

中非创新合作中心

Notice of the 4th China-Africa Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition

All relevant units,

To act in the spirit of the 2024 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and carry out the tasks of *the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Beijing Action Plan (2025-2027)*, the China Science and Technology Exchange Center and the Department of Science and Technology of Hubei Province will jointly organize “The 4th China-Africa Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition”, the details of which are as follows:

I. Theme and content of the event

With the theme of “Creating new opportunities for a shared future of China and Africa”, the event focuses on digital economy, artificial intelligence, healthcare, modern agriculture, green and low-carbon technology, and advanced manufacturing,

etc. The competition aims to further stimulate the innovation and entrepreneurship vitality of Chinese and African youths, broaden the space for innovation and entrepreneurship cooperation, and build a platform for China-Africa youth exchange and cooperation to facilitate China-Africa economic development and people-to-people exchanges.

II. Requirements of the entries

(I) Categories of entries

1. Those intended to be or already put into practical application in African countries.
2. Those intended to be or already put into practical application in China. The participants should be citizens of African countries or the team should include citizens of African countries.

(II) Fields of entries

The entries belong to the following fields: digital economy, artificial intelligence, healthcare, modern agriculture, green and low-carbon technology, and advanced manufacturing, etc.

(III) Other requirements

1. In principle, the entries should be the start-up projects with conditions for establishing a company to operate, or science and technology start-up companies registered in China or Africa after January 1, 2020. The entries can be inventions or patented

technologies, or conceptual products or services realized through relevant research and development.

2. The entries should be innovative scientifically and technologically to some degree, with good market prospects and predictable economic benefits. Individuals or teams participating in the competition should hold clear intellectual property rights for the products, technologies, and related patents of the project, and there should be no intellectual property disputes with any other units or individuals.

3. The winning projects of the 1st to 3rd China-Africa Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition are not allowed to participate in this competition.

III. Requirements of participants

1. Participants should be citizens of China or African countries under 40 years old (born after January 1, 1985), and abide by the rules of the competition and the laws and regulations of China.

2. Participants should be proficient in using Chinese or English to communicate during the competition.

3. Participants can be individuals or teams, but each individual and team can sign up for only one entry. In the case of team participation, the number of members of each team shall not be less than three or exceed six, and people from different organizations (universities, enterprises, etc.) and different

nationalities are allowed to form teams. If members of a team are from different countries, it should be determined that the team represents one of the countries.

IV. Agenda of the event

1. Registration (June to September, 2025)

Participants are required to send the registration form to the email address of their competition zone according to their location (see contact information for details. **Overseas projects can choose any one competition zone to register.** All projects cannot choose multiple competition zones, and once discovered, the eligibility to participate will be canceled).

2. Preliminary Competition (October, 2025)

In October 2025, the preliminary round of the competition will be held in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu, and Wuhan. Please pay attention to the specific notifications from co-organizers for detailed schedules.

3. Final (November, 2025)

In November 2025, the qualified individuals and teams will be invited by CAICC to come to Wuhan to participate in the final. In the competition, there is 1 first prize, 2 second prizes, 3 third prizes. The competition also has awards such as Best Creative Awards, Awards of Excellence, etc.

V. Contact Information

(1) Competition Zone 1 (Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi, Inner Mongolia, Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang)

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(2) Competition Zone 2 (Anhui, Jiangxi, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Shaanxi)

Co-organized by: China University of Geosciences

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(3) Competition Zone 3 (Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Shandong)

Co-organized by: Tongji University

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(4) Competition Zone 4 (Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan)

Co-organized by: Guangdong University of Foreign Studies

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(5) Competition Zone 5 (Chongqing, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Xizang, Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia, Xinjiang)

Co-organized by: Tianfu International Technology Transfer Center

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(6) China-Africa Innovation Cooperation Center (CAICC)

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Attachments: 1. Activity Plan of the 4th China-Africa Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition

2. Registration Form

China-Africa Innovation Cooperation Center

July 8, 2025



Attachment 1

Activity Plan for the 4th China-Africa Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition

I. Name of the event

The 4th China-Africa Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition

II. Theme of the event

Creating new opportunities for a shared future of China and Africa

III. Time and location

Time: June to November, 2025

Location: Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu, Wuhan

IV. Organizations

1. Hosted by:

China Science and Technology Exchange Center

Department of Science and Technology of Hubei Province

2. Organized by:

China-Africa Innovation Cooperation Center (CAICC)

3. Co-organized by:

Tongji University, China University of Geosciences, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, Zhongguancun the Belt and Road Industrial Promotion Association, Tianfu International Technology Transfer Center, Shenzhen Transsion Holdings Co., Ltd., China Construction Huaxia (Beijing) Industrial Operation Management Co., Ltd., BRICS Trade Promotion and Education Technology Association, Sino-North Africa Education Innovation Association

4. The organizing committee of the competition

The hosts, organizers, and co-organizers of the competition jointly form the organizing committee. The office of the organizing committee is at the China-Africa Innovation Cooperation Center, responsible for the overall planning and coordination of the competition, and the organization of the final.

