

CALL FOR YOUTH-LED INNOVATIONS

SEAMEO INNOTECH is gathering young people from Southeast Asia to deepen the discussions and take greater ownership of the Youth Declaration¹ on Transforming Education in the Region. Happening on June 27–28, 2023, the Youth Summit will highlight the sharing and learning from the working models and educational innovations happening on the ground and representing seeds of transformation. These will serve as inspiration to spark new ideas, projects, and collaborative actions to bring forward the Youth Declaration into concrete steps at the classroom, school, community, and country levels.

In view of this, SEAMEO INNOTECH is calling for individuals, youth organizations, young leaders, and innovators who are proud to share their successful youth-led initiatives that contribute to transforming education.

Guidelines

Who can join the call

- A citizen or an organization in any of the 11 SEAMEO Member Countries (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam)

What we're looking for

- Successful programs or projects for the youth and by the youth
- The programs or projects must:
 - Be innovative. The initiative is new for the organization, locality, or sector where it is implemented in the last 3 years.

¹ Launched during the September 2022 Transforming Education Summit, the Youth Declaration, outlines the collective vision and commitments from youth sector on how to transform education. This was an outcome of an extensive consultation process involving nearly half a million youth from over 170 countries.

- Be implemented. The initiative has reached its intended beneficiaries. Ideas or proposals are not covered in this call.
- Have proven impact. The initiative has demonstrated effectiveness and generated small/big wins.
- Involve the youth sector. The initiative involves the youth as proponents and/or beneficiaries.

Thematic Areas

We are looking for youth-led innovations in the following areas:

- School-to-Work Transition
- Entrepreneurship/self-employment
- Civic Engagement
- Digital Literacy/Digitization of Learning
- Learning through Arts and Technology
- Youth Leadership
- Inclusive education that embraces diversity (gender transformative education, indigenous youth, youth refugees, OSYs, youth with disabilities, etc.)
- Environmental Resilience
- Psychosocial and Mental Wellbeing

However, feel free to respond to this call even if your innovation is not in the list of thematic areas.

Benefits

- Selected innovators will be invited to present their work at the INNOTECH Youth Summit in Quezon City, Philippines on June 27-28, 2023
- Transportation and accommodation will be fully funded
- Exposure to funding and partnership opportunities
- Opportunities to network with other youth leaders and organizations serving young people in Southeast Asia
- Be featured in SEAMEO INNOTECH Publications

How to Apply

Interested participants can respond to this call by uploading a video and filling out the application form using this link: <https://bit.ly/youth-innovations>

Video Guidelines

- The video must not exceed 5 minutes and must be in English.
- Be guided by the following questions as you create your video:
 - What is the focus of your solutions and innovations?
 - Who are its intended beneficiaries?
 - What made this initiative successful?
 - How is this contributing to education transformation? What has been its impact on the learners, young people, schools, learning centers, or the community?
 - How can this solution/initiative be replicated in other contexts?
How can this solution be scaled up?
- 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.
- Keep the camera in a still position to avoid a shaky recording.
- Ensure the picture quality of your video is clear.
- Videos should be shot in “landscape/widescreen” mode.
- Upload your video to YouTube or other video-sharing sites. Submit the video link through the application form at <https://bit.ly/youth-innovations>

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2023.

Selection Process

SEAMEO INNOTECH will assess all applications according to a standard set of criteria: thematic area, innovation, impact and reach, sustainability, and opportunity for scale-up.

Timeline

Date	Activity
March 23, 2023	Call for Applications
April 30, 2023	Deadline for Applications
May 2-10, 2023	Screening Process
May 22, 2023	Notification to Preselected Innovators
June 27-28, 2023	Youth Summit at SEAMEO INNOTECH, Manila Philippines Sharing of Successful and Working Local Solutions and Innovations

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