RULES & CRITERIA

1. PROPOSAL CRITERIA

Your idea should fulfill the following criteria:

- The idea contributes to driving progress towards Global Goals 1-6 ending poverty, eliminating hunger and/or promoting health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, and/or access to clean water and sanitation.
- The idea focuses on the national or subnational (i.e. local) level.
- The Accelerator will serve your long-term strategy.

- The idea has been tested and is ready for acceleration.
- The idea focuses on (1) data sourcing and accountability (e.g. initiatives that collect community feedback to gauge how people perceive progress over time and/or crowdsource quantitative data on how much progress is being made on specific indicators) and/or (2) data translation and storytelling (e.g. storytelling initiatives and campaigns that translate development data for advocacy efforts with leaders across sectors).

2. APPLICANT CRITERIA

We're looking for young advocates from all walks of life with proven determination and experience. You're an ideal candidate if you:

- Are an experienced social activist, researcher, campaigner, technologist, scientist or change agent.
- Are committed and ready to advance and accelerate the progress of a successful idea now and in the longer-term.
- Are passionate about solving local development issues, no matter what it takes

You (the applicant) should fulfill the following criteria:

- You are a young person (age 18-35 as of 1 January 2019) or represent a youth-led organisation.
- You or your organisation are affiliated with one of the following partners:
  - Action for Sustainable Development
  - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
  - Goalkeepers Community
  - CIVICUS
  - George W. Bush Institute
  - Obama Foundation
  - Restless Development
    If you're not affiliated with any of these organisations, you can sign-up to become a CIVICUS member here.

- You work in your community to enhance local development in Africa, Asia, Latin America or the Middle East (with priority given to Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia).
- You are able to dedicate up to 50% of your time to Accelerator-related activities from January to December 2019, including a 5-day workshop in Arusha, Tanzania, from 21-25 January 2019, and twice-monthly online calls.
- You have the capacity to deliver on your proposed idea/plan.
- You can share your expertise and knowledge with other participants, and bring learnings or synergies back to your organisation/community.
- If you are applying as an organisation, you must demonstrate alignment between your organisation mission and the initiative.
- If you are applying as an organisation, the governance structure of your organisation must approve your application.

3. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Relevance to the Accelerator's themes, i.e. data sourcing and accountability and/or data translation and storytelling
- Feasibility, viability, and coherence of the idea
- Impact and scaling potential in the near-term
- Innovation, with a focus on creative ideas for generating and using citizen generated data
- Proven experience and understanding of the problem
- Soundness of budget and implementation plan
- Clearly articulated link between Accelerator support and the initiative's success
- Human resource capacity

GOALKEEPERS YOUTH ACTION ACCELERATOR

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

5 CAN I APPLY IF I ONLY HAVE AN IDEA AND HAVEN'T TESTED?

No, please note that we only accept initiatives that have been piloted and are ready to scale, or are already in the testing phase with preliminary results that indicate there is potential to advance or accelerate.

1 WHAT IS THE GOALKEEPERS YOUTH ACTION ACCELERATOR?

The Goalkeepers Youth Action Accelerator is a 12-month pilot project that will engage and support up to 30 youth advocates using data to improve local development related to poverty, hunger, health and well-being, education, gender equality and water and sanitation (Global Goals 1-6). These youth advocates will have access to a suite of funding and technical capacity development support, valued at up to $30,000. Participants will also have access to local and international networking opportunities to garner visibility and mobilise funds for their initiatives.

2 WHO CAN APPLY?

Individual youth (ages 18-35) or representatives of youth led organisations from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East (with priority given to Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia) working in their communities to enhance local development.

3 WHAT IS A YOUTH-LED ORGANISATION?

A youth-led organisation focuses on youth-led development, promotes youth participation and often has a leadership team largely made up of young people (35 and under).

4 WHAT HAPPENS IF I'M NOT AFFILIATED TO ANY OF THE PARTNER ORGANISATIONS OR PLATFORMS?

You and/or your organisation are welcome to join CIVICUS alliance, www.civicus.org/join. To learn more, click here.

