



## Contest Background and Guidelines

### “Ideas for Change: Enabling Youth as Agents of Change for Digital Transformation and Inclusive Climate Action”

*Turn your ideas into action.*

#### **Background**

The United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG) will continue to provide a platform for young peoples’ ideas to be heard and involve them in the work of the UN through the Ideas for Change Contest. Under this year’s theme of Enabling Youth as Agents of Change for Effective Digital Transformation and Inclusive Climate Action, the contest will cover UNPOG’s six (6) priority action areas: i) strengthening institutions for more integrated solutions, ii) enhancing national implementation, iii) harnessing innovation and digital government, iv) bolstering local action to accelerate implementation, v) reducing disaster risk and building resilience, and vi) ensuring leaving no one behind; and will invite youth to develop and propose innovative projects related with the 6 priority action areas with the use of effective digital transformation and/or inclusive climate action.

The contest will provide an opportunity for prospective teams to share their ideas among peers and be heard by different UN agencies and other institutions to further progress and implement their project.

#### **Eligibility**

Students and young professionals between the ages of 16 through 24 are invited to submit their ideas for the competition. Prospective teams must consist of three (3) members, and may be formed from across different schools, institutions, companies, countries, and nationalities.

#### **Requirement**

To join the contest, teams are required to register as a contestant from the link [here](#). As part of their entry to the contest, the team will be required to complete the contest entry form and upload the document unto the registration link.

**Note:** Prospective teams are required to sign in using their g-mail account to upload their entry. Should they encounter problems logging in, please reach out to the e-mail provided below.

#### **Evaluation and Selection Process**

As a preliminary round, the essay entries will be evaluated by UNPOG staff. The content of their essay will be assessed according to their knowledge and delivery of the issue, organisation of the content, and creativity and feasibility of the ideas.

#### **Shortlisted Teams**

Five (5) prospective teams will be shortlisted following the assessment of the contestant’s submission entry. The shortlisted teams will be invited to prepare a PowerPoint presentation of their essay and present it on the day of the Youth Forum. The team leaders will also be contacted via the e-mail address they have provided on the entry form.

## Winners

Three (3) winners will be selected fairly by panels from UN agencies and other international organisations, through the Question-and-Answer session of the Forum. A certification award from the Ministry of the Interior and Safety (MOIS), Ministry of Environment, and Incheon Metropolitan City from the Republic of Korea will be awarded to the winners.

## Timeline

Process	Date
Announcement of the Contest	10 July 2023
Deadline for the Submission of Entry	11 August 2023
Preliminary Round	28 August 2023
Announcement of Short-listed Teams	1 September 2023
Presentation	8 September 2023 (Friday)

## Outcome

The shortlisted teams will be invited to virtually join the Youth Session of the UN DESA's Regional Symposium. The first prize winner of the contest will also have the opportunity to present their idea during the Youth Session of the Symposium.

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