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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



VERY IMPORTANT LINKS



Link of important information for IFGIC finalists,
including

- IFGIC final round sign up
- Zoom link to give your Presentations at GIFT
- IFGIC newest update
- Important advice on how to prepare and join IFGIC final round
- Award ceremony links

Finalist Info Webpage

<https://www.inventfuture.global/ifgic/finalist-info/>



SIGNING UP TO GIVE YOUR PRESENTATION AT GIFT



There will be 6 one-hour presentation sessions at GIFT with 5 presentations given during each one hour session. To secure your spot in the live round, taking place at the Global Innovation Field Trip (GIFT), it is essential for you to *sign up for your preferred choice*, The **sooner you sign up, the more likely you will get your preferred choice**. However, depending on the number of requests for that session, we may have to move you to another session at approximately the same time."

The times in various countries for the 6 one-hour GIC presentation sessions at GIFT						
Normal awake times are in green (7 am to 11 pm), but you can present beyond those times if you want or need to.						
Country	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
USA & Canada Pacific	10am-11 am Sat	12noon-1pm Sat	5pm-6pm Sat	7pm-8pm Sat	2am-3am Sun	4am-5am Sun
USA & Canada Mountain/Mexico	11am-12noon Sat	1pm-2pm Sat	6pm-7pm Sat	8pm-9pm Sat	3am-4am Sun	5am-6am Sun
USA & Canada Central	12 noon-1pm Sat	2pm-3pm Sat	7pm-8pm Sat	9pm-10pm Sat	4am-5am Sun	6am-7am Sun
USA & Canada Eastern/Bolivia/Guyana	1pm-2pm Sat	3pm-4pm Sat	8pm-9pm Sat	10pm-11pm Sat	5am-6am Sun	7am-8am Sun
Gambia/Ghana	5pm-6pm sat	7pm-8pm sat	12Midnight-1am Sun	2am-3am Sun	9am-10am Sun	11am-12Noon
United Kingdom	6pm-7pm sat	8pm-9pm sat	1am-2am Sun	3am-4am Sun	10am-11am Sun	12Noon-1 pm Sun
South Africa	7pm-8pm Sat	9pm-10pm Sat	2am-3am Sun	4am-5am Sun	11am-12noon Sun	1pm-2pm Sun
Egypt/Saudi Arabia/Israel/Syria/Kenya	8pm-9pm Sat	10pm-11pm Sat	3am-4am Sun	5am-6am Sun	12Noon-1pm Sun	2pm-3pm Sun
Mauritius/UAE	9pm-10pm Sat	11pm-12midnight St	4am-5am Sun	6am-7am Sun	1pm-2pm Sun	3pm-4pm Sun
Pakistan	10pm-11pm Sat	12midnight-1am Sun	5am-6am Sun	7am-8am Sun	2pm-3pm Sun	4pm-5pm Sun
India/Sri Lanka	10:30pm-11:30pm Sat	12:30am-1:30am Sun	5:30am-6:30am Sun	7:30am-8:30am Sun	2:30pm-3:30pm Sun	4:30pm-5:30pm Sun
Nepal	10:45pm-11:45pm Sat	12:45am-1:45am Sun	5:45am-6:45am Sun	7:45am-8:45am Sun	2:45pm-3:45pm Sun	4:45pm-5:45pm Sun
Bangladesh/Kazakhstan/Uzbekistan	11pm-12 midnight Sat	1am-2am Sun	6am-7am Sun	8am-9am Sun	3pm-4pm Sun	5pm-6pm Sun
Indonesia Jakarta/Thailand/Cambodia/Viet Nam	12Midnight-1am Sun	2am-3am Sun	7am-8am Sun	9am-10am Sun	4pm-5pm Sun	7pm-7pm Sun
China/Philippines/Singapore/Brunei	1am-2am Sun	3am-4am Sun	8am-9am Sun	10am-11am Sun	5pm-6pm Sun	7pm-8pm Sun
Japan	2am-3am Sun	4am-5am Sun	9am-10am Sun	11am-12noon Sun	6pm-7pm Sun	8pm-9pm Sun



Please complete this step promptly, but certainly **by Sunday 11 October 2026**.

You will be notified of your assigned presentation session time by **14 October 2026**.

