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Young Think Tankers Pitching Contest

Frequently asked questions(FAQs)

Please note that applications are **closed**.

❖ What is the objective of the pitching contest?

The objective of the Pitching Contest is to find actionable solutions to improve the state of collaboration among the Young Think Tankers of the Global South. We are also committed to position the concerns and work of the Southern Young Think Tankers into the global development agenda. This contest will establish a foundation for enhanced cooperation, increasing their outreach and collective agency.

❖ Am I eligible to apply for the contest?

If you are a citizen of a country from the Global South (see list in the [call for applications](#)) and working in a think tank/research organisation in the development/policy sphere and not more than 35 years of age, you are eligible. Otherwise, no. Only current employees or affiliates of think tanks/development research organisations are eligible.

❖ Will any guidance be provided to the participants?

Yes, the shortlisted participants will be invited to attend feedback sessions to improve their proposals before the pitching contest. The facilitators will also provide network and implementation support to the winners, assisting them in establishing a steering group to promote their ideas after the contest. Some shortlisted participants who are invited to publish their ideas will also receive guidance from the organizers.



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❖ **What is expected out of the proposal that I submit with my application?
How can I improve my chances of getting shortlisted?**

We expect your proposals to be concise and focused on practical ways to improve collaboration among the Young Think Tankers of the Global South. Please read the [challenge](#) and the three guiding questions before framing your proposal and filling out the [registration form](#). Additionally, we expect your proposals to be clearly written, focused on your unique solution and within the word limit.

[Note: Please do not attach any other documents like your resume/CV, other project proposals, publications etc. Only the proposal answering the questions stated in the call for applications and the registration form will be considered.]

❖ **How different is the written proposal from the pitch presentation?**

The written proposal is concise yet covers more details since it is a written document. The pitches, however, will be related to the submitted proposal and will solely focus on actionable solutions. You will need to convey your unique solutions within a 3-minute time span for the pitching contest. Additionally, the judges may ask follow-up questions during the contest. More details and guidance will be provided during the feedback session in July 2023.

❖ **Do I need to travel for the pitching contest?**

No, both the pitching contest and the feedback session(s) would be virtual/online. However, the winners will get an opportunity to attend the Southern Voice Conference which will be held in Nairobi.



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❖ **Where and when is the Southern Voice Conference?**

The Southern Voice Conference is to be held in-person, in Nairobi, Kenya. The tentative dates for the conference are 24th-25th October 2023.

❖ **What will be the advantages for the winners to attend the Southern Voice Conference?**

The Southern Voice Conference is a highly anticipated event for the Global South think tanks. It will be attended by the top leadership from across the member organisations based in Asia, Africa, Latin America & the Caribbean. Further, other important partners of the network from the Global North will also be present, along with development experts from within Kenya (Africa). Hence, it will be a great networking opportunity for the winners. In addition, the conference will also have a dedicated session for the Young Think Tankers of the Global South, with global development leaders in attendance.