

Terms and Conditions

1. General Rules

- a. By submitting an application to enter the Giga Accelerator Programme (the “Programme”), you (the “Participant”) hereby warrant that all information submitted by you is true, current, and complete. The International Telecommunication Union (the “Organizer” or “ITU”) reserves the right to verify the eligibility of all Participants.
- b. By submitting an application, you also accept the present Terms and Conditions, which may be updated from time to time, on behalf of your institution/organization.
- c. “Participant” refers to any eligible organization selected to participate in the Programme. The Participant must meet all eligibility criteria outlined in the Call for Proposals and agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions set forth by the Organizer. The selection process is undertaken by a committee appointed by the Organizer (the “Selection Committee”).
- d. The Programme will be administered by the Organizer primarily in the virtual format but anchored with the Giga Technology Centre in Barcelona. There will be two in-person events in December 2025 and March 2026.
- e. The Programme is open to legally registered organizations — both commercial and not-for-profit. Participants are selected based on a competitive process in alignment with ITU guidelines.
- f. The Organizer does not provide equipment or technical/communication infrastructure necessary to participate in the Programme, and the Participant is responsible for securing such resources.
- g. Participants must not be employees (or members of an employee’s household) of ITU or hold any offer for future employment with ITU. Participants must also not be employed by or related to any member of the Selection Committee.
- h. Application and/or participation in the Programme do not entail any right to compensation or reimbursement of any expenses unless explicitly stated by the Organizer.
- i. All submissions and contributions, regardless of category, must not: (a) violate the intellectual property rights of third parties; (b) be illegal under applicable national or international law; or (c) depict or incite hatred, defamation, abuse, harassment, violence, or other violations of legal rights, including privacy and publicity.

2. Material Specifications

- a. Applications must be completed and submitted by the deadlines specified by the Organizer. Late submissions may be disqualified.
- b. Only submissions that fulfill the Programme’s objectives and align with the requirements outlined in the Call for Proposals will be considered.
- c. Submissions should address products that advance economically sustainable and inclusive school connectivity. The specific requirements and expectations are outlined in the Programme’s Call for Proposals.
- d. Submissions should demonstrate a commitment to contribute to open source through one of the contribution models outlined in the Commitment to Open Source form.
- e. The Organizer reserves the right to exclude submissions that do not conform to the above conditions.

3. Selection Process

- a. The selection of participants and recipients of grants will be made by the Selection Committee. The Committee will evaluate submissions based on criteria such as technical solution readiness, product scalability, team expertise, innovation, and social impact and program alignment.
- b. Decisions of the Committee are final and cannot be appealed.
- c. Selected Participants will be notified by the Organizer, and all selected participants must confirm their participation within the timeframe specified in the notification.
- d. Each selected Participant may receive a grant of USD 50,000 as determined by the Organizer.

4. Financial and Travel Responsibilities

- a. Receipt of the funding is subject to signature of a grant agreement between the Organizer and the Participant, and to the provision of accurate and complete banking details promptly upon receiving such

instructions from ITU. Payment will be made in United States Dollars (USD). The Organizer will not cover any bank transfer fees, currency exchange or rejection fees, or other transaction-related charges incurred by the recipient. Any such fees will be deducted from the total amount of the grant.

b. The Organizer will cover travel and accommodation costs related to in-person Programme events, as outlined in the Call for Proposals.

c. Participants must secure any necessary travel documentation, such as visas, at their own expense.

d. Participants commit to comply with the [Code of Conduct to Prevent Harassment, Including Sexual Harassment, at United Nations System Events](#), and any other applicable rules of the Organizer and of the event venue(s).

5. Participation Requirements

a. All participants selected into the Programme agree to fully engage in all Programme activities, including but not limited to workshops, technical sessions, mentorship sessions, and community events;

b. Participants agree to submit progress updates and participate in monitoring and evaluation activities during and after the Programme.

c. Failure to comply with participation expectations may result in removal from the Programme and forfeiture of funding and associated benefits.

6. Intellectual Property

a. All Participants retain ownership of the intellectual property in their submissions and contributions to the Programme.

b. By entering the Programme, each Participant grants the Organizer a non-exclusive, global, royalty-free right and license to use, reproduce, publicly display, and distribute the title and main ideas of their submissions for the Organizer's promotional, informational, and educational purposes.

c. Participants hereby represent that they have the legal right to grant such licenses to the Organizer.

d. Any and all intellectual property rights to the Organizer's materials and resources shall remain with Organizer and/or its licensors, as the case may be.

7. Data Protection

a. By participating in the Programme, the Participant consents to the processing of their personal information (the "Participant Data") by the Organizer for Programme management purposes, including notifications about the Program and announcements of selected participants. Participant Data will be processed in accordance with [ITU's Data Protection and Privacy Policy](#).

b. The Organizer may share necessary Participant Data with third parties engaged in organizing or managing the Programme. The Organizer will ensure these third parties offer appropriate data protection.

8. Media and Publicity

a. By participating, Participants consent to be photographed, recorded, and featured in media or promotional materials produced in connection with the Programme. This includes use on websites, social media, presentations, and reports.

b. Participants may be invited to contribute to public content such as blogs, panels, or press features.

9. Liability and Disclaimers

a. By entering the Programme, Participants agree to release and hold harmless the Organizer from any and all claims, expenses, and liability, including but not limited to negligence and damages, third party claims and intellectual property infringement, related to participation in the Programme and the content of their submissions.

b. The Organizer is not responsible for lost, late, corrupted, or misdirected submissions.

c. The selection of a Participant shall not be construed to give such Participant the power or authority to act for, bind, or commit the Organizer in any way. Nothing herein shall be construed to create the relationship of partners, principal and agent, or joint-venture partners between the Organizer and the Participant.

d. Participants need to ask for written consent to use ITU, UNICEF or Giga logos, acronyms, or other branding elements on materials they produce in the context of the Programme.

10. Program Modifications and Final Decisions

- a. The Organizer reserves the right to modify, suspend, or terminate the Programme at its sole discretion, by notifying Participants via an email announcement.
- b. The Organizer reserves the right to make all final decisions. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions shall be considered a waiver of ITU or UNICEF's privileges and immunities, which are specifically reserved.