On June 15 we will have a series of short debates on sustainability topics. We will be using the Lincoln-Douglas debate format, which is outlined below.

The basic structure includes the following:

* Two teams (the Affirmative Team and the Negative Team)
* A mediator
* An unequal number of turns (4 vs. 3), but an equal amount of time for each team (12 minutes)
* Each team has time for its position statement (the “Constructive”).
* Each team has time (3 minutes) to ask questions (the “Cross Examination).

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| Table 1. *Lincoln-Douglas Debate Format* | | | |
| T | Acronym | Speech | Description |
| 5 | AC | Affirmative Constructive | The Aff Team reads a prepared statement. |
| 3 | CX | Cross Examination | The Neg Team asks questions. |
| 6 | NC (1NR) | Negative Constructive &  1st Negative Rebuttal | The Neg Team reads a prepared statement and refutes the Aff case. |
| 3 | CX | Cross Examination | The Aff Team asks questions. |
| 4 | 1AR | 1st Affirmative Rebuttal | The Aff Team refutes the Neg case and rebuilds its own case. |
| 5 | NR (2NR) | (2nd) Negative Rebuttal | The Neg Team refutes the Aff case and rebuilds its own case; gives final summary |
| 2 | 2AR | 2nd Affirmative Rebuttal | The Aff Team briefly refutes the Neg case and gives summary. |
| *Note.* T = time in minutes. | | | |