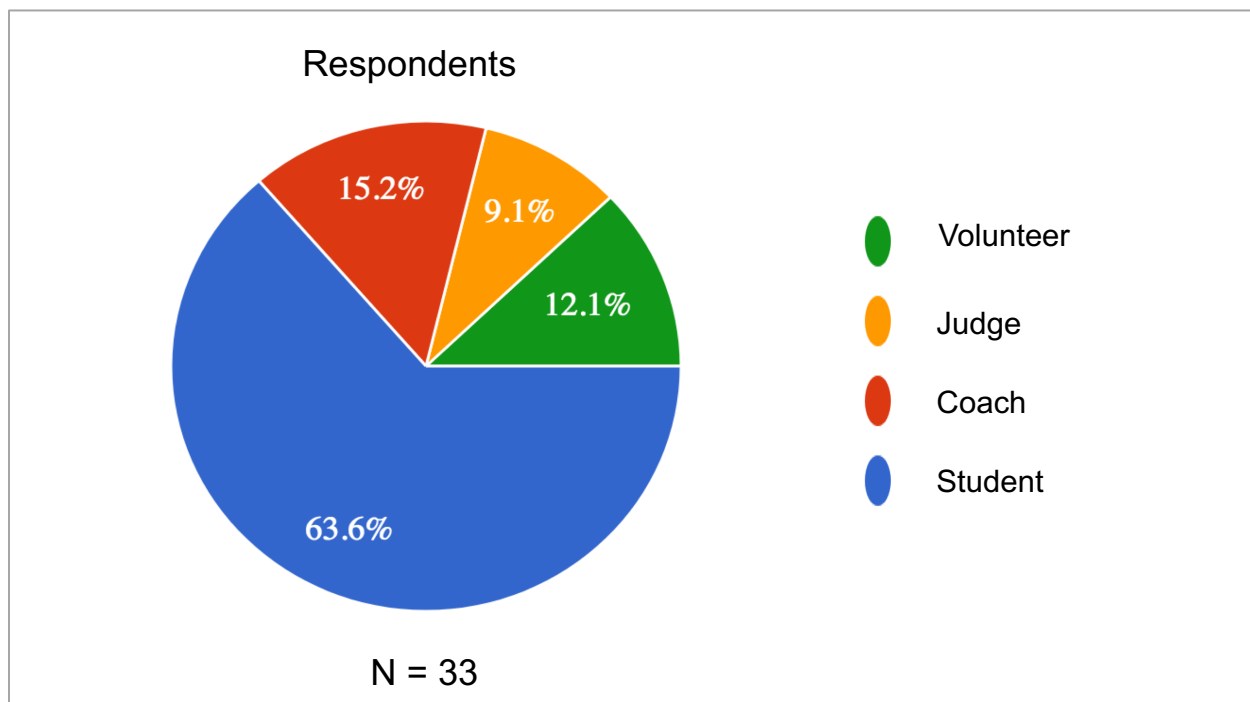


World evaluation case competition

WECC 2019 Survey Results

Respondents

Thirty-three (33) of 70 questionnaires were completed (**47% response**).



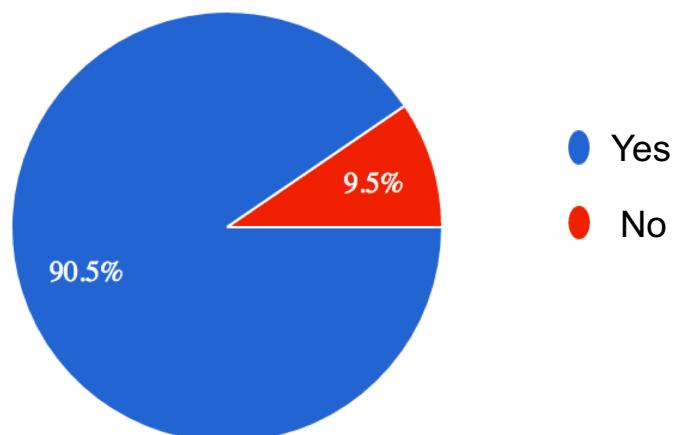
WECC Website

Info at the WECC website was considered satisfactory by most respondents. Comments for improving the site were as follows:

- Improve the type of questions
- Better information on judgement criteria.

