

YOUTH4CLIMATE

Call for Solutions 2025

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This presentation is intended to assist applicants as part of the first deep dive session. However, it does not replace the Guidelines and Application form, which remain the sole sources of information regarding the call for solutions.

ADVANCING INCLUSIVE CLIMATE ACTION



There are **1.9 billion** young people in the world, the largest generation in history.



Climate change, its root causes and effects are deeply affecting **children and youth**.

Their **knowledge, energy and perseverance** have spurred a **global movement** demanding bold climate measures from their leaders, while also leading initiatives in their countries and communities that contribute to local implementation of the NDCs.

Despite their deep knowledge of local realities, **technical, political, and financial support to young climate leaders remains inadequate**. UNDP is committed through its Strategic Plan “to promote the rights of future generations and amplify young people’s voices in decisions on climate action and the future of their communities [including] through support to young innovators.”





A global initiative, co-led by the **Government of Italy** and **UNDP**, that supports the implementation of **youth-led** and **youth-inclusive** solutions to environmental and climate challenges, both **financially** and through **capacity development**. Y4C has been recognized as a best practice by G7 leaders and by YOUNGO in its Youth Stocktake Report.

Through its first two innovation challenges Youth4Climate has sourced 3,000+ solutions and:

Awarded

2.5 M

USD

To

100

youth-led initiatives

Across

52

countries

Funding



- 30,000 USD in seed funding per proposal
- Enabling climate innovation driven by young people's expertise and lived experience
- Supporting integrated solutions that serve marginalized and climate-affected groups

Knowledge



- Mentorship to drive initiatives' scalability and sustainability
- A Community of Practice of 21,000+ youth and partners, app-based and available in 104 languages

Networks



- Access to global events and multi-generational encounters
- Connections to UNDP thematic offers and country experts
- Spotighting stories of youth-led impact on global channels

APP LAUNCH!

Connect with a global community of **+21K** young climate advocates.

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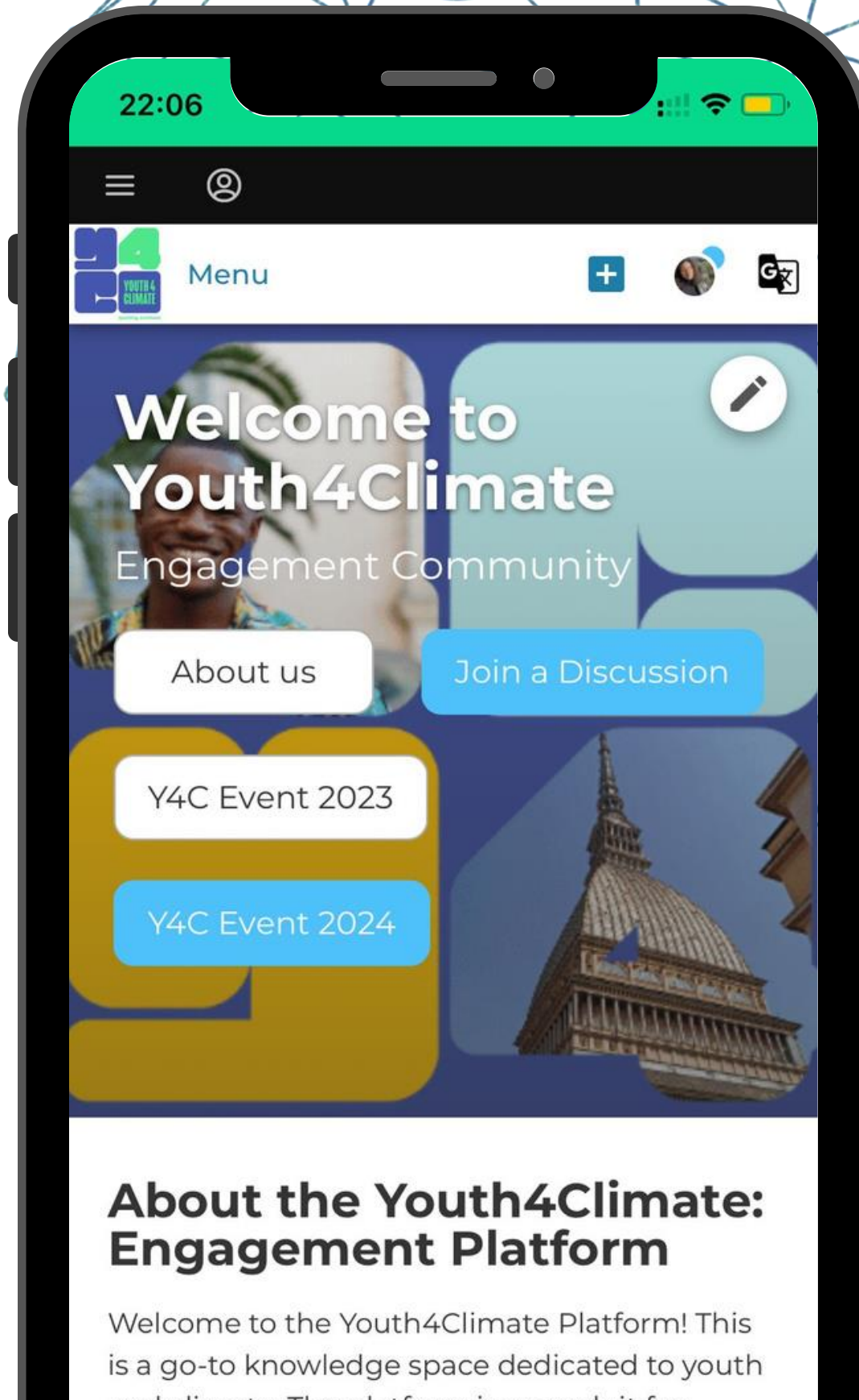