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countries.

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2. Participants should be proficient in using Chinese or English to communicate during the competition.
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VII. Agenda of the event

1. Registration (June to September, 2025)

Since the release of the preliminary notice in June, participating projects are collected. Participants are required to send the registration form to the email address of their competition zone according to their location (**Overseas projects can choose any one competition zone to register**).

2. Preliminary Competition (October, 2025)

The preliminary competition has 5 competition zones:

(1) Competition Zone 1 (Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi, Inner Mongolia, Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang) co-organized by Zhongguancun the Belt and Road Industrial Promotion Association

(2) Competition Zone 2 (Anhui, Jiangxi, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Shaanxi) co-organized by China University of Geosciences

(3) Competition Zone 3 (Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Shandong) co-organized by Tongji University

(4) Competition Zone 4 (Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan) co-organized by Guangdong University of Foreign Studies

(5) Competition Zone 5 (Chongqing, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, Xizang, Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia, Xinjiang) co-organized by Tianfu International Technology Transfer Center

The five co-organizers are responsible for collecting projects for the preliminary competition and organizing experts to score and select projects.

3. Final (November, 2025)

Three outstanding projects will be selected from each competition zone to enter the final (the organizing committee office may adjust the number of projects entering the final according to the actual number of registered projects in each

zone). The final will be organized by CAICC and projects from five competition zones will compete together. CAICC will invite qualified individuals and teams to come to Wuhan to in November to participate in the final, doing project presentations and Q&A online or offline. A jury composed of experts in the relevant technical field, heads of investment institutions, and corporate executives will score each project and select the winners.

The evaluation standards for the semi-finals and final are uniformly formulated by the organizing committee office. The competition will be one of the parallel sessions of the 2025 China-Africa Innovation Cooperation and Development Forum, and the award ceremony of the competition will be held at the opening ceremony of the forum.

VIII. Awards and supportive policy

(I) Awards

In the competition, there is one first prize with 20,000 RMB, 2 second prizes with 10,000 RMB per prize, 3 third prizes with 5,000 RMB per prize, 5 Best Creative Awards with 3,000 RMB per award, and awards for excellence.

(II) Supportive policy

1. No sign-up fee or registration fee will be charged to the

competition participants.

2. For the individuals and teams (the number of members shall not exceed three) participating in the competition who have passed the semi-finals and are willing to go to Wuhan to participate in the final, food and accommodations in Wuhan during the final will be covered by the organizing committee. A subsidy will be provided for each project according to the following standards: 1,000 RMB/project within Hubei province, 500 RMB/project within Wuhan city, 3000 RMB/project outside Hubei Province. The subsidy is mainly used for transportation, translation, production and other expenses.

3. The organizing committee will publicize the event and the project selected for the final through various media organizations, familiarize relevant venture capital firms, enterprises, and parks with projects selected for the final, implement support policies and provide incentives for the projects intended to be put into practical application in Hubei, enhance the publicity of the winning projects, and facilitate the smooth commercialization of the projects.

Attachment 2

Registration Form

Project name	Chinese:				
	English:				
Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Zone 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Zone 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Zone 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Zone 5				
Participants' information	Project leader	Name		Gender	
		Nationality		Date of birth	
		Employer/ current university		Job title	
	Core members	Name 1		Gender	
		Nationality		Date of birth	
		Employer/ current university		Job title	
		Name 2		Gender	
		Nationality		Date of birth	
		Employer/ current university		Job title	
		Name 3		Gender	
		Nationality		Date of birth	
		Employer/ current university		Job title	

	Contact person	Name		Gender	
		Employer/ current university			
		Tel		Email	
Enterprise information (It can be left blank if there is not.)	Enterprise name				
	Legal representative		Registration date		
	Business license	(Please provide it as an attachment.)			
	Enterprise introduction				
	Website (if have)				
Tutor (It can be left blank if there is not.)	Name	Employer	Job title	Tel	
Project profile		(Technology/product, business model, company team, market analysis, financing/investment)			

Note: Business license, patent certificate, evaluation materials, and award certificates etc. can be attached with the registration form.