Did information at the competition website give you a good understanding of what to expect on the day of the Competition?

N = 21



The Case

Students rated the difficulty of the case (Climate Change Adaptation in the Maldives) using a scale of 'too difficult' / 'reasonably challenging' / 'not very challenging'.

All 21 students indicated that they had found the case to be 'reasonably challenging'. Comments on the case follow:

- The case was fair and straightforward.
- More time needed and case may not have had general geographical applicability.
- The case was good but we wished to have been given the cases that apply to our context! like Mozambique Cyclone and Floods in Uganda etc.

[Ed note: For the world competition, all teams must have the same case. One way to focus on local issues would be to have national or regional competitions. We encourage everyone to create local case competitions, as Canada and the Czech Republic have already done.]

- It's really challenging but we didn't have enough time.
- The case was challenging; The documents were too long and important to be read at the same time, in order to get a better understanding of the case, which takes time; Although there were 5 of us, and it was our first experience, the hours were definitely not enough.
- I do not think reviewing 50+ pages of documents for a 5-hour case competition is feasible. The case did not seem well organized. Important information could have summarized into 10 pages for students.
- The case was challenging in the fact that we had to understand a completely unique country such as Maldives to which few can draw parallels.
- Le cas [...] était pour ma part un cas classique d'évaluation. La documentation était plutôt importante au vu du temps qui nous était imparti. Il faudrait mieux peut être augmenter le temps du concours afin de mieux apprécier les documents.
- Thank you WECC for the opportunity and I learnt a lot from working under short period of time, getting the right group or team, as well as the focus [...] I love challenges and it mentally prepared me for more challenges.

- It was a concrete case study reflecting a topical issue. All the provided information and shared documents contained the required material for a successful completion of the competition. What we would also like is to have the winning teams' papers as it was the practice for the previous year's competition, it would be very useful for us students to understand our shortcomings and to improve.

[Ed note: The winning submission is posted at the WECC website in the Archives section.]

- The time was challenging specially because we have human needs like to eat and use restroom in between. So, to keep focused and on track of time was pretty challenging.
- A very good test.

Students' Experience

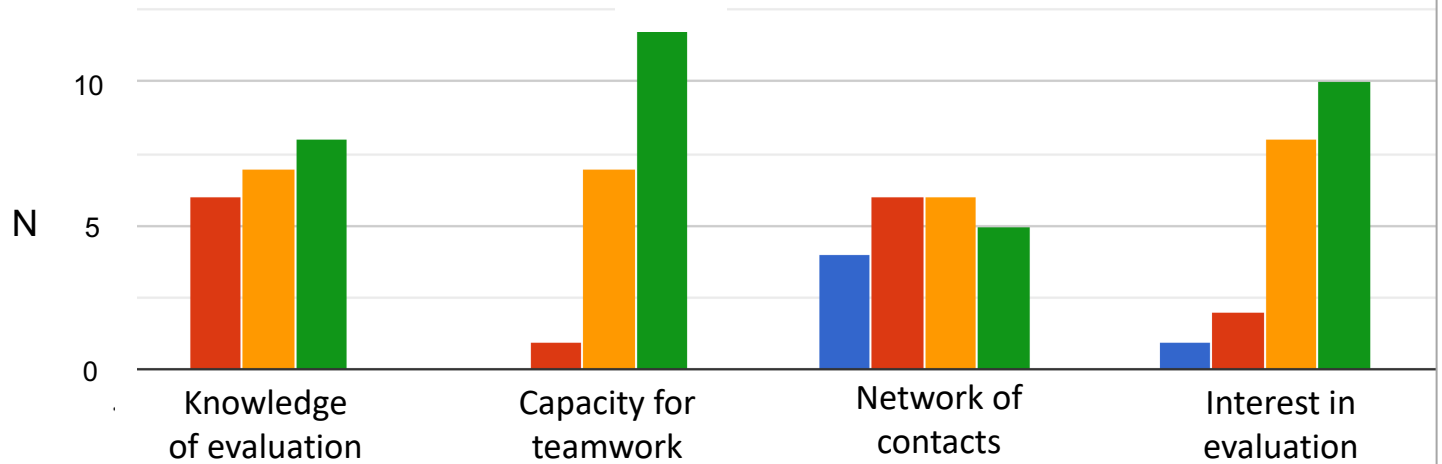
Students were asked what they **liked most about the competition**. Comments follow:

