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Subject: Call for Proposals: Official Affiliation of Pre-Summit Events for AI Impact Summit 2026

1. Introduction

India will host the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi on the 19th and 20th of February 2026, to shape a future-oriented agenda for inclusive, responsible, and impactful AI cooperation. Announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India at the France AI Action Summit, this global convening will build on the momentum of key global initiatives, including the UK's AI Safety Summit, the AI Seoul Summit, the AI Action Summit (co-chaired by India), and the Global AI Summit on Africa.

The AI Impact Summit aims to ensure that Artificial Intelligence serves as a catalyst for inclusive human development, environmental sustainability, and equitable progress worldwide. The Summit's objective is to bridge the Global AI Divide through concrete multilateral action and ensure that AI's transformative potential strengthens communities, protects our planet, and accelerates progress toward a more just and sustainable future for all humanity.

To ensure robust, comprehensive, and inclusive discourse at the Summit, India welcomes contributions from all stakeholders from around the world and encourages events gathering all parties and leveraging collective intelligence on AI. This initiative is an effort towards enabling the same and providing a decentralized platform for catalyzing discourse aligned with the themes and priorities of the Summit.

This Call for Proposals invites organizations across the globe to host Pre-Summit Events in the lead-up to the AI Impact Summit. Selected events will receive official co-branding and visibility as part of the Summit's global programme.

Proposals must be submitted via the online form at <https://impact.indiaai.gov.in/home/pre-summit-events/apply> and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

2. Objectives

- **Amplify Global Participation:** Foster broad-based engagement from diverse stakeholders worldwide, including governments, civil society, academia, private sector, and international organizations

- **Generate Actionable Insights for Shaping Summit Deliberations:** Facilitate high-quality discourse and knowledge exchange that produces concrete recommendations to directly inform and enrich the Summit's deliberations and strategic outcomes.
- **Foster Inclusive and Democratic Discourse:** Create platforms that democratize AI conversations by amplifying underrepresented voices, ensuring equitable participation from developing nations and marginalized communities, who are often excluded from global AI discussions.
- **Catalyze Critical Thematic Discourse:** Drive comprehensive dialogue around the Summit's themes, including the Democratization of AI, Harnessing AI for Social Good, AI and the Future of Work, and other pivotal areas.
- **Enhance Summit Impact:** Create a comprehensive ecosystem of Pre-Summit Events that contribute to a more informed, action-oriented global dialogue, ensuring the main Summit delivers meaningful, implementable outcomes for inclusive AI development worldwide.

3. Event Formats

This Call for Proposals welcomes a diverse range of events that can contribute meaningfully to the Impact Summit's objectives. Eligible event types include, but are not limited to:

- Workshops
- Panel discussions
- Roundtables & Policy Dialogues
- Conferences and Symposiums
- Technology showcases or demonstrations
- Innovation challenges or hackathons
- Academic Seminars and Research Presentations
- Industry Forums and Business Summits:
- Fireside chats or moderated dialogues

Organizations are encouraged to propose innovative event formats that align with the Summit's themes and objectives, fostering meaningful engagement and actionable outcomes. **Events must be conducted in-person or in hybrid format. Fully virtual events are not eligible for official affiliation.**

4. Eligibility

The following organizations are welcome to apply as part of this Call for Proposals:

- Government agencies
- Academic and research institutions
- Multilateral and intergovernmental organizations

- Private sector organizations (including startups)
- Non-profits, think tanks, and civil society organizations
- Industry or professional associations

Joint proposals between multiple stakeholders (especially across countries or sectors) are encouraged.

5. Criteria for Affiliation

5.1 Alignment with the AI Impact Summit

Thematic Relevance: Events must demonstrate a connection to the broad themes and topics to be discussed at the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi, namely:

Impact of AI on People, Planet and Progress under the Summit themes of

- Human Capital
- Inclusion
- Safe and Trusted AI
- Resilience
- Science
- Democratizing AI Resources
- Social Good

Efforts will be made to ensure fair representation across different thematic areas and sectors.

5.2 Inclusivity and Diversity

Diverse Representation: Events should ensure representation from a diverse range of participants, including different sectors, disciplines, and demographics, with a particular attention to underrepresented voices.

Efforts will be made to ensure proposals from a wide range of countries and regions are prioritized.

Accessibility: Organizers must strive to make events accessible to all, removing barriers to participation wherever possible.

5.3 Contribution to the AI Community

Community Engagement: Events should encourage active engagement and collaboration within the AI community.

5.4 Other Criteria

Innovation and Originality: Uniqueness of the event concept, format, or perspectives. The proposal should reflect creative engagement models or novel ideas in the AI space.

Potential for Local or Global Impact: The extent to which the event can influence discourse, build momentum, or inspire follow-on initiatives, especially in or for the Global South.

Background & Experience of the Organization : Past record of the organization and their potential to organize an international event around the theme will be assessed.

6. Key Dates

- **Event Period:** 11th August 2025 to 31st January 2026
- **Post-Event Report Due:** Within 15 days of respective event

While this call for Proposals is to host Pre-Summit Events, event organizers may also indicate their interest in organizing the proposed event or a related follow-up during the AI Impact Summit (i.e., on the 19th and 20th of February 2026) in New Delhi. Additional information or documentation may also be requested to facilitate such requests.

7. Application Process

7.1. Application Submission: Event organizers seeking official affiliation must submit a complete application via the online form at <https://impact.indiaai.gov.in/home/pre-summit-events/apply> . Among other things, the application must outline:

- A precise description of the event, its format, and conditions of participation
- Details of venue, date, etc.
- Details of topics the event tackles and how it meets the criteria for affiliation

7.2. Application Review: Submissions under this Call for Proposals shall be reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the application period. (see 'Key Dates').

IndiaAI shall make reasonable efforts to review proposals in accordance with the scheduled date of the proposed event. Accordingly, proposals for events scheduled earlier may, at the discretion of the organizers, be prioritized for review over later-dated events, irrespective of the order of submission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no assurance is provided that the review will be completed before the proposed event date. Applicants are advised to submit proposals sufficiently in advance to allow for timely processing.

Please note that submission of a proposal does not guarantee its official affiliation.

8. Terms and Conditions for Official Affiliation

8.1. Branding and Attribution: Events granted co-branding & official affiliation may use the Summit branding materials, including the Summit logo, subject to strict compliance with the Summit branding guidelines and any other terms of use prescribed by the organizers. Any

misuse or deviation from the prescribed guidelines may result in withdrawal of affiliation and/or further action as deemed appropriate by the organizers. Such use shall be limited to the promotion of the affiliated event and shall not imply any formal partnership or approval or endorsement of the event's content, speakers, or outcomes by the IndiaAI or the Government of India.

8.2. Government Support: Affiliated events are expected to bear all costs associated with organizing their event, including but not limited to venue hire, travel, accommodation, technical setup, and interpretation services. In exceptional cases, applicants may indicate the need for financial assistance in their proposal. Such requests may be considered on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of IndiaAI, taking into account multiple factors, including but not limited to thematic relevance, scale, proposed impact, and availability of funds.

Where approved, financial support shall be limited to a maximum of INR 2,00,000 for events held in India and INR 5,00,000 for events held outside India and shall be disbursed only after successful completion of the event and submission of the post-event report and all required documentation (such as supporting invoices and expense report), in the prescribed format. The final disbursed amount shall be the lower of (i) the approved funding amount or (ii) the actual eligible expenditure incurred and documented.

IndiaAI and the Government of India shall not be liable for any costs incurred by organizers in anticipation