

ITU DIGITAL WORLD 2020 SME VIRTUAL AWARDS

Please read carefully before applying for an Award.

Terms and Conditions

1. By entering the ITU Digital World 2020 SME Virtual Awards (the "Awards"), participants (each, a "Participant") hereby warrant that all information submitted is true, current and complete. The International Telecommunication Union (the "Organizer") reserves the right to verify the eligibility of all Participants.
2. By entering the Awards, each Participant accepts the present Terms and Conditions.
3. The ITU Digital World 2020 SME Virtual Awards are open to Participants identifying as a small or medium enterprise (each an "SME") and start-ups. The Organizer reserves the right to exclude any Participant from the Awards should it maintain reasonable doubts as to the Participant's status as a small or medium enterprise or start-up.
4. All entries to Awards must be submitted in English via the online application form, before the deadline for submission, which is provided at the ITU Digital World 2020 SME Virtual Awards webpage <https://digital-world.itu.int/itu-digital-world-virtual-awards-2020>
5. The winners of the Awards will be selected from among the top shortlisted submissions. All decisions regarding the shortlisted submissions and the winners, will be made by an expert jury determined by the Organizer, based on a number of substantial criteria (primarily based on the quality of the solution, innovativeness, business potential, and social impact potential).
6. The shortlisted Participants in the ITU Digital World 2020 SME Virtual Awards will be notified in advance and by 18:00 13 November 2020 at the latest. The winners of all Awards will be announced online on ITU Digital World 2020 SME Virtual Awards webpage by end December 2020. All decisions of the expert jury are final and without appeal.
7. All Participants will retain the intellectual property rights on the contents of their submissions. However, by entering the Award, each Participant grants the Organizer a limited, non-exclusive, global, two-year royalty-free right and license to use, reproduce, communicate, demonstrate, make available for public display and distribute the content of his/her submission for the Organizer's marketing, promotional, informational and educational or awareness purposes, via printed or digital or online media, including the Organizer's website. Each Participant represents that he/she has the legal right to grant such licence to the Organizer.
8. By entering the Award, Participants permit the Organizer to use their name, likeness and/or photograph for marketing, promotional and awareness purposes in any media, worldwide, at no cost for the Organizer or remuneration for the Participant.

9. By entering the Award, each Participant agrees to release and hold harmless the Organizer from and against any and all claims, expenses, and liability, including but not limited to negligence and damages of any kind to persons and property, infringement of trademark, copyright, patents or other intellectual property rights arising out of or relating to their participation in the Award and the contents of their submissions.
10. The Organizer reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any submission which does not comply with the present Terms and Conditions. Submissions which are not in English or which the Organizer deems to be off topic, to be covert advertisements for unrelated projects or otherwise to be in violation of the rules or spirit of the Awards or the Event will also be disqualified.
11. The Organizer is not responsible for lost, late, corrupted, mutilated or misdirected submissions, or submissions not received in time as per the deadline for submission.
12. The winners will be required to provide updates on the progress of their winning solution over the course of the year up to and including ITU Digital World 2021 (date to be confirmed). These updates may consist of responses to email or telephone interviews; success stories and short blog posts, which will be uploaded on the Organizer's website and other communication channels and made available to the public; photos and social media postings.
13. No Participant is allowed to use the ITU or ITU Digital World logo or other branding elements on material that was produced by them, without the prior written permission of the Organizer.
14. The Organizer shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to modify these terms and conditions and to abbreviate, modify, suspend, cancel or terminate the Award (of any Award category) without any future obligation. Any such change will be communicated on the at the ITU Digital World 2020 SME Virtual Awards webpage <https://digital-world.itu.int/itu-digital-world-virtual-awards-2020>
15. The Organizer reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding the Award. Nothing herein shall be considered to be a limitation or a waiver of the privileges and immunities of the Organizer, which are specifically reserved.