



Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment

Call for Participation

The Ministry of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment has a bold vision to empower and engage communities through various focused initiatives. Among them is promoting modern technology – which is an enabler to enhance our lives at so many levels. In partnership with Ugail Foundation, we are opening this opportunity to showcase your technological talent. We seek participants who are keen to demonstrate, exhibit or showcase innovative technology in the form of a development, product or even a bold idea which can have a tangible impact in our society today. Interested participants are required to complete a short application form and submit it by 18th July 2019 (Thursday), 10:00 am. If your application is successful, we will provide you with the opportunity to showcase your curation to the general public for a day. During that day, through a panel of judges led by Professor Ugail, we will select the best five curations. Participants of the best five curations will be given the opportunity to further develop their work for it to be showcased at the Ukulhas Tech Fair 2019. The Ukulhas Tech Fair 2019 runs on 26 – 28 August 2019 and in parallel with the #AIMaldives2019, (www.aiMaldives.mv) - the 2019 International Workshop on Applied Artificial Intelligence - to which 100+ world class scientists will be attending.

Deadline for application: **18th July 2019 (Thursday), 10:00 am.**

I am interested. What can I submit?

You can submit almost any sort of curation, e.g. it can be a physical exhibit, a prototype, a computer program, an app or even a bold idea which can be adopted and implemented in our society.

Who can apply to participate in this fair?

Anyone aged 16 to 35 currently living in the Maldives can apply to participate in the fair. However, we do require the participants to be in group form whereby each group size should be between 2 and 5, i.e. a minimum of 2 people and a maximum of 5 people in a group. Note, you can participate in one group only.

Technology is a broad area. Are there any specific themes identified in this fair?

Yes, the scope of the Youth Tech Fair 2019 is restricted to the following themes.

1. Mental health
2. Political participation
3. Cultural participation
4. Addressing disabilities
5. Health and wellbeing

Hence, we are looking for a curation which is technologically enhanced providing or have the potential to provide substantial positive input to empower and enhance the lives of people who are living in the Maldives.



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What are the criteria for selection?

We will convene a panel of judges led by Professor Ugail who will use the following criteria for selecting the curations to showcase and ultimately selecting the best five pieces to showcase at the Ukulhas Tech Fair 2019. The criteria are,

1. The use of technology (30 Marks)
2. Adaptability and sustainability for the Maldivian society (25 Marks)
3. Creativity (20 Marks)
4. Inclusivity (20 Marks)
5. Public appeal (05 Marks) (This will happen during the showcase day at the venue)