6 WHAT TYPE OF SUPPORT WOULD I BE ABLE TO ACCESS?

Successful applicants (who become Accelerator participants) will have access to a suite of technical support, networks and mentors as well as funding, goods and services valued at up to $30,000. In addition to facilitating connections with CIVICUS members and partners nationally and sub-nationally, Accelerator participants will have the opportunity to engage in international networking opportunities to build global solidarity and further create visibility and mobilise funds around their initiatives. Detailed offerings include:

- Hands-on guidance to refine and finalise your project proposal into a comprehensive implementation plan
- Tailored training and resources to help you build the skills needed to implement your initiative
- Ongoing, regular support with Accelerator project implementation, including support with measuring citizen-based data collection and analysis with a mentor/ technical advisor
- Being part of an active community of youth and non-youth organisations working on citizen-driven data sourcing and accountability approaches and data analysis and storytelling focused on peer-to-peer learning and problem solving
- Promotion of your work to a global audience via case studies, blog posts and learning resources

7 WHO IS THE OWNER OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE ACCELERATOR?

Accelerator participants must agree to the following Global Access Commitment and Humanitarian License:

GLOBAL ACCESS COMMITMENT

You will conduct and manage the Project and the Funded Developments in a manner that ensures Global Access. Your Global Access commitments will survive the term of this Agreement. "Funded Developments" means the products, services, processes, technologies, materials, software, data, other innovations, and intellectual property resulting from the Project (including modifications, improvements, and further developments to Background Technology). "Background Technology" means any and all products, services, processes, technologies, materials, software, data, or other innovations, and intellectual property created by You or a third party prior to or outside of the Project used as part of the Project. "Global Access" means: (a) the knowledge and information gained from the Project will be promptly and broadly disseminated; and (b) the Funded Developments will be made available and accessible for free or at an affordable price to create awareness and more informed public debate about issues concerning global health, global development and U.S. education among engaged individuals and organizations to build support for the Foundation's priorities in these areas

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8 WHAT IS THE ACCELERATOR'S REVIEW PROCESS?

The Accelerator is a partner and youth led initiative where the youth representatives from each partner organisation will contribute in the review process. The first phase involves a review process of all applications against the stated criteria to determine the shortlisted participants. Shortlisted candidates will be subject to an additional vetting exercise to confirm application details and strategic alignments. Finally, up to 30 successful applicants will be announced end of November 2018.

9 WHAT IF THE SELECTED ACCELERATOR ADVOCATE CAN'T ATTEND THE ACCELERATOR ONLINE ORIENTATION (DECEMBER 2018) AND PHYSICAL WORKSHOP (ARUSHA, TANZANIA JANUARY 2019)?

Participation in the online orientation and workshop are required to ensure the success of the applicant.

10 HOW MANY MEMBERS OF AN ORGANISATION CAN ATTEND THE IN WORKSHOPS?

There will be one lead focal person from each organisation who will engage in the year-long Accelerator process. Only the selected representative of the youth-led organisation can attend the in-person workshop and online calls. Please consider who you would like to represent your organisation when submitting an application.

11 WHAT IS CITIZEN-GENERATED DATA?

Citizen-generated data is data that people or their organisations produce to directly monitor, demand or drive change on issues that affect them. It is actively given by citizens, providing direct representations of their perspectives and an alternative to datasets collected by governments or international institutions. Learn more about citizen-generated data here.

12 WHAT IS ACCOUNTABILITY?

Accountability is cited as a key characteristic in every description of effective governance. For the purposes of this Accelerator, accountability not only means being transparent to all stakeholders on what has been achieved and how it was achieved, but also going beyond transparency for the sake of transparency. More and more, we are seeing accountability becoming a dynamic two-way relationship with stakeholders ensuring people's' participation and the systematic use of feedback in decision making at all levels.

Still have questions? Contact us *youth@civicus.org*