

Conditions of Participation

1. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH with headquarters in Eschborn and Bonn ("GIZ") is the organiser of the Innovation Challenge 2020.
2. The Innovation Challenge 2020 is open to (i.) persons who have completed their 18th year of life, and (ii.) start-ups and small companies (collectively "**participants**") who register themselves and their innovation by 31 March 2020 at the latest using the registration function on the website ic2020.worldwithout hunger.org.
3. The participating partner countries include the following countries (together "**Participating Partner Countries**"):

Africa: Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Zambia

Asia: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand
4. Individuals who register for the competition must be resident in a participating partner country. Applying start-up/small enterprises must be based in a participating partner country.
5. There are three categories of competition:
 - (1) Mechanization in the context of agriculture in one participating partner country
 - (2) Digitalization in the context of agriculture of a participating partner country
 - (3) Renewable energy in the context of agriculture in a Participating Partner Country
 Each participant can only apply for one competition category.
6. The following criteria ("**Selection Criteria**") will be used to select five finalists in each category and three winners (first place, second place, third place) will be selected from these five finalists in each category:
 - The practical benefit of the innovation in participating partner countries (e.g. what is improving/ facilitated by the innovation etc.)
 - The impact of the innovation in the participating partner countries (especially which target group(s) and how many (potential) people are reached).
 - The degree of innovation in the participating partner countries.
 - The potentials of implementation and demand of the innovation in the participating partner countries.
 - The context to the [United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals](#) (especially goals 1, 2, 9, 17 and 7).
7. All participants must already have a passport at the time of registration, which is valid until at least 31.12.2020.
8. The innovation must be intended for use in participating partner countries.
9. The five finalists* in each category will receive
 - A coaching for the preparation of the presentation pitch (this includes two mandatory digital webinars in May 2020 and two mandatory training days in Berlin on June 3 and 4, 2020)
 - Trip to Berlin for the presentation of the pitch on 05 June 2020 and for the presentation training on 03 and 04 June 2020.
 - GIZ will cover the costs of visa fees, a return flight in Economy Class, transportation to and from the airport, accommodation and meals (up to a maximum of EUR 28 per day, in accordance with the GIZ guidelines for the reimbursement of travel expenses, which will be sent to finalists later).
10. The three winners in each category will receive a support package individually tailored to their innovation. The total value of the respective support package is
 - for the first-place winners up to EUR 50,000 each,
 - up to EUR 20,000 each for the second-place winners and
 - up to EUR 10,000 each for the third-place winners.
11. The support package can include the following elements:
 - I. Knowledge und Know-how;
 - II. Coaching and Training;
 - III. Mentoring;
 - IV. Networking;
 - V. Studies.
12. No cash or electronic disbursement of the monetary values possible. A return of the prize is also not possible. Claims to winnings are not transferable.
13. The finalists will be selected by GIZ employees according to the selection criteria. The

winners will be selected by an independent jury of experts based on the selection criteria and announced during the final.

14. The respective support package will be designed together with the winners after the final. GIZ will then carry out the procurement necessary for the respective support package in accordance with GIZ guidelines and make it available to the winners. The procurement process may take up to six months.
15. GIZ reserves the right to exclude participants who provide false or incomplete information, use unauthorized aids or who otherwise violate the conditions of participation from participation in the Innovation Challenge 2020 without giving reasons. In such a case, it is also possible that the prize may be subsequently withdrawn. GIZ will ask for a statement in case of suspicion. If this remains unanswered, GIZ reserves the right to exclude the participant from the competition.
16. If a winner does not take advantage of the support package, GIZ reserves the right to decide at its own discretion what to do with the support package.
17. GIZ reserves the right to react transparently to unforeseen circumstances by changing or cancelling the competition, especially in the event of manipulation or if the execution of the competition is endangered.
18. Should any clause of these terms and conditions be invalid, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall remain unaffected.
19. Recourse to the courts is not permitted