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About the Youth4Climate: Engagement Platform

Welcome to the Youth4Climate Platform! This is a go-to knowledge space dedicated to youth and climate. The platform provides information

A Complete Guide on How to Apply

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Call for Solutions 2025



- ✓ **Thematic Areas**
- ✓ **Eligibility**
- ✓ **Application Process**
- ✓ **Evaluation Criteria**
- ✓ **Technical Support and FAQ**



2025 Thematic Areas:



Sustainable Energy



Food and Agriculture



Climate and Health



Digital for Planet



Climate Peace and Security



Nature for Climate Action

New themes = dedicated sessions next week

Sustainable Energy

The year 2025 will be a defining year in the global energy transition, with renewables set to become the world's largest source of electricity for the first time in history.

However, with record-breaking temperatures persisting, urgent action is needed to ensure a just and sustainable transition.

In this context, the following are needed to drive transformative action:

- expanding renewable energy adoption;
- leveraging digitalization and AI for optimized energy systems;
- mobilizing innovative financing mechanisms; and
- scaling decentralized energy solutions to reach underserved communities.



Food and Agriculture

Food systems and agriculture are a key part of climate action.

Agriculture and other land uses account for nearly a quarter of all greenhouse gas emissions, and one third of global produce destined for human consumption is lost or goes to waste.

Climate change is a major contributor to food insecurity, as food systems struggle to respond to shocks in weather patterns and continually increasing demand.

Solutions to these challenges may include, among others, regenerative, resource- and climate-resilient food production practices, or interventions related to food processing, distribution and consumption.



Climate and Health

The climate crisis is a health crisis. It amplifies health inequities, disproportionately impacting marginalized communities today, while threatening the long-term health and well-being of children and young people.

This priority area of the Call seeks to enhance health-inclusive climate planning and actions led by young people, and solutions that contribute to ensuring that the health needs of young people and other marginalized groups are adequately met.

