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## **Answers to Questions from Participants Introduction Workshop, 25 August 2016**

### **Youth Innovation Challenge for Peace**

#### **1. Is there any consideration for adjusting the age bracket of 18-34 years?**

There is no consideration for adjusting the age bracket of 18-34 years. When submitting the idea in groups, the age of all the group members should be within between 18 and 34. For organizations, the representatives should be youth in the 18 to 34 age bracket. During the selection of semi-finalists, official documents will be requested from the contestants to verify the age.

#### **2. Should foreigners that have lived for more than ten years in South Sudan be considered as an applicant?**

Only South Sudanese citizens or lawful permanent residents are eligible to submit their ideas. Also South Sudanese citizen who are not residing in South Sudan are not eligible for the competition.

#### **3. Will there be higher consideration for group ideas than for individual ideas?**

Group ideas and individual ideas will be treated equally. All ideas will be judged based on the judging criteria.

#### **4. Does the submission require a specific number of pages/words? Or is it an open write up with no limitation?**

There are word limits for questions in the entry form (not more than 300 words), but there is no word/page limit for the ideas submitted. The more clearly and precisely you describe your idea the better.

#### **5. If you came up with an idea whose implementation requires more than 10,000 USD, how will this be managed?**

The cash prizes are aimed at piloting the concept idea presented. In addition to the prizes for piloting, the winning teams will receive mentorship support by selected experts to implement their ideas through helping generate further funding or linking up with relevant projects where these ideas could be adopted.

The knowledge of the prize value should not limit the thought process when coming up with an idea.

#### **6. Who should be the beneficiary of the innovation? Should it be the youth, children or a specific age category?**

The identification of a specific target group depends on your idea. However, in general the activity should engage youth constructively in peace. The beneficiaries can be youth and/or the general population. One of the judging criteria looks at the number of youth and general population who could benefit from the idea.



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**7. Is there any other additional prize in addition to the money?**

In addition to the prize the awardees and their ideas will be featured in the UNDP websites and on social media pages. Efforts will be made to publicize the ideas through national and international media houses.

**8. What will be the process of protection of copy right and ownership? Who will own the idea?**

Except as is otherwise expressly provided in writing, UNDP shall be entitled to all intellectual property and other proprietary rights including, but not limited to, patents, copyrights, and trademarks, with regard to products, processes, inventions, ideas, know-how, or documents and other materials which the Innovator has developed for UNDP and which bear a direct relation to or are produced or prepared or collected in consequence of, or during the course of this competition.

**9. Are we allowed to apply ideas that have been used elsewhere?**

You should come up with your own idea. Ideas should be context specific and innovative.

**10. How will participants who have good ideas that don't pass through be compensated?**

Only the three winning ideas are going to receive a prize.

**11. Are the ideas to be submitted accompanied with request for funding?**

No. The submissions should only include a description of the ideas. We are not looking for funding proposals.

**12. Should we include the implementation budget when presenting the ideas?**

Since this is not a funding proposal, there is no need to include a budget. However, there are no limits as to how you want to present your idea.

**13. Who will implement the idea?**

The three winners of the competition are going to pilot their ideas with support from UNDP. The cash prizes are aimed at piloting the concept idea presented. The winners will be supported by selected experts to implement their ideas through helping generate further funding or linking up with relevant projects where these ideas could be adopted.

**14. Is it allowed to write two ideas?**

Only one idea should be submitted. Each individual/group/organization can only submit one entry.

**15. Are we going to present our ideas in public like workshop or judgement is to be made by a committee?**

All submitted ideas will be evaluated by a judging committee. The committee will select the best five ideas. The five semi-finalists will be announced through a ceremony where they will present their innovative ideas and through web portals and social media. After the ideas have been developed further with support from mentors and during a one day social innovation hackathon, the semi-



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finalists will present their ideas to the judging committee. An award ceremony will be organized to announce the three winners of the competition.

**16. Are video clip advisable to be part of proposal rather than idea?**

You can present your idea in any form. However, you have to submit the completed entry form along with your idea.

**17. Is there any chance for mentorship after failing to be selected among the three?**

The mentorship will be provided to all five semi-finalist. Prizes will only be awarded to the three finalists.

**18. Are the solutions you are looking for business solutions or solutions that address the conflict issues currently being faced in the country?**

We are looking for creative and innovative ideas on how youth can be supported to become agents of change for peace building. UNDP does not know how these ideas or solutions will look like. It could be a business solution but it could just as well be any other solution that you can think of.

**19. The payment of the prize is attached to deliverable. Is there support to individuals who are not financially stable but have good ideas?**

The prize money is meant to go towards implementation of the pilot of the idea only, it is not designed to be a compensation or salary for individuals/groups/organizations.