

IEEE Connecting the Unconnected Challenge 2025

Call for Submissions

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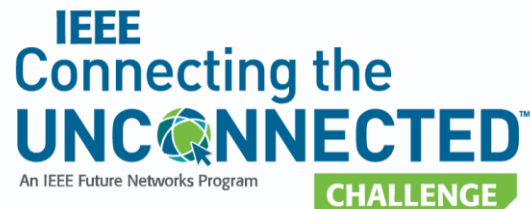


Make your proposals for bringing Internet access to unconnected communities – Challenge is now open!
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Calling all innovators to enter the IEEE Connecting the Unconnected Challenge!

Help IEEE contribute to worldwide digital inclusion by submitting a novel, early-stage project or concept that offers unique ways to increase Internet access and usage for the 2.9 billion unconnected people around the world. The global [IEEE Connecting the Unconnected Challenge](https://ctu.ieee.org) is looking for submissions of unique solutions to bridge the digital divide.

Internet access is critical to education, industry, and healthy living. Unconnected populations lack access to buy and sell goods and services online. Unconnected students lack access to the flourishing remote education market. During the pandemic, working or studying from home was impossible for unconnected populations. The IEEE Connecting the Unconnected Challenge seeks to further connectivity by calling for early-stage projects and concepts that pursue unique ways to increase broadband access and usage for unconnected or under-connected populations/geographies.



Start-ups, grassroots organizations, universities, and others working toward digital inclusion in original ways are encouraged to participate. Submit to this year's challenge with a **prize pool across multiple categories**.

Learn how we raise awareness through the competition and summit as we reduce the digital divide:
<https://ctu.ieee.org/>



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