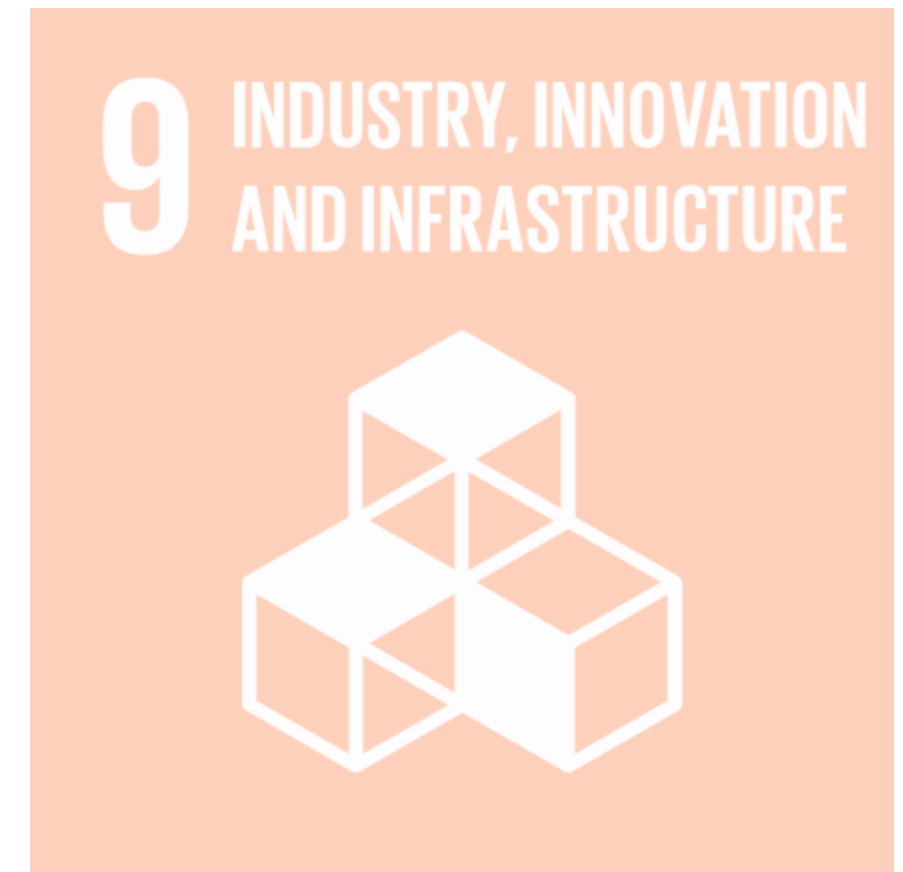


Digital for Planet

Digital offers powerful tools and solutions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, protect and restore nature, and improve climate resilience.

Under this priority area, the Call is seeking solutions addressing nature and climate crises through:

- the use of frontier digital technologies;
- digital technologies that respond to sector-specific needs;
- initiatives that leverage digital technologies to generate values shifts by transforming behaviours; and narratives surrounding nature and climate crises.



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Climate, Peace and Security

Countries most affected by both climate and conflict also suffer the lowest levels of access to climate finance, adaptation and energy. The interlink between climate, peace and security is disproportionately affecting youth.

This area of the Call will seek solutions including but not limited to:

- promoting access to clean energy, water, participatory natural resource management and sustainable livelihoods;
- enhancing social cohesion, fostering dialogue and cooperation to strengthen peace processes in contexts of climate vulnerability;
- addressing climate-induced displacement and vulnerability to violent extremism among youth, supporting integration of youth returnees recruited by extremist groups back into society.



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Nature for Climate Action

Natural ecosystems are our most powerful ally in the fight against climate change. Healthy ecosystems absorb carbon, regulate climate and protect communities from extreme weather.

Yet, deforestation, land degradation, wetland loss and ocean decline accelerate global warming and heighten vulnerabilities, with nature loss costing the global economy trillions of dollars.

