



FACT SHEET

All you need to know

1st Malaysia Skills Challenge Innovation Call: Mainstreaming gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) in TVET/Skills training institutions.

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What is it?

The Skills Challenge Innovation Call by the ILO-UK Skills for Prosperity Programme in Malaysia aims to assist public and non-profit technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and skills training institutions in developing and implementing innovative solutions that promote gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) in its training programmes and organisation. The proposals can include ideas that:

- Improve the promotion and the accessibility of skills training programmes for vulnerable groups and put in place inclusive policies to decrease the chances of dropouts.
- Enhance the engagement of beneficiaries where proposals are co-created with participation from students and trainees.
- Set up mechanisms for the formal skills recognition of vulnerable persons.
- Integrate gender equality and social inclusion into existing or new TVET/skills training programmes (e.g., curriculum, teaching method, training materials, training equipment and facility, etc.) or use universal design approaches in training programmes.
- Strengthen career and vocational guidance and counselling services and establish partnerships to facilitate support for vulnerable persons.

Who can apply?

Any public TVET/Skills training institution with legal status registered with the respective ministries, non-profit organisations or foundations. TVET/Skills Training institutions under Employers' Organizations and Worker's Organizations that are non-profit are also eligible.

Who will evaluate the entries?

The Adjudicators and Evaluation Committee panel will be composed of senior officers and technical experts from the various Ministries, government agencies and civil society organisations. They will evaluate all proposals and the winner will receive support to turn the idea into reality and cement their role as innovators in skills development.

What will the winners get?

The winning proposals will receive the following support:

- Financial support: The top five (5) winning proposals will receive funds up to US\$20,000 each (paid in Malaysia Ringgit) to implement the proposed solutions;
- Innovation lab: The winner will receive technical support to transform the idea into a prototype ready to be piloted, including through remote mentoring via a virtual platform;
- Extended network and partnerships: The best five (5) ideas will be invited to join the [ILO Skills Innovators Network](#). They will have the opportunity to exchange with other innovators and share their solutions with ILO's stakeholders.

What is the application process and key dates?

To submit ideas or solutions, applicants should:

1. Go to the [Skills Challenge Innovation Call webpage](#);
2. Read the criteria and general [terms and conditions](#) applicable to ILO grants and [terms and conditions](#) applicable to ILO implementation agreements;
3. Develop the proposal and secure support from key stakeholders;
4. Submit the application form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mygesi> and upload all relevant documents by 26 August 2022 (5:00pm MYT).

Applications and supporting documents are to be submitted in English. There is [no fee](#) to participate in the Call. Applicants will receive a confirmation email that their application has been received. Incomplete or late responses will not be considered.

Key dates and deadlines

- Launch of the Call: 29 July 2022;
- Online Information Sharing: 23 August 2022 (9:30am MYT);
- Submission deadline for ideas (extended): 26 August 2022 (5:00pm MYT);
- Final live pitch by 10 finalists: 9 September 2022;
- Announcement of winner: 27 September 2022;
- Skills Innovation Lab commences: 11 October 2022;
- Piloting of solution completed by: February 2023.

About the organiser

The International Labour Organisation's Skills for Prosperity Programme in Malaysia (SfP-Malaysia) works with government, employers' and workers' organisations, and other local and international stakeholders to address these challenges and make Malaysian workforce resilient and adaptable to the changing world of work. Web page:

https://www.ilo.org/asia/projects/WCMS_761262/lang--en/index.htm

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