- So educative [...]
- It was very exciting and it tested our understanding of the evaluation process!
- The reference materials sent ahead of the competition. This helped to start thinking through the expectation.
- The organization and reactivity of the organizers. I would like to congratulate you on this and thank you for your efforts. I also liked the feedback of the experts and the availability of the case's solution.
- The organization and the topic (2 comments)
- Competing globally

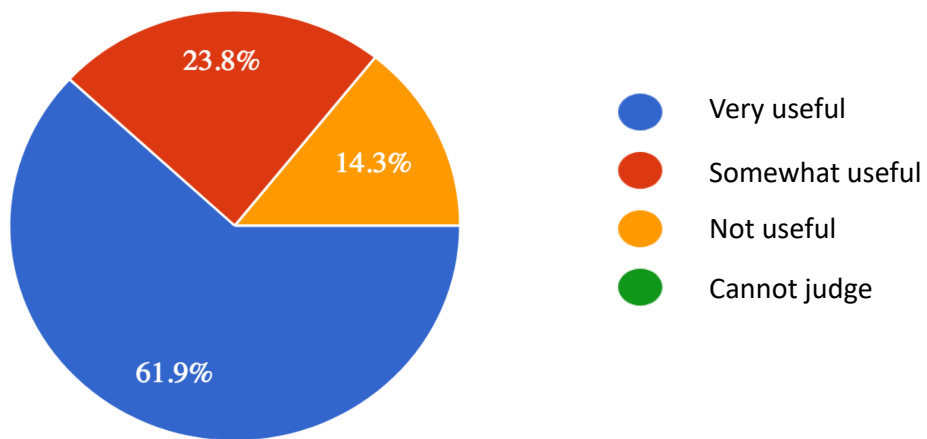
- The way it's made us learn about evaluation and the way it had make us to give all what we had
- Our team's flow
- The teamwork element
- The fact that we were all considered as professional workers! It was a good experience!
- I liked the fact that we had to present a competent document in so little time which was quite a thrill to us.
- It focused on a very current issue. (2 comments)
- Pour nous autres qui étions encore des étudiants dont théoriciens, peut-être nous faire part de documents qui pourront nous aider à mieux nous imprégner sur les méthodes d'évaluation.
- Nice question. Given the fact that it was worldwide I gave it my best and as well we worked for long hours every day for one week. Becoming [regional] champions [...] was the best moment for me... We were all happy for the competition despite few challenges such as logistics and the anxiety for facing the world audience.
- Being so reasonable since I was from a different field to monitoring... Being challenged is what I like most.
- I loved to see myself doing what I had learned, in a pressure environment. Thanks to my team and coach, everything went well.

To what extent did participating in the competition increase your knowledge of evaluation, capacity for teamwork, etc.?

- No increase
- Small
- Medium
- Large increase



How useful was the feedback from the judging panel?



N = 23

Suggestions for Improving WECC

Respondents were asked for **suggestions for improving the competition**. Feedback follows:

- Appreciating the participants or giving awards that will motivate the participants to improve.
- Please make the cases context based and give participants certificates for participating and recognition for the time they spend.
- La langue a été un défi pour nous bien que nous l'ayons surmontée autant que mal. Si vous pouvez ajouter d'autres langues pour le concours tel que le français se sera top
- Case should have contextual and geographical applicability. Since a case may involve perusing large documents, documents could be sent to participants a day before or some few hours before the start time.
- I would suggest that the competition should be made and customized to the group depending on their locations and, as well, consultation should be done to ensure that the topics picked are global or regional depending on the nature of the problem facing the given community so that the output of the research can be used to find solution to the regions or government, so that the Institutions or groups can ensure the continuity of the given project or assignment so as to have effective implementation as well as finding lasting solution to the problems already identified .