Nature-based solutions can provide 37% of our climate mitigation needs to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions.

This priority area seeks a broad range of solutions linked to ecosystem conservation and restoration.



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Who can apply?



Eligibility criteria



Individuals or Entities (CSO, NGO, private sector)



The project lead should be aged 18-29 at the time of submitting the application.



The application can be submitted in English, French, Portuguese or Spanish.



The proposed budget must not exceed USD 30,000.



The maximum implementation period for projects is 2 years.



Solution implemented in one of 159 UNDP programme countries and territories.



Applicants cannot be on the UNDP Vendor Sanctions List.



Individual Applicants

- ✔ Should be aged 18-29 at the time of submitting the application.
- ✔ If you are an individual applicant, you receive funds on your name and account.

Youth-led Entities

- ✔ A legally registered civil society organization (CSO), non-governmental organization (NGO), community-based organization (CBO), or private company.

Youth-led Entity

✔ Should be able to provide their **registration documents, banking details matching the name of the organization** provided on the application form.

✔ The majority of the organization's leadership **should be young people aged 18-29.**

✔ At least one team member should have **at least three years of project management experience.**



- ✓ The **project lead submitting the application** on behalf of the organization should be aged **18-29 at the time of submitting** the application.
- ✓ The **project lead must be a national of one of the countries listed in the guidelines annex.**
Team members may be nationals of countries other than those listed, but not the project lead.
- ✓ The application can be submitted in **English, French, Portuguese, or Spanish.**
The project lead should be able to communicate in one of those languages.
- ✓ **The Project Lead will serve as the primary contact point vis-a-vis UNDP** on everything related to the disbursement of the financial award and the implementation of the project.

How to apply?



Application process

1. **Register on the Youth4Climate** Platform.
2. Download and **read the Call for Solutions Guidelines**.
3. Carefully review the content requested on the **application form**.
4. Download and complete the **budget** and **workplan** template. *Use the provided template only* – use of any other format or structure will result in disqualification.
5. **Fill in your responses** to the questions asked on the online application form.
6. **Record a 2-3 min video** presenting your solution.
7. **Submit** the application form, uploading the budget template and video.



Preferred language

- English
- Español
- Français
- Português

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Start here

- 1 Register an account.
- 2 Start your application (save it in-progress).
- 3 Submit your application to be reviewed.

Best of luck!

For any questions, please contact [email](#)



I. General info + Eligibility check

 [Youth4Climate Call for Mentors](#) ^

[My applications](#) → Call for Solutions 2025: Application form →
Start application

All questions must be answered, unless marked optional.

Deadline 2025-05-26 23:59
(GMT +01:00) Europe/Rome

75	14	15	48
Days	Hours	Minutes	Seconds

Start here **Eligibility**

Are you aged between 18 and 29 years old?

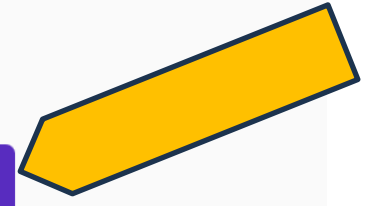
Yes

What is the country of implementation of the project?

Türkiye

Please click "Check Eligibility" to proceed and access the "Applicant information" and "Project description" tabs

Save + close Preview **Check eligibility**



- ✓ **Type of Applicant, Age, country of implementation,**
- ✓ **Confirm you meet the eligibility criteria**
- ✓ **Follow the Purple Button**

I. General info + Eligibility

Congratulations! Your application is eligible and you may proceed to the next stage.

Confirm

II. Applicant info and Project Description

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Days Hours Minutes Seconds

Start here

Eligibility

Applicant information

Project description

First name

The project lead is the focal point in whose name the application is submitted. They must be 18-29 years old at the time of applying and hold a leading role in the project. This person will serve as the primary contact point vis-a-vis UNDP for everything related to the disbursement of the financial award and project implementation.

