Terms and Conditions for the AI for Good Impact Awards 2026

1. Definitions and interpretations

1.1. In these Terms and Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply:

- **"Awards"** refers to the AI for Good Impact Awards 2026 organized as part of the AI for Good initiative by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

- **"Organizer"** refers to ITU.

- **"Applicant"** refers to any individual, organization, or entity that enters a Submission for the Awards.

- **"Submission"** refers to the entry made by an Applicant for consideration in the Awards.

- **"Judging Panel"** refers to the group of experts selected by the Organizer to evaluate Submissions.

- **"Winner"** refers to an Applicant selected to receive an Award in their respective category.

- **"Rules"** refers to the terms and conditions set out herein and any special terms and conditions agreed in writing between the Applicant and the Organizer.

- **"Website"** refers to the Awards website accessible at https://aiforgood.itu.int/ai-forgood-impact-awards/

1.2. The Organizer reserves the right to cancel or amend all or any part of the Awards and/or Rules. Any changes to the Rules or Awards will be posted on the Website. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to keep informed of any changes.

1.3. By submitting a Submission to the Awards, the Applicant agrees to comply with the Rules.

1.4. In the event of any dispute regarding the Rules, conduct, or results of the Awards, the decision of the Organizer shall be final and unchallengeable.

2. Awards Applicant

2.1. The Awards are open to all Applicants, regardless of location.

2.2. By entering the Awards, the Applicant hereby warrants that all information submitted is true, accurate, and complete. The Organizer reserves the right to verify any information contained in the Submission and the Applicant's eligibility to enter the Awards.

2.3. The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify an Applicant if they have reasonable grounds to believe that the Applicant has breached any of the Rules, any applicable law

(including copyright law), or has otherwise infringed the intellectual property of any third party.

2.4. In the event a Winner is disqualified from the Awards, the Organizer will select an alternative Winner in the same manner as the original Winner, and such selection will be subject to the Rules.

3. General information

3.1. The AI for Good Impact Awards 2026 aim to recognize exceptional achievements in artificial intelligence (AI) that contribute to solving global challenges. These Awards celebrate innovation, sustainability, and impact-driven solutions across various sectors.

3.2. The Awards are organized by the International Telecommunication Union.

3.3. The Awards encompass three main categories: AI for People, AI for Planet and AI for Prosperity. Each category recognizes outstanding contributions to advancing the ethical use of AI for societal benefit.

4. Eligibility criteria

4.1. Submissions are open to SMEs, large corporations, non-profit organizations, academic and research institutions, and government bodies. Individual contributors may also apply where relevant.

4.2. Startups and early-stage companies are not eligible for the Awards. They are invited instead to apply for the **AI for Good Innovation Factory** startup competition.

4.3. The Awards are open to Applicants globally. Applicants must be at least 18 years old at the time of the Submission.

4.4. Eligible projects must demonstrate alignment with specific challenges, include AI as a core component, and provide evidence of innovation, sustainability, and impact in their design and development.

4.5. Judges may not enter a Submission in the category they are assigned to evaluate. Organizers and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate. Submissions that have previously received an Award in this program are not eligible for resubmission.

4.5. Each entity may win only one award within a single Awards cycle.

5. Application process

5.1. Submissions must be submitted through the official online platform provided by the Organizer.

5.2. Each solution may be submitted under a single award category only. Duplicate Submissions of the same project across multiple categories shall not be accepted and may result in disqualification.

5.3. Applicants must provide a completed application form, including details of the project, supporting documentation, and any optional multimedia materials (e.g., pitch decks or demo videos).

5.4. The submission window **opens on 12 January 2026 at 01:00 CET** and **closes on 15 March 2026 at 23:59 CET**. Late Submissions will not be accepted.

5.5. All Submissions must be in English.

6. Judging and selection process

6.1. A Judging Panel comprised of experts from ITU and external partners will evaluate submissions.

6.2. Submissions will be evaluated based on innovation, impact, sustainability, contribution to global challenges, and ethical considerations.

6.3. Submissions will be scored using a weighted rubric to ensure objectivity and transparency.

6.4. Members of the Judging Panel must disclose any potential conflicts of interest and recuse themselves from evaluating Submissions where such conflicts exist.

7. Award prizes

7.1. Winners will receive trophies, recognition during the AI for Good Global Summit, and promotion through official channels.

7.2. Winners may also receive opportunities for networking, visibility, and further collaboration.

7.3. Prizes will be distributed during the Awards ceremony on 8 July 2026.

8. Intellectual property

8.1. Applicants retain full ownership of their Submissions and associated intellectual property.

8.2. By applying, Applicants grant the Organizer the right to use submitted materials for promotional purposes, with appropriate credit given.

9. Data protection and privacy

9.1. Personal and project data submitted by Applicants will be used by the Organizer solely for the purposes of the Awards program.

9.2. Please see AI for Good's Privacy Policy here.

10. Disqualification

10.1. Submissions may be disqualified for reasons including, but not limited to, incomplete Submissions, falsified information, or non-compliance with eligibility criteria.

10.2. The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify any Submission at their discretion.

11. Legal and compliance

11.1. Applicants must ensure their submissions comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

11.2. The Organizer is not liable for any claims arising from the content or impact of the submitted projects.

11.3. Any dispute between Applicants and ITU arising from or relating to these Terms and the Event shall be settled by an agreed mode of arbitration, which shall be the exclusive mode of resolving disputes hereunder.

12. Publicity and communication

12.1. By applying, Applicants consent to having their names, photos, and project details shared in promotional materials.

12.2. The Organizer reserve the right to record and distribute footage of the Awards ceremony and associated activities.

13. Amendments

13.1. The Organizer reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions or the Awards structure at any time.

14. Acceptance

14.1. By entering a Submission, Applicants acknowledge and agree to these Terms and Conditions.

15. Titles, acronyms and logos of ITU and the event

15.1. The name, title, acronym and logo of ITU, of AI for Good and of the Awards are the sole property of ITU and shall not be used by any Applicants without the prior written authorization of ITU. Subject to compliance with the foregoing, any use of ITU, of AI for Good and of the Awards name, title, acronym and/or logo shall be permitted only if such use is in accordance with the conditions for their use, available upon request from ITU, and solely in connection with promotional activities relating to the Awards.

16. Contact information

16.1. For questions or technical assistance, please contact **aiawards@itu.int**.