



SDG 16 Innovation Challenge

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A Joint Initiative of the Government of Pakistan, UNDP Pakistan and Accountability Lab Pakistan

The SDG 16 innovation competition is an initiative for young people in Pakistan to find creative solutions for [SDG 16](#)- on peace, justice and strong institutions. The initiative is built on the understanding that youth in Pakistan are a key stakeholder in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and have many ideas that can help us achieve the goals, making Pakistan more prosperous and secure. The competition supports young people to develop ideas, build skills and connect with others working towards these shared goals.

The SDG 16 innovation competition focuses on seven thematic areas (or research questions). Each participant will develop a proposal to address one of these questions:

- How can we make sure the most vulnerable people in Pakistan are included in the process of development?
- How can we help people report violence?
- How can young people fight corruption?
- How can we increase women's participation in elections?
- How can we make sure everyone is included in conversations about the future of Pakistan?
- How can we make sure government policies include young people?
- In FATA, how can we support the voices of women?

We are looking for creative ideas from anyone under the age of 35 and encourage participants to think "out of the box"- using tools like the media, culture, arts and technology. The winning ideas will be simple, practical and address one of the questions above directly.

The participants with the top 20 ideas from across Pakistan will be invited to a 2-day workshop in Islamabad to further refine their concepts in late May. The culmination of the campaign will be a pitch competition in front of a panel of judges, from which we will chose at least one winning idea in each of the 7 categories mentioned above. The winners will be eligible for an internship at UNDP to further develop their ideas; a place within the Accountability Lab's incubator; and possible financing from external partners.

Ideas can be submitted to the Challenge from April 5th to May 5th through the application form or through a video. Details of the application process can be found at www.accountabilitylab.org/innovation.

Reach out to us at SDG16challenge@accountabilitylab.org or by Whatsapp at 0300 033 0203 for any questions or for support.

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