What does a great video look like?

- Recording should be done in a **quiet place with no music or background noise**
- Listen to your audio before uploading the video and **ensure you are audible and clear**
- The video should **only include footage of the project team and a demonstration of the solution** (if relevant)
- The video should **answer the question**: What is the solution, what challenge are you looking to address, and what impact do you expect it to have?
- Videos should be shot in **landscape orientation**
- Recording should **not exceed 3 minutes** and should be recorded in English, French, Portuguese or Spanish



What do we ask?

- ✓ **Info about the Project Lead + ID documents**
- ✓ **Questions to understand your solution: project plan and goals, approach, impact, community and environment impact, stakeholders, monitoring, communications strategy.**
- ✓ **Budget and Workplan (download) and upload complete**
- ✓ **3-min video about your project**
- ✓ **Confirmations and consent before submitting**

I confirm that I have fully completed my application and that I am satisfied with it. I understand that I can only submit my application once and will not be able to make any changes to it thereafter.

Save + close

Preview

Submit application



Common mistakes, things to keep in mind

- First **read the full application** form carefully.
- **Age, ID, entity registrations** are checked for validity. They need to match the application.
- If applying as an organization, **use its legally registered name** as it is spelled on the registration certificate.
- Stick to the word-limit recommended, take your time and **address the exact questions that are asked.**
- Use the **templates provided**, other forms are not accepted.
- **Budget is all inclusive, in USD, not over USD 30,000.** Projects submitting budgets above 30k will be disqualified unless the additional amount is co-financed or self-financed and this is clearly mentioned in the budget.
- **Don't wait for the last day** - You can save your progress on the form and revisit it as often as you like before submitting. **Make sure to submit!**

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

We value originality.

While generative AI tools may be used as a support, applications should reflect applicants' own ideas, experiences and perspectives.

Kindly declare if you use a generative AI-tool in your work. Please explain how AI is utilized in your creation process.