As a finalist, you should have received a finalist sign-up email. Please **signing up at**

<https://www.inventfuture.global/ifgic/finalist-info/>

The earlier you complete the Finalist Sign-up Form, the better your chances of securing your preferred session time. If you sign up late—or don't sign up at all—you may not be assigned a good time.

Note: If you are part of a team, you must:

- 1) confer with your teammates,
- 2) agree on which choice session choice you will select
- 3) Sign up on your judging Portal by **Sunday 11 October**

ZOOM PRACTICE SESSIONS



You do NOT have to register for practice session – just show up.

There will be three sessions where you can practice your Zoom skills, such as connecting, renaming, muting, sharing, chatting, etc. and making sure your presentation environment is OK. We recommend that you attend at least one of these sessions so you will be ready for your actual live presentation. You do NOT want to find out at the last minute that there is something that badly affects your presentation.

The times in various countries for the Global Innovation Challenge practice sessions				
You do NOT have to register. Just show up and practice what you will need to do.				
Country	Saturday 10 Oct		Saturday or Sunday	Sunday 11 Oct
USA & Canada Pacific	11 Am Saturday		6 Pm Saturday	3 Am Sunday
USA & Canada Mountain	12 Noon Saturday		7 Pm Saturday	4 Am Sunday
USA & Canada Central	1 Pm Saturday		8 Pm Saturday	5 Am Sunday
USA & Canada Eastern	2 Pm Saturday		9 Pm Saturday	6 Am Sunday
United Kingdom	7 Pm Saturday		2 Am SUNDAY	11 Am Sunday
Central Europe	8 Pm Saturday		3 Am SUNDAY	12 Pm Sunday
Egypt/Israel/Syria/Kenya	9 Pm Saturday		4 Am SUNDAY	1 Pm Sunday
Iran	9:30 Pm Saturday		4:30 Am SUNDAY	1:30 Pm Sunday
India/Sri Lanka	11:30 Pm Saturday		6:30 Am SUNDAY	3:30 Pm Sunday
Bangladesh/Kazakhstan/Uzbekistan	12 Am SUNDAY		7 Am SUNDAY	4 Pm Sunday
Indonesia Jakarta/Thailand/Cambodia	1 Am SUNDAY		8 Am SUNDAY	5 Pm Sunday
China/Philippines	2 Am SUNDAY		9 Am SUNDAY	6 Pm Sunday

Visit Finalist Info Webpage and join the practice session
<https://www.inventfuture.global/ifgic/finalist-info/>



ZOOM PRACTICE CHECKLIST



Check	Operations	What to expect
1	☐ Using latest Zoom version, connect with Laptop or desktop with a camera and microphone.	Tablets and cell phones are not recommended.
2	☐ Join Zoom Practice Session Meeting	You should see yourself at Participant list. At this time, you can hear other people's sounds and videos clearly.
3	☐ Rename yourself as G-YourName, such as G-Jose Nori	You should see your name displayed as G-YourName at Participant list
4	☐ Sending message through Chat to inform host that you have joined the meeting, such as "I am Jose Nori, presenter of A New Notebook project"	You should see your message successfully been sent at chat box
5	☐ Be promoted to Panelist automatically.	You should see your ZOOM automatically re-connect and then joining ZOOM again. After that, you can see you are at Panelist list
6	☐ Mute and unmute yourself	Host could hear you clearly when you unmute yourself.
7	☐ Start and stop your video	You could see yourself clearly through zoom windows when start your video. And your video stopped when you stop your video.
8	☐ Check your video are perfectly shown through the camara	When you have your video on, you are perfectly shown at ZOOM, with the bright lighting, right distance, and clear background.
9	☐ Share screen and share your slides	At top of Zoom Window, you should see the message that you are sharing screen, and your slides are perfectly shown. Please go through your slides, and stop sharing when you are at last page of your slide.
10	☐ Leave the meeting	You should see you left the meeting



Presentation PowerPoint or PDF File

You can not change the logbook/journal or image you uploaded, but **you can change your PowerPoint** that you will be presenting live. However, it must still be a **maximum of 6 pages**. If you do change your PowerPoint, then be prepared to share it during your live presentation.

Intellectual Property Concerns

What you should know about sharing information about your innovation before you share it with anyone.

