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- The Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Study Groups;
- The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau;
- The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau

Subject: Robotics for Good Youth Challenge 2026-2027
Local Chapter Organizers – Call for applications

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite interested organizations to apply to become *Local Chapter Organizers* (national or regional) of the third edition of the [Robotics for Good Youth Challenge](#) (2026-2027), focused on health emergencies. The Challenge is part of the flagship [AI for Good initiative](#) and is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations (UN) specialized agency for digital technologies.

As the leading UN platform on Artificial Intelligence (AI), the mission of AI for Good is to unlock AI's potential to serve humanity. As a multi-stakeholder platform, AI for Good advances AI skills development, standards, policy exchanges and responsible innovation.

ITU launched the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge in April 2024 to promote robotics and coding among youth worldwide and ensure that no one is left behind in the robotics and AI revolution. This educational platform-agnostic robotics championship is built around a new global challenge each year, where robots provide innovative and practical solutions to real-world problems. Participants design, build, and program a robot to complete a mission based on a selected global challenge. A highlights video from the 2026 Challenge is available [here](#).

During the 2025-2026 edition, the competition is being held in more than 50 countries through national and regional events. The year-long competition will culminate in the [Robotics for Good Youth Challenge Grand Finale](#), hosted by ITU at the [AI for Good Global Summit](#) in Geneva, Switzerland, from 7 to 10 July 2026, bringing together the winning teams from national competitions.

Entities selected as *Local Chapter Organizers* for the 2026-2027 cycle will be responsible for organizing national or regional Robotics for Good Youth Challenge events in their respective countries or regions during the phase. These events will identify the top teams that will advance to the Grand Finale.

The winning teams of the national events, one from the junior category and one from the senior category, will receive:

- Access to participate in the 2027 Robotics for Good Youth Challenge Grand Finale during the AI for Good Global Summit 2027.
- Interview article on the winning teams (in AI for Good channels and media partner site).
- Official ITU certificate awarded to the winning teams.

- 1 x Discovery Pass per team member, that gives you access to the AI for Good Global Summit 2027.
- Lunch pack provided by the ITU for the winning teams selected to participate in the Grand Finale.
- Practice area with 1 x table, 2 x chairs, power supply & premium WiFi.
- Networking opportunities with the UN and other potential partners.
- Opportunity to gain awareness through global media coverage.

Organizations interested in hosting a national or regional chapter of the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge 2026-2027 are invited to submit their applications by 1 September 2026. Detailed information on the application process and requirements is available [here](#).

To ensure the success of this initiative, we kindly seek both financial and governmental support, including assistance with the logistical organization of national events and the provision of fellowships to enable winning teams to travel to and participate in the Grand Finale 2027 in Geneva.

I warmly invite you to take note of these opportunities and to encourage interested parties within your networks to participate.

For any additional information, the team remains at your disposal at ai@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,



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