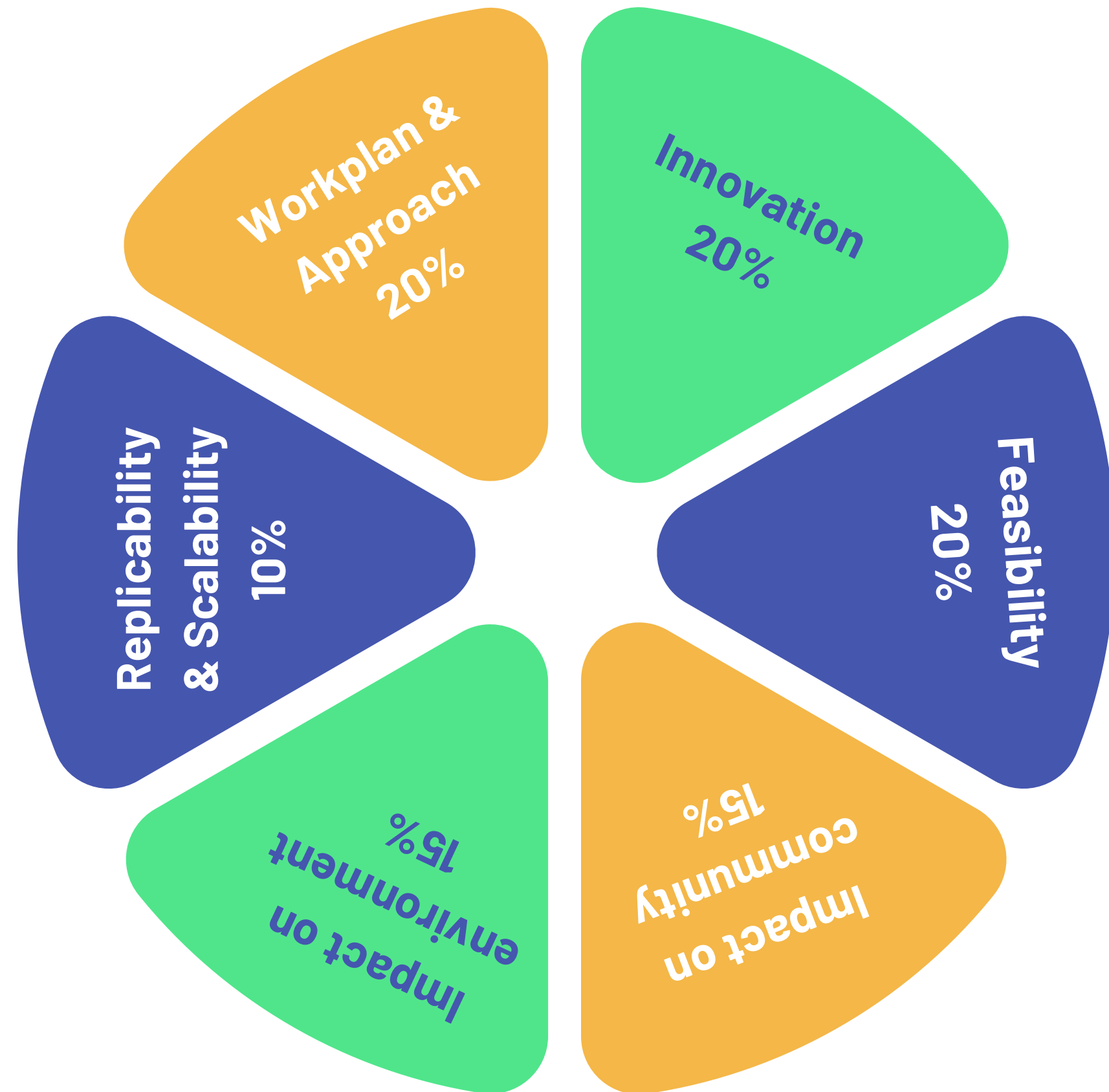
Evaluation Criteria

Timeline for Awards

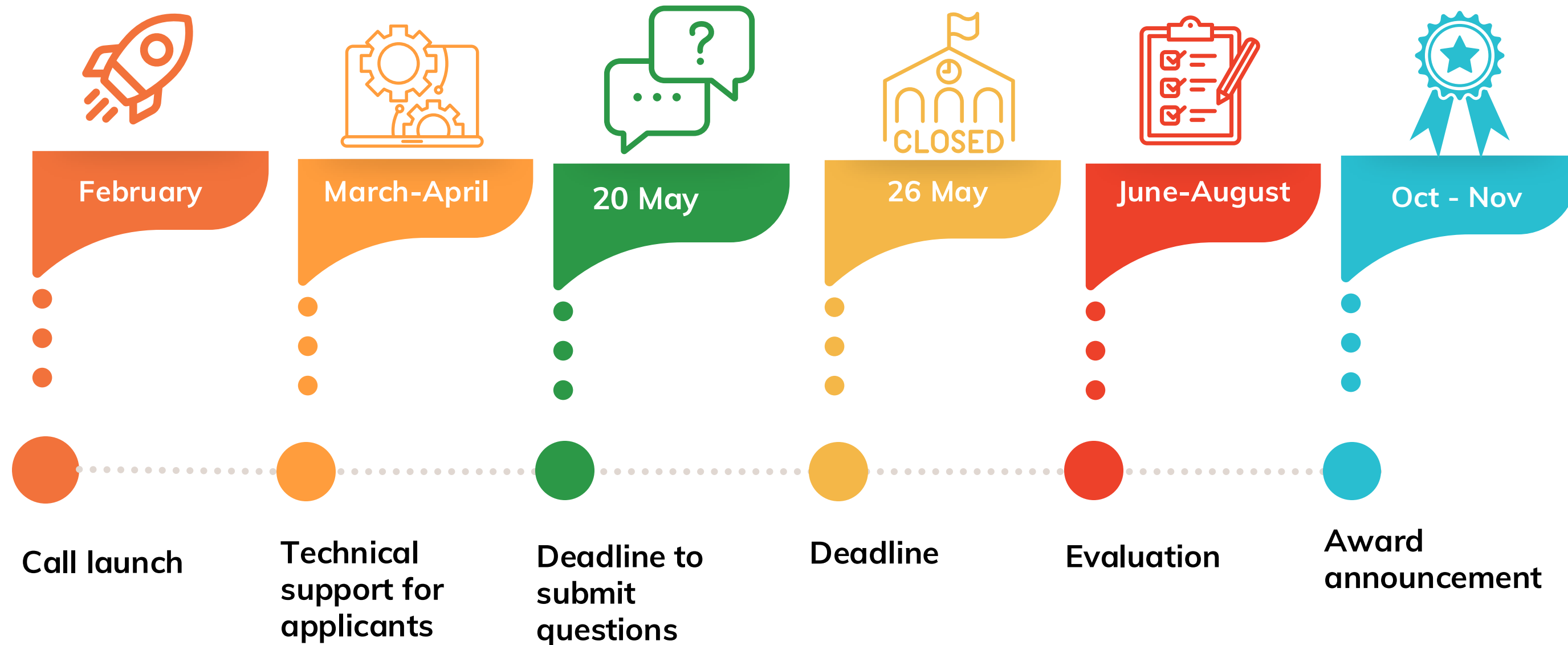


Evaluation Criteria

- ✓ Eligibility Screening
- ✓ Evaluation Panel including
 - *UNDP*
 - *MASE IT*
 - *Partner Organizations*
 - *Youth Representatives*



2025 Call for Solutions Timeline



❖ **New projects will start in spring 2026**

Getting help

Y4C provides technical support and answers questions regarding the Call for Solutions



