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ILO Skills Challenge Innovation Call e-formality and skills development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Does your entity or organization¹ have an innovative, relevant, feasible, and impactful idea that supports e-formality and skills development?

This is your chance!

Submit your proposal and get the necessary support to put your idea into practice.

What is e-formality?

e-formality is the **set of policy innovations** that will transform the way **formalization policies** will be implemented in the future using new technologies.

These include, among others, solutions facilitating access to **social protection**, simplifying **registration**, enhancing access to **finance**, increasing **productivity**, strengthening **skills development**, and improving **capacity-building systems** for those working in the informal economy.

We are looking for innovative technological solutions that contribute to:

- ▶ developing information systems that, based on the use of new technologies and big data, encourage the development of knowledge and skills to promote formalization;
- ▶ improving existing information on skills needs and labour market trends, targeting the informal economy;
- ▶ improving delivery of active labour market programmes and policies for informal workers;
- ▶ reducing the barriers women face in accessing formal employment, including reducing the gender digital gap;
- ▶ providing MSMEs with relevant skills that enable the creation of sustainable formal enterprises;
- ▶ ensuring that education and vocational training programmes address the needs of informal workers;
- ▶ improving the development and recognition of informal workers' knowledge and skills;
- ▶ establishing new and innovative alliances to promote labour formalization through skills development.

The top two proposals will receive:

Grants to implement the proposed solutions: • **1st place: 30,000 USD** • **2nd place: 20,000 USD**

 Access to an innovation lab to turn ideas into prototypes ready-to-be implemented.

 Access to a wide network of experts in the areas of formalization and skills development.

 Worldwide visibility.

Apply now! New deadline: **30 June 2021**

For more information visit: www.ilo.org/skills/projects/innovation-facility



¹ Eligible applicants may include teams of individuals or legally recognized non-profit organizations with contractual capacity that have been in existence for at least two calendar years prior to the closing date of the call.