

## Skills Challenge Innovation Call

### Boosting Youth Employability through Digital Skills

#### Section A. Identification of the applicant

1. Type of applicant
2. Name of the organisation
3. Type of organization (lead applicant)
  - Government agency
  - Employers' organization
  - Workers' organization (trade unions)
  - Cooperative
  - Education and training institution (including schools, training providers, and universities)
  - NGO/ civil society organisation
  - Research institution
  - Other (please specify)
4. Objectives of the organisation
5. Registration No.
6. Please upload a proof of legal registration that shows the existence of the applicant organization for at least three calendar years before the deadline of the submission for applications
7. Number of people who work in the organisation
8. The date when the organization was formally established (mm/yyyy)
9. Please provide a brief background about the principal projects or programmes of the organization (max. words: 200)
10. Contact details
  - Address
  - City/ Town
  - Province
  - Postal Code
  - Email address
  - Phone
11. Website (URL)
12. Name of a contact person (First name, surname)
13. Job title of the contact person
14. Email address of the contact person
15. For each member of the team involved in the solution provide a short bio and an indication of their role (max. words: 200)
16. Please attach a copy of current CVs of each team member involved in the proposed solution with an indication of their role in the solution. Please combine all CVs in one PDF file for uploading.
17. Does the organization have prior experience in the field of digital skills, digital economy, youth employability and/or skills development? If so, please describe below (max. words: 200)

## Section B: Identification of the solution

18. Name of the solution
19. Brief description of background context, including a brief description of the specific aspects related to the challenge of digital skills and skills development that the solution will solve, overall and specific objectives, core functions, key users and why it is innovative (max. words: 500)
20. Where will the solution be implemented?

## Section C: Relevance

21. Please indicate which target scope of the Digital Skills for Decent Jobs for Youth does the solution fit the most. (Select all applicable)
  - It directly contributes to one of the targets of the National Digital and Future Skills Strategy
  - It contributes to or generates new social and economic outcomes for direct beneficiaries and targeted communities
  - It increases the accessibility of digital skills development services in South Africa
  - It enriches the content diversity of digital skills development services in South Africa
  - It supports the continuing professional development of lecturers through training of trainer's interventions
  - It seeks to encourage entrepreneurial initiatives, with a view of unlocking job opportunities for the youth
  - It is tailored to the specific needs of a vulnerable group (disadvantaged youth, youth forced to leave school, young graduates, unemployed youth)
22. What social, economic and development outcomes will the solution deliver? How does it contribute to SDGs 4 and 8? (max. words: 200)
23. Please describe, to what extent do the objectives and design of the solution are sensitive to economic, environmental, equity, social, political or other conditions in which the solution takes place? (max. words: 200)

## Section D: Feasibility

24. Please describe, to what extent is the solution technically and economically feasible? (max. words: 200)
25. Please explain, to what extent can the solution be realised in a simple, measurable, achievable, realistic way, and within a time-bounded period? (max. words: 200)

## Section E: Innovation

26. Please explain, what makes the solution new and innovative? (max. words: 300)
27. Please identify and explain, what is the status of your proposal: is it an early stage/emerging idea; intermediate stage/pilot implementation; or advanced stage/wide-spread implementation? Describe what is currently happening with your proposal (max. words: 200)
28. Are there similar solutions in the market? If yes, explain how your solution will build upon and/or interact with existing solutions and how it will add value to the field (max. words: 200)

## Section F: Value for DCDT/ILO/ITU/UNDP Joint Programme and GIZ priorities

29. What added value does the solution develop in the areas of skills development, youth employment and gender equality? (max. words: 200)
30. What added value does the solution generate for new social and economic outcomes to beneficiaries? (max. words: 200)

## Section G: Potential for impact

31. Who are the target beneficiaries of your solution? (max. words: 100)
32. What are the estimated number of direct and indirect beneficiaries? (max. words: 100)
33. What will be the long-term impact of the proposed solution? (max. words: 200)
34. Who are the major partners and/or supporters of the proposed solution? Please detail organization name, type of organization, area of work, purpose and status of partnership and/or support and proposed methods of engagement and participation. In case you have not engaged in any partnership for this specific solution, please indicate where do you envisage potential partnership opportunities. (max. words: 300)
35. Please provide the contact details of three references that support the proposed solution or endorse your organisation's capacity..

## Section H: Sustainability and potential for scalability and replication

36. If the idea has already been tested, please describe the results. (max. words: 200)
37. How can the proposal achieve sustainability in order to continue after the DCDT/ILO/ITU/UNDP Joint Programme support ends? (max. words: 200)
38. What do you think it will take for the solution to reach proof of concept, scale and be replicated in other regions? (max. words: 200)

## Section I. Ability to leverage expertise and networks

39. How can the DCDT/ILO/ITU/UNDP Joint Programme and GIZ network and expertise in the areas of skills development, youth employment, and gender equality contribute to achieve the solution? (max. words: 200)
40. How does your solution bring value for the DCDT/ILO/ITU/UNDP Joint Programme and GIZ's stakeholders? (max. words: 200)

## Section J: Budget

41. Provide a budget estimate concerning the utilization of the grant over the duration of the implementation of the solution. Please use the Budget Template.
  - Provide all cost information in United States Dollars.
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  - The cost categories provided are standard and not all may be applicable to your project. You should modify your budget depending on your proposed start and end dates.
  - The applicant must provide a detailed budget and indicate a contribution from the proposing youth-led organization (incl. source from other partners) corresponding to 10 percent of the value of the proposal, which can be represented by in kind and staff costs.

### Section K: Video (optional)

42. Please create a pitch video in English that presents the proposed solution and how it meets the criteria of the Skills Challenge Innovation Call. The video should not be longer than two (2) minutes in length. Upload your video on a platform of your preference and provide the link below.

### Section L: Declaration

43. I declare that the information presented in this form and accompanying documents is true and verifiable. I authorise the evaluation panel to verify the information presented in this document, including financial information, and to contact references, as well as partners and supporters to verify their commitment to the proposed solution. I also authorise the ILO to use any information and images provided by me for the purpose of promotion if my proposal is successful. I further acknowledge that I have read the Grant Agreement of the ILO and, if selected, I do not have any modifications to propose with respect to its content. I also understand that the ILO may transfer data including personal data to any of its partners, either for the purposes of evaluating the submission, or, if awarded, for purposes specified in the Grant Agreement of the ILO. I further understand that there is no legal recourse possible against the evaluation panel's decision, including in the event of non-selection or rejection; or, if an award is made but I do not complete the detailed work plan within the specified time-frame or it is considered of insufficient quality as determined solely by ILO. The ILO has the right to reject submissions or cancel the competition without providing any further reasons or notice.