Deep Dive Webinars

Series of Deep Dive Webinars

Title

Date

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Deep Dive 1

A Complete Guide on How to Apply for the Call for Solution 2025

March 12, 2025

UNDP Rome Centre, MASE, UNDP Climate Hub

Deep Dive 2

Proposal Development (Work planning, Budgeting, M&E) and Communication strategy

March 14, 2025

ITCILO, Y4C

Deep Dive 3

Deep Dive on Climate and Health

March 17, 2025

UNDP Climate Promise – Climate and health

Deep Dive 4

Climate, Peace and Security

March 19, 2025

UNDP Climate Peace and security

Deep Dive 5

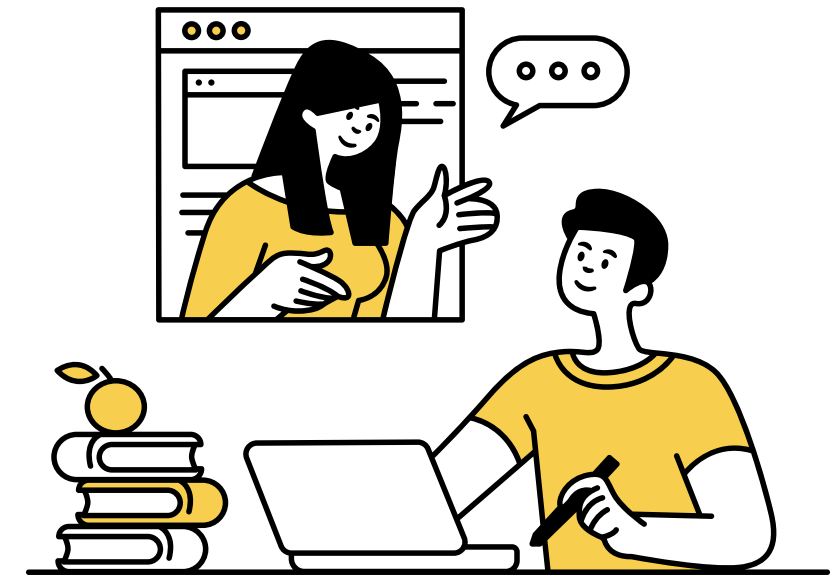
Deep Dive on Digital for Planet

March 21, 2025

UNDP Digital for Planet; AI hub for Dev't

2 - Online one-to-one support

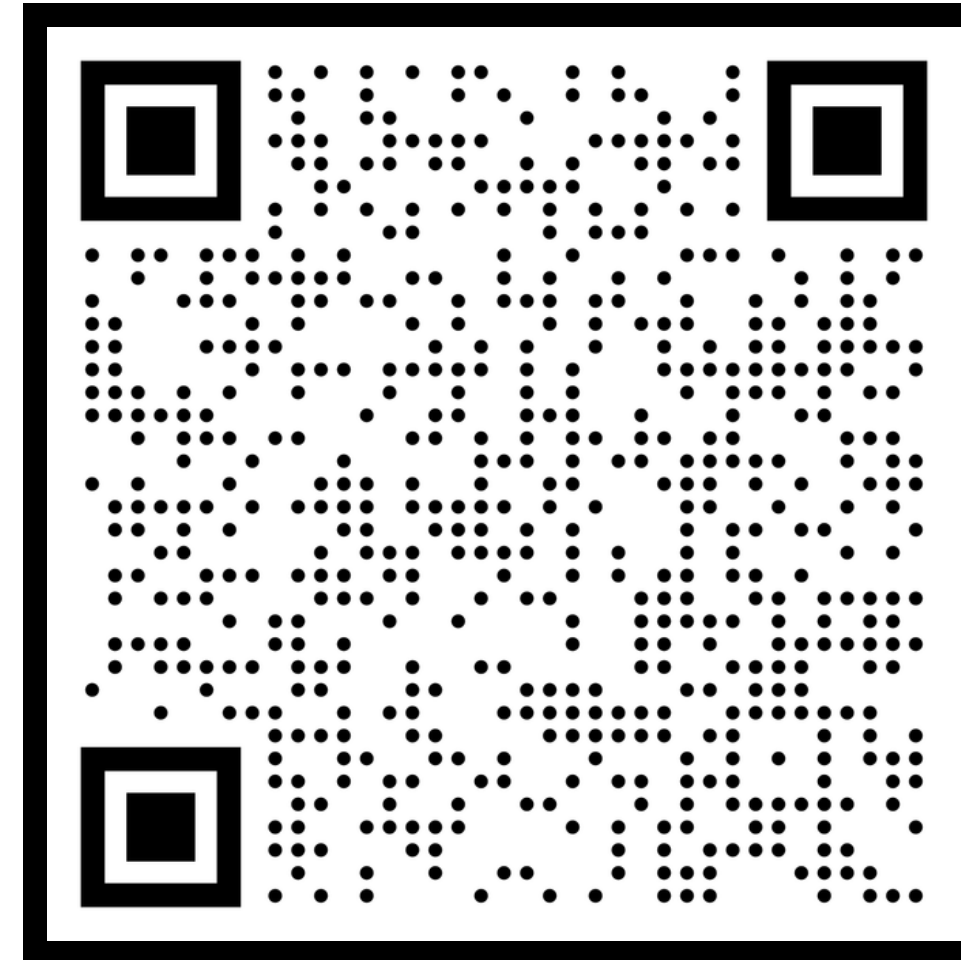
Online volunteers will provide you a 45 min one-to-one online support to guide you through your application by giving you technical advices on the workplan and budget design while applying.



3 - FAQ page

You can submit your questions on the comment session of the [FAQ page](#) we have prepared on the Youth4Climate Platform. We will get back to you with an answer within 2 or 3 working days. You can also send us an email via info.romecentre@undp.org

[Learn more at the Y4C Platform](#)



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Connect with us and our global community of young climate innovators through our social media and Y4C platform



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