Anytime you decide to share your idea or innovation, if you have a scientific discovery or invention that could lead to a Patent or any other intellectual property protections, it is best to check your country's patent law before publicly sharing your idea. It is important to understand the intellectual property laws in your country if you have any plans to bring your product to market in the future.

When presenting, be cautious on sharing the details of how you made your innovation and focus on sharing the benefits of your product. You do not have to show the audience how it is made.



LOG-IN PROCEDURE



1

Check to make sure your audio and video are working.

2

Log into the Zoom Webinar at least 15 minutes before your presentation session starts.

3

Change your screen name so that it **starts with G- and then your name** that you registered with. For example: G-Jose Nori

4

Click on the REACTIONS button on the bottom of the screen and then the RAISE HAND icon to let the Co-Host know that you are logged in.

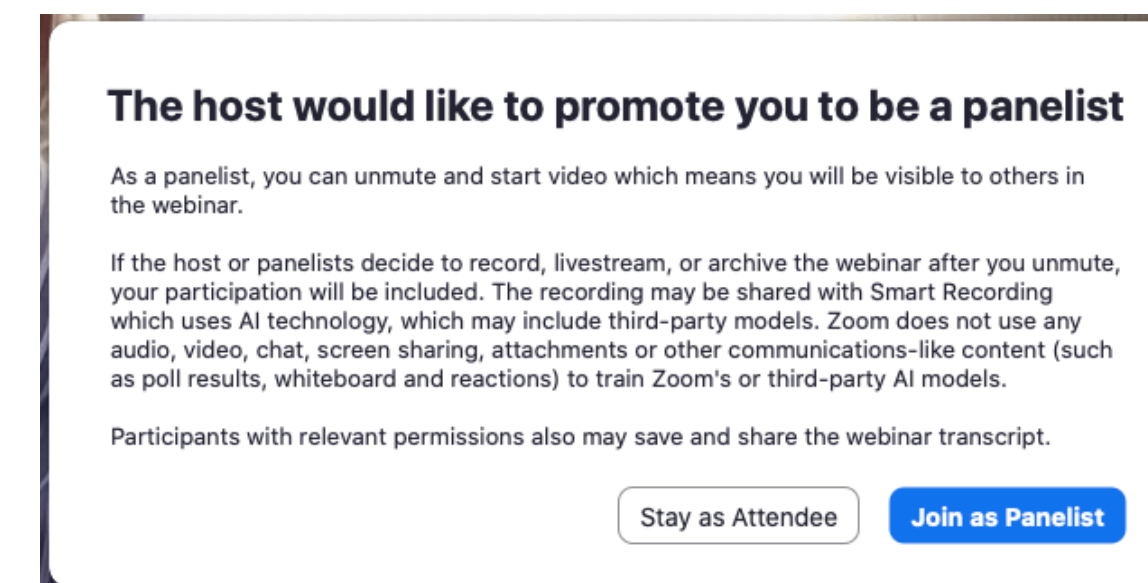
5

You can watch the other presentations until your time to present.

6

When it is time for you to present, the Co-Host will make you a Panelist.

There will be a message with lots of words. Do NOT bother reading the words. Click on the BLUE button “Join as Panelist”.



Wait a few seconds for the change to happen.

You will now join the Panelist screen.

7

At your presentation session time, Co-Host will upgrade you to Panelist & turn on your audio & video.

8

At the end of your presentation session, you will be returned as Attendee status & you can continue watching.



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LOG IN AT LEAST 15 MINUTES EARLY

You will be given a time that your presentation session will begin. You do not want to be late, so plan to sign-in at least 15 minutes early, use the Zoom CHAT function to tell the Host you are there and then wait quietly for your turn. This way, should you run into an unexpected issue, you can still be on-line on time. We have a very tight schedule, and we can NOT delay the start of your presentation session. Sorry!

LENGTH OF TIME

Each innovation presentation will be limited to 3 minutes. Then there will be 5 minutes for questions from the judges.

PRACTICE

Practice, practice, practice your live presentation a few times before the event, so you will be sure to get it right.



PRESENTATION LANGUAGE



We would like you to give your presentation in English, NOT because English is a better language, but just because it is more widely understood around the world. If English is not your first language and you sometimes have difficulty finding the right words, that is perfectly OK. You will NOT be criticized. If you would like someone there at your presentation to help you if you get stuck with a word, that is also fine.

