



Social Good Summit 2018 Application Guidelines

A. Background

The Social Good Summit (SGS) is a two-day conference examining the impact of technology and new media on social good initiatives around the world. Held annually during United Nations General Week, SGS unites a dynamic community of global leaders and grassroots activists to discuss solutions for the greatest challenges of our time. The summit is also a platform for engaging youth for promoting and achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. During the SGS, global citizens around the world unite to unlock the potential of technology to make the world a better place. This initiative is annually localized in various UNDP Country Offices worldwide.

This year's SGS event in Sierra Leone will be a one-day event taking place at Ernest Bai Koroma University of Science and Technology in Makeni, Bombali District on **29th September, 2018 @ 9:00am**

UNDP started holding the SGS events, with the National Youth Innovation Award (YIA) in 2013. Salton Massally was the first winner. He invented the www.careers.sl job portal. Salton is now a leading youth innovator, and the Chief Technology Officer at iDT Labs in Sierra Leone. The summit was not held in 2014 due to the state of medical emergency restrictions instituted during the Ebola epidemic. The summit returned in 2015, with Archippus Sesay winning the award that year. Archippus works in the Orthopaedic Department at the regional hospital in Makeni. He is an amputee from Northern Sierra Leone, who locally designs and manufactures prosthetic legs for amputees. In 2016, a trio won the male category with the prototype of an environmentally friendly electricity generator, whilst Fatmata Binta Bah won the female category with a water purification system for her community. Fatmata and the trio represented Sierra Leone in the 2017 World Robot Olympiad in Washington. The 2017, male star prize winner Mohamed Kamara developed a renewable generator through scrap metals he gathered from the dumpsite in his Wilberforce Community in Freetown. While Fanta Konneh's solar combined with wind titled "So-wind- short for solar and wind won the female star prize.

B. Leaving No One Behind in the Digital Age

The 2018 theme, "**Think Tumara**" brings into perspective how our current and collective actions matter in bridging the digital divide. This year's summit will not only accommodate applications from youth in the school and academia, but also those who may not have gone to school or dropped out at some point due to one or more reasons; youth who may not have access to the infrastructure that are necessary to enable their innovative and or digital dreams and ambitions to thrive. The aim of this year's SGS is, therefore, to extend an opportunity to some of this youth who have creative, innovative minds but lack the opportunities and or platforms to be seen, heard and encouraged.

We hope this year's event will inspire young people to take the lead in coming up with ground-breaking innovations to help make Mama Salone a better place. Contestants will be split into male and female categories from which the two-star winners and two runners-up will be selected. The star winners will receive a cash prize of SLL 10Million each and the runners-up will each receive SLL 5Million.

1. Selection Criteria (contestants/idea)

- Contestants should be 35 years old or below, and resident in Sierra Leone.
- The idea must:

- Address issues at community level and should focus on solving one or more of the following development problem (health, education, energy, sanitation, waste management, unemployment, disaster risk etc.
 - The idea should be in line with one or more of the UNDP New Strategic Plan outlined below:
 - Promoting nature-based solutions for a sustainable planet,
 - Strengthening effective, inclusive and accountable governance,
 - Keeping people out of poverty,
 - Strengthening gender equality and empowerment of women and girls,
 - Closing the energy gap
 - Enhance national prevention and recovery capacities thus building resilient societies
- Be innovative and transformative
- Contribute to achieving one or more of the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)
- Be viable and easily reproduced.

2. How winners will be selected

- a) Only completed registration forms will be considered in the long-list. A selection panel will short-list the ten best innovations.
- b) Contestants are expected to prepare 3-5-minute presentations of their innovations, as soon as they have submitted their applications.
- c) UNDP would be responsible for the transportation and lodging in Makeni of shortlisted candidates.
- d) All contestants will be given numbers for easy identification throughout the contest. Those numbers will be referred to during the selection process.
- e) Each of the contestants will be expected to present their ideas to the panel of judges and audience, and answer questions at the end of their presentations.
- f) Using a stopwatch mechanism, all speakers and presenters will be expected to make their remarks and presentations within the allocated timeframe.
- g) The winners will be announced immediately after the tallying of results and prizes will be awarded afterward.

3. Important Timelines

- a) Registration/Application Period – 1st September to 25th September 2018
- b) Short-listing Date – 25th September 2018
- c) Best Candidates notified – 26th September 2018 (through text messages & phone calls)
- d) Social Good Summit Event & Innovation Award– 29th September 2018

C. How to Participate?

Hard copies of application forms are available at UNDP Headquarters at 55 Wilkinson Road, Freetown; Sierra Leone Commercial Bank; Rokel Commercial Bank; and Africell Regional Offices in the 12 districts, National Petroleum (NP) station near you and in few District Development and Planning Offices or fill in the form below located on our website: www.sl.undp.org.

Please return completed forms by email to communication.sl@undp.org or via WhatsApp on +232-99-28-99-55.

Youth Innovation Award 2018

Innovation Application Form

Personal Details

Name:

Sex:

Physical address:

DOB:

Tel/Contact No:

Active Email:

Institution/Organization:

Are you operating as an individual, group, company or other entity? Please clarify:

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How did you find out about Social Good Summit 2018

- UNDP Website
- Word of mouth/email from colleague.
- Radio
- TV
- Facebook
- WhatsApp
- Other (please specify):

Summary description of innovation/invention (not more than 300 words):