Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Who is the organiser of Big Ideas Competition 2017?

The Big Ideas Competition is organised by UN Global Pulse (through Pulse Lab Jakarta, with support from the Government of Australia), the Ministry of Science and ICT, the National Information Society Agency (MSIT) of the Republic of Korea, Information Society Agency (NIA) and Korea Association for ICT Promotion (KAIT), the UNDP in Asia and the Pacific, and United Nations Volunteers.

2. Is there an entry fee?

No. Participants are not required to pay an entry fee.

3. What is the format of the proposals?

The proposals should detail an original data-driven idea[1] that can be developed into a working prototype to advance SDG #13: Climate Action. Specifically, the proposals should:

1) Include new ideas, i.e. ideas that are not already published or have already been re-developed with new improvements. Commercialized ideas are not permitted;
2) Use more than one source of data, such as big data, open data, and newly collected data (one example is crowdsourcing). Proposals that include a new type of data or a new source of data will be given additional points;
3) Include innovative ways to engage and raise awareness within local communities, in particular youth, women and volunteers;
4) Be realistic, implementable, and cost efficient; and
5) Explain clearly the details of implementation.

Proposals will earn more points in evaluation if they include building a prototype that can be further refined and developed.

4. If the team builds the prototype, will UN Global Pulse provide extra funding?

No. The organisers will not be responsible for any budgets for participants' activities.

5. What language does my submission need to be in?

All proposals should be written in English.

6. What is the maximum number of pages for the proposals? And what should the main contents of the proposals be?

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[1] http://unglobalpulse.org/news/winning-proposals-big-ideas-competition-asia-pacific

The proposal form can be downloaded here.

The proposal should be up to a maximum of three pages, including:
- Title
- Participants data (including affiliation): email address, mobile phone number
- Motivation
- Approach & Expected Results
- Result of Prototype/Pilot (if applicable)
- Future Plans (if applicable)

7. Who is eligible to enter the competition?

The competition is open to residents of ASEAN member states (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam), Sri Lanka and the Republic of Korea.

Please note that if you are shortlisted, we may require evidence of your residency.

8. Is the competition open to individual applicants?

Yes. Any individual or team (up to three people) thinking of submitting a proposal should:
1. Submit an Expression of Interest *before submitting the full proposal.*
2. Submit the Full Proposal to:
   [bit.ly/bic-sub](bit.ly/bic-sub)

9. How many winners will be selected at the end of the competition?

The evaluation committee will identify a maximum of sixteen (16) winners. However, the number of prizes to be awarded will depend on the quality of submissions, hence may be subject to change.

10. Is it possible to be selected for multiple awards?

No. Each team can only win one prize.

11. What are the prizes?

A total of sixteen (16) winners will be selected (subject to change).

- One Grand Prize winner
- Three Excellence winners
- Twelve country prizes

Please note: If there are fewer than ten submissions from a country, the evaluation committee reserves the right not to award a prize if the quality of proposals is unsatisfactory.

12. Who is responsible for costs related to the transfer of the awards?

The cash prize amount is subject to change due to currency fluctuations. Any costs related to the deposit, withdrawal and currency exchange of the prize funds are the winners' responsibilities.

13. How do I submit my proposal?

You are directed to two links. First, you are required to complete the Expression of Interest Form at bit.ly/bic-eoi. Second, you must submit your proposals at bit.ly/bic-sub. To learn more about how to use Easy Chair, please read: How to submit your file to easychair.

14. When I can submit my proposal?

You can submit proposals between 14 August 2017 and 23:59 on 7 September 2017 (GMT +7).

15. Is it possible to submit multiple proposals?

Yes, each applicant may submit multiple proposals.

16. What are the stages of evaluation?

There are two evaluation stages. The first stage of evaluation will shortlist 24 proposals that meet the minimum evaluation criteria. During the second stage, the shortlisted applicants will present their ideas and undergo a Q&A session with the evaluation committee.

17. When will I find out if my proposal has been selected?

You will be informed if your proposal is selected for the second round evaluation via email during the third week of September.

18. What should I prepare for the second stage of evaluation?

The second round evaluation will be adjudicated based on the applicants' presentations. Each individual/team needs to pre-record a video presentation to be used for the second round of evaluation. However, if an individual/team is not able to pre-record the presentation, the

evaluation committee needs to be informed in order to arrange an alternative way to present ideas.

The presentation will explain the proposal and how it can help achieve SDG #13. During the presentation (pre-recorded), each individual/team must connect online (video call or audio call).

At the end of the second round evaluation, the committee will have identified a maximum of sixteen (16) winners. However, the committee has the discretion of identifying fewer proposals depending on the quality of the submissions.

19. How much time is allocated for the presentation?

The length of the presentation is ten minutes for each team and the Question and Answer session with the judges will last about five minutes.

20. In what language should we submit the video?

All submitted contents for the competition should be in English.

21. Where can I submit my video presentation?

Please upload your video through this link bit.ly/bic-video. Kindly note: a gmail account will be required to upload the file.

22. What is the format of the video presentation?

The length of the video presentation should not exceed 10 minutes. There will be an additional 5 minutes for a question and answer session. During the presentation (pre-recorded), each individual/team must connect online (video call or audio call), as well as during the question and answer session with the evaluation committee. The entire segment will be in English.

24. What is a Webinar?

Webinar is an online presentation and discussion format. We will conduct a maximum of two webinars. First on **25 August 2017 at 04.00 pm GMT+7** and **31 August 2017 at 04.00 pm GMT+7**. For those who are interested in knowing more about the topic, we encourage you to join one of the webinars to shape your ideas.

25. How to join Webinars?

Please register for the Big Ideas Competition Webinar 1 by Aug 25, 2017 2:00 PM (GMT+7) at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5287264830067004674

Please register for the Big Ideas Competition <u>Webinar 2</u> by Aug 31, 2017 2:00 PM (GMT+7) at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8279679183548845569

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

26. The prizes are mentioned in USD. Will the awards be granted in this currency?

The prize will be transferred to your bank account and will follow the currency associated with the bank account information you provide.

27. If I have more inquiries, who should I contact?
Please send an email to plj-proposals@un.or.id