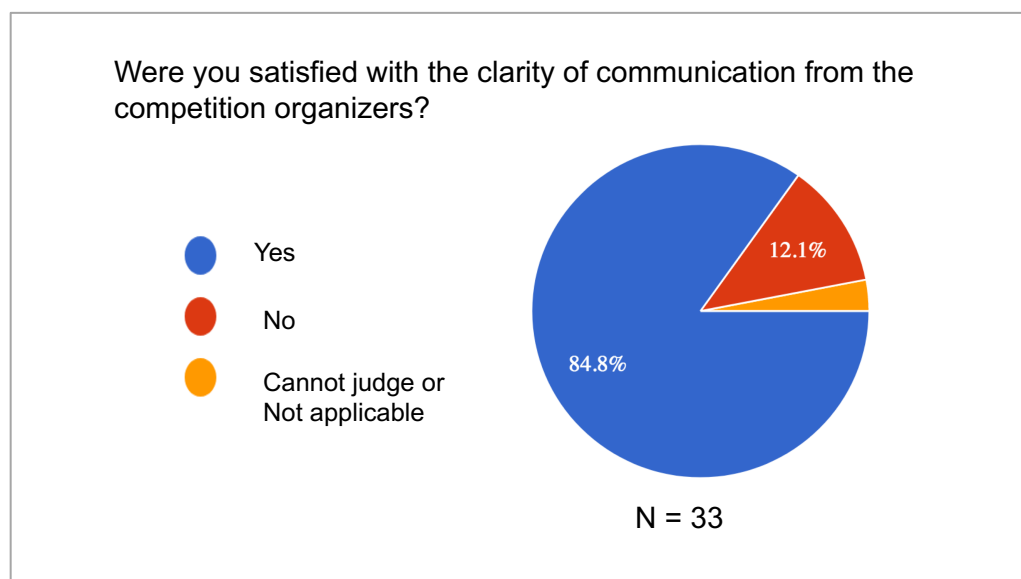
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- It would be good to share the winning competition documents with the rest to compare. Also, the certificates are better with WECC logo and signature of the lead judge.
- Give at the end the ranking of all the teams. It's might be useful for some of us.

- We need to know who the winner was and the prize package if any, has to be indicated to improve the competition.

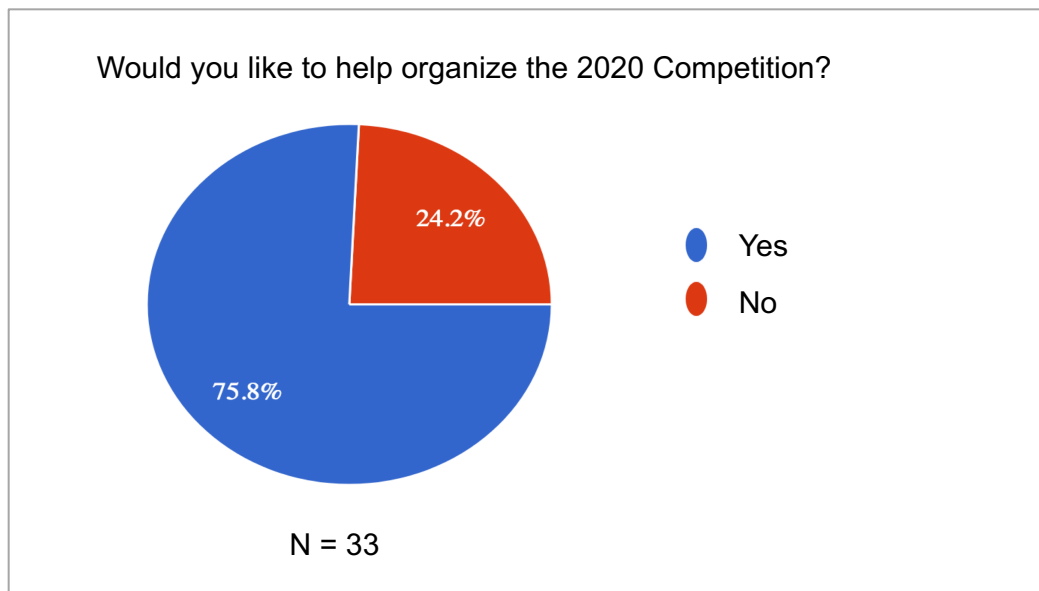
[Ed note: The winners are indicated in an article on competition results in the News section at the WECC website. The winning case is also posted at the Competition website, in the Archives section. At this early stage of development of the Competition, fundraising for prizes has only just begun.]

