

## FAQ:

**1. Is there an application fee?**

No, registration for the challenge, including all our workshops and activities, is free.

**2. Are all the workshops and activities held online or onsite?**

Online

**3. Am I still eligible to apply for the challenge if my age, and/or my team member's age, is less than 16 on the application deadline but over 16 after the application deadline; OR less than 30 on the application deadline but over 30 after the application deadline?**

All members who are eligible to apply for the challenge must be 16-30 years old by the time of application. That means that you must be over 16 by June 10, but it's OK if you are over 30 on June 11.

**4. What level of proficiency in English is required, and what are the expectations for application and submission, especially if only one of our team members speaks English?**

Your Application form (deadline, June 10) and Idea Submission for Selection (July 23) both need to be completed in English. Your English-speaking team member(s) will need to be able to effectively communicate the content of the workshops to the rest of your team, especially around the requirements for Idea Submission. Contact us if you need further language support (after Acceptance to the Hackathon, not at the Application stage), and we will let you know what assistance may be provided.

**5. Do you have any preference for the balance of team members, or teams from particular countries?**

The quality of your idea and its development is paramount, but preference will also be given for teams that are gender balanced or feature women. We also aim to promote teams from Least Developed Countries (LDCs). We will take these factors (gender, LDC) into account for the overall balance of the finalist round, and/or in terms of solutions that address such inequalities, or have the potential to be replicated or otherwise applied in different countries, regions, or social contexts.

**6. Am I eligible to register for the challenge if I am a full-time student, employee/employer, or a citizen in one of the eligible countries - Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, and Malaysia - but am currently traveling outside these countries?**

Yes, you are eligible to apply for the challenge. To apply, we need you to attach a copy of your student ID, employee/employer ID, or National ID card/passport, and home address, that shows the eligible country you are usually based in. See the application form for more details (attach link: <https://forms.gle/grVwMjVsLP5dAsMw8>).

**7. Can I apply for both 'Circular Economy & Social Innovation', and 'Water, Sanitation & Hygiene' themes?**

No, the team must choose only one theme, either 'Circular Economy & Social Innovation' or 'Water, Sanitation & Hygiene', to apply for the challenge.

**8. Does the team need to submit a prototype to apply for the challenge?**

No need. We are open to teams who wish to start creating a solution, or whose idea is in an ideation stage - the first stage of innovation creation. Our objective is to help teams who pass the application screening, to break down problems, ideate potential solutions, and test them in a real or simulated use environment through our ideation bootcamp.

**9. What is the Circular Economy & Social Innovation theme about? What are the judges looking for?**

We are looking for innovative circular economy solutions, with projects that may take different forms - as ways of using less or using longer, reusing, recycling, or refurbishing, even regenerating with bio-based materials. Projects may include local community initiatives for social innovation and behavior change, sustainable products and services, zero waste and waste management initiatives, civil society and advocacy, communication campaigns, inclusive business models, and so on. We are also looking for projects that demonstrate an alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals and the way these are measured in terms of social impact.

**10. What is the Water, Sanitation & Hygiene theme about? What are the judges looking for?**

We are looking for innovative Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) solutions that will make a difference for children, young people, and their families across the Asia Pacific. Solutions should promote or provide 1) sustainable approaches to deliver safe water and sanitation services, 2) menstrual health and hygiene 3) handwashing. Solutions are not limited to products or services, but can also include capacity building, behavioral change initiatives, or other innovative approaches.

We are looking for solutions that:

- Will have a positive impact on families and children, especially the most vulnerable (such as urban or rural poor, remote communities that lack infrastructure, among others)
- Can help *everyone* access safe, affordable and sustainable WASH services that are resilient to the impacts of climate change and enable resource recovery
- Have the potential to reach scale

**11. Do I need to attend all the workshops and activities?**

- Preliminary Round: Ideation Bootcamp on July 9th & 10th  
Teams that pass the Preliminary Round are required to attend **the Ideation Bootcamp on July 9th & 10th. At least one member** should be present at the

workshops. If unable to follow this requirement, the team will not be eligible to compete in the final round selection.

- Finalist Round: Alumni Showcase, Mentorship, and Pitch Event (August 6th & 7th)

Teams that pass the finalist selection round are required to attend the **Alumni Showcase, Mentorship, and Pitch Event on August 6th & 7th**. All members should be present at the workshop. If unable to follow this requirement, the team must declare the reasons. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## **12. After passing the preliminary round, what is the criteria for selecting an innovation/solution for the finalist round?**

### 12.1) Impact

Impact refers to the creation of a positive impact or an ability to solve a problem (pain point). Impact can be divided into two forms: 1) impact depth or qualitative impact related to problem solving 2) quantitative impact related to the number of population that benefits from your innovation or solution.

### 12.2) Feasibility

Feasibility or possibility to create an innovation or solution that is able to solve problems practically or realistically. The team should have a time frame and a clear plan for creating their innovation. It is also worth considering the financial feasibility to turn such an innovation into a reality.

### 12.3) Uniqueness

By comparing the innovation or solution of a team with other innovations or existing ideas, the team's innovation needs to exhibit outstanding or unique qualities and competitive advantages over existing innovations.

### 12.4) Relevance

Your innovation or solution needs to be relevant to our challenge themes, either Circular Economy & Social Innovation, or Water, Sanitation & Hygiene. As above (FAQ 7 & 8), the criteria for each theme is as follows:

#### 12.4.1 Circular Economy & Social Innovation

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#### 12.4.2 Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Innovative Water, Sanitation and Hygiene solutions should make a difference for children, young people, and their families across Asia Pacific. Solutions should promote or provide 1) sustainable approaches to deliver safe water and sanitation services, 2) menstrual health and hygiene 3) handwashing.

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**13. Who has ownership of the innovation or solution when submitted to the challenge?**

Teams have full ownership of their innovations or solutions throughout the challenge. None of our partners have the right to own and/or apply the innovations or solutions of any teams.

**14. Do my team members and I receive certificates for attending the challenge?**

Every team member that collaborates on submitting an idea to the challenge **on June 23** will receive a certificate of participation. Also, the finalists and winners of the challenge would receive certificates of achievement.