



## SOCIAL GOOD SUMMIT

### YOUTH INNOVATION COMPETITION 2021

#### ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE for Persons With Disabilities

##### Guidelines & Application Form

#### A. Social Good Summit Background

As Sierra Leone continues to join the global team to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> custom edition of the Social Good Summit, a core component of the celebration is a time set aside to raise awareness, inspire global actions and explore accelerating means of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

Series of activities have been identified to commemorate this year's event that continues to focus on identifying young positive deviants living within communities and motivating them to play a more active role in identifying possible innovative means of fast tracking the achievement of national development objectives and the SDGs by 2030.

As the Ministry of Youth Affairs in collaboration with National Youth Commission, National Youth Service, United Nations Agencies and private sector partners seeks to add value to each annual event and identify which possible solutions are within communities that can be unearthed and supported, this new challenge has been identified. **Assistive Technology** challenge is a call to encourage 1) Able-bodied youth to start investigating these limitations, design and propose possible solutions to overcome the limitations experienced by Persons With Disability (PWDs) 2) Persons With disabilities designing tools/ solutions that can help them walk around their limitations using low, medium or high tech solutions.

##### Guiding Definition: Assistive Technology

According to the Assistive Technology Industry Association, Assistive technology (AT) can be products, equipment, and systems that enhance learning, working, and daily living for persons with disabilities. <https://www.atia.org/home/at-resources/what-is-at/>

#### B. Competition design and structure

##### ❖ How to apply

A call for application will be announced nationwide for eligible candidates to collect application forms, fill and submit these applications through designated channels before the call expires.

##### ❖ Eligibility: Young people who...

- Are Sierra Leoneans and are residents



- Are aged 15 - 35
- Are starting to work on a new idea or project.

For this challenge young people **CANNOT** apply if:

- They have already received funding (LE 5m and above) from any source to develop the idea.
- They are already a registered company or community organisation.

❖ **Can commit to attending:**

- The a 4-day bootcamp
- If selected for local seed funding and mentorship, can commit to implementing their project
- If selected for global seed funding, could commit to ongoing implementation.

❖ **Selection Criteria (contestants/Idea):**

- The idea must: address the identified challenge of developing “Assistive Technologies for Persons With Disability (PWDs)”
- Contestants should be passionate, ambitious and committed to growth beyond the current level of their development phase.

❖ **How winners will be selected**

- a) Only completed registration forms will be considered in the long list.
- b) Phase 1 – Partner screening- this will be done by an appointed panel that will create a short-list of the best 4 applications

The 4 successful candidates will be admitted into a 4 days bootcamp where they will prepare for their final presentations.

- c) Phase 2 – Technical Judges – will have the opportunity to ask questions to candidates to probe further into their submissions and assess the level of possible potential of the innovative solution through a standard scoring process after which phone lines will be open to the public for a 3-day voting to begin.
- d) Phase 3- Only candidates with the highest combined scores will be recognised /identified as national winners.

❖ **How to access application forms:**

1. Online submission:
  - Application forms can be accessed and submitted using the National Youth App (download the app now from google play store)
  - Application forms will be available for download from the following websites: [www.sl.undp.org](http://www.sl.undp.org); <https://www.youthaffairs.gov.sl/>; <https://www.naycom.gov.sl/>; <https://www.nys.gov.sl/> and submit completed form to email add: [info@moya.gov.sl](mailto:info@moya.gov.sl)



- You can also return a clear snapshot of completed form via WhatsApp to +232-77-81-71-46.

2. Paper-based submission:

- Application forms will be available at Ministry of Youth Affairs/ NAYCOM/NYS Headquarters and all district offices including all District Councils

**C. Prize Categories**

The first prize winner will receive SLL 20,000,000 and the runner-up will receive SLL 10,000,000.

**POST AWARDS**

- **Incubation and Scale Up Programme**

Winners from the national competition will work closely with the UNDP Accelerator Lab to:

- Acquire 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, techniques and tools to further develop their ideas/ prototypes to market ready products/services.
- Receive seed funding for experimentation and/ promoted for scaling up investments.

- **Generation Unlimited Global Youth Challenge**

GenU forms part of the United Nations Secretary General 's Youth 2030 Strategy, a global multi -sector partnership formed in September 2018 to engage young people as change-makers. Post country lead competition GenU will engage two finalists to join a global youth competition and winners will go through

- Extensive mentoring and incubation to roll out their solutions
- Receive seed money to support project solution

***CALL the UNDP Toll free line "2030" for Africell and Orange users for more information on the competition***



**D. ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES for Persons With Disabilities Application Form**

Personal Details

Name: ..... Sex: .....

Address: ..... Age: .....

Region: ..... District: .....

Telephone number: ..... Email: .....

Are you disabled?

- yes
- No

What's your limitation: please specify.....

**Institution/organization (if applicable):**

Are you operating as an individual, group or other entity? Please clarify:

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**How did you find out about Youth Innovation Award 2021**

- Websites (UNDP/UNICEF/MOYA/NAYCOM/NYS etc)
- Word of mouth/email from colleague
- Radio
- TV
- Facebook
- WhatsApp
- Others (please specify):

**Summary/Description of your INNOVATIVE IDEA IN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY**

**Background - Why this solution / What specific problem do you want to address?**

Empty text box for background information.



**What is your proposed solution?**

**What limitation (s) does your Assistive Technology Solution address?**

- Mobility and Physical Impairments
- Hearing Disability
- Others, please specify.....
- Vision Disability
- Brain Disability

**Development Phase – At what stage is your proposed solution?**

- Idea** - Still thinking through the process
- Proof of Concept** – At least you’ve checked to see whether the idea will/can actually work within the local context as you expected
- Prototype** – You have built the first basic model of the idea/ created a sample
- Experimenting** – A brief test of a prototype to see functionality and what works
- Minimum Viable Product** – The close to market ready final product but not the final

**Have you received any significant funding support (5million and above)**

**Yes, from whom.....**

**No**

**Any other information you would like to share? *Please attach any photos if applicable***

*Please attach photos of your work where applicable*