- Better communication especially on what to expect on the day of the competition, the feedback and judgement was very delayed which made me lose interest in the competition ... and the feedback could have been more comprehensive
- Better timing (we were waiting too long), better feedback (not just 3 sentences), nice certificate with some signature or something, better instructions (skype call?)
- More publicity about the contest should be done and recognition should be improvised.
- Ask the teams to publicize their participation... particularly the winners.
- Continue to build on what we learned this year, things redone, added to our tasks list

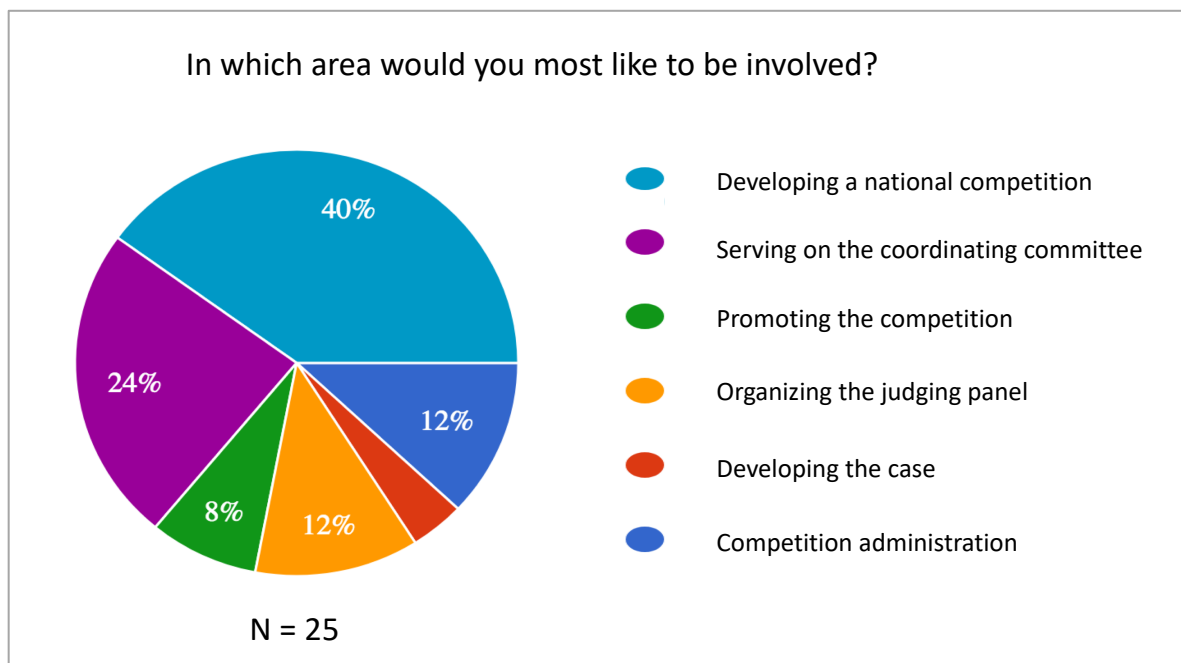


Interest in Volunteering

Twenty-five respondents expressed **interest in helping organize the 2020 Competition.**



Ten of the 25 who were interested in volunteering would like to be involved in developing national or regional competitions.



Additional Comments

There was a space in the questionnaire for **additional comments**. The following were offered.

- Well done. Great work.
- It would be good to give overall ranking at the end of the competition plus regional ranking too, i.e., (Europe, Asia and Pacific, Africa, America, etc.)
- Congratulations for promoting evaluation.
- It is recommended that a certification of participation and winning is given to the teams so that they can reflect this in their CV and have evidence for the same.
- Having participated in the competition I would like to thank the WECC for the support. But, however, I would love our certificate we got to have a seal so that they can be authentic if delivered for recognition. Thank you.

[Ed note: Certificates of participation in the 2019 competition were sent to team contact for distribution to team members. Anyone who did not subsequently receive their certificate may request one from admin@worldcasecomp.one. The certificate will be improved for the 2020 competition.]

- Addition of conferencing platforms as well holograms if possible can make the survey interesting, chats or meetings on line...

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