

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.

V. 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

Digital economy, artificial intelligence, healthcare, modern agriculture, green and low-carbon technology, advanced manufacturing

(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.

VI. 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.

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.