You can also have **translation support** during the question & answer period with the judges. If there is someone with you who will be helping you with translation support, they should rename themselves as: **G-TR-(your name)**. This way we will know to promote them as a Panelist so they will be able to help you.



WATCHING YOUR PRESENTATION



It is OK if you want to invite other people to watch your live presentation on the Internet.

If they are watching on the Internet, it would be better to have them watch from a different location and NOT in the same building you are giving your presentation. Multiple Internet connections at the same time from the same location may cause Internet connection problems for you.

The best way to watch is on the Global Innovation Field Trip YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/globalinnovationfieldtrip>

It is also possible to watch presentations by logging into the Zoom session.





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USEFUL TIPS



ZOOM



Check how to set up **Zoom**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7xXZxRDFUU&feature=youtu.be&app=desktop>

We will be using Zoom to connect with each other. It is free and you can connect either with their App or with a Browser. Safari, Firefox and Chrome all work, but with any of the Browsers, you may have some reduced features. It is better to use the Zoom App and **make sure you have updated to the latest version.**

Chromebook

Zoom will work on a Chromebook, but there are some limitations as to what it can do. For example, while you are giving a presentation, the image from your camera will be seen by everyone. You can also share your screen on a Chromebook, but when you do, the image from the camera will stop. Thus, you can either share your camera image or share your screen, but you cannot do both at the same time. In either case, the audio will work perfectly fine.



QUIET ROOM

Pick a quiet place to give your presentation, one without external noise or sounds which will distract from your presentation.

APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND

Make sure you have an appropriate background. People will be able to see what is behind you and it should not be distracting or inappropriate.

DISTANCE FROM CAMERA

Decide how far you are going to be from the camera, so it will be close or far enough to see you and what you are doing or holding. This distance is up to you, but make sure it is good for what you want to show.

LIGHTING

Your room should be well lit. Lighting should be facing you and not behind you.

COMPUTER

Use a laptop or desktop (Apple iOS, Windows or Chrome) with a camera and microphone. Tablets and cell phones are not recommended. Please make sure that your laptop is plugged in or at least has a fully charged battery.



SHARE SCREEN

Zoom has the ability for you to share your computer screen with everyone watching. This can be used to show a picture, video or PowerPoint. If you plan to use this Zoom feature, please make sure you practice and know how to use it.

VIRTUAL BACKGROUND

Zoom has the ability of creating an artificial background behind you. You can add some very interesting backgrounds to make your presentation more exciting. However, the virtual background option will use a lot of your computer's processing power and may cause you to have a bad internet connection. Also, the virtual background option may make parts of your image disappear from the screen and it becomes very distracting for viewers.

DISTANCE FROM CAMERA

Decide how far you are going to be from the camera, so it will be close or far enough to see you and what you are doing or holding. This distance is up to you, but make sure it is good for what you want to show.



IMPROVING INTERNET CONNECTION AND COMPUTER OPERATION



Do these things BEFORE your presentation. If you wait until you have a problem, it may be too late to fix anything.

- ➔ Check your Internet bandwidth using an online speed test, such as nperf, Speedtest, or Comparitech
- ➔ Connect directly via Wired (if your internet router has wired ports) or move your computer closer to the router if using WIFI
- ➔ Restart your Zoom client.
- ➔ Restart your computer.
- ➔ Update system drivers, especially network drivers.
- ➔ Closeout of any unneeded programs, especially those that use the internet.
- ➔ Stop all downloads, uploads, or other unnecessary processes that are using network resources.
- ➔ Ensure that your devices are up to date.
- ➔ Ensure that your application(s) are up to date, especially the Zoom client.
- ➔ To support better internet connection, ask other people to stop using the same WIFI or internet connection and turn off their computers and phones.
- ➔ To prevent audio feedback, please have everyone in the room to turn off the sound on their computer or phone.



CONNECTION ISSUES



If you are having trouble staying connected:

- ➔ BEFORE you log into Zoom reduce the video quality of your computer to the lowest value possible
- ➔ Turn off Gallery mode and watch the Zoom in Speaker Mode
- ➔ Turn off your video and only use audio.
- ➔ You will still be able to share your screen with your video off. Check your Internet bandwidth using an online speed test, such as nperf, Speedtest, or Comparitech



ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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Do NOT expect an immediate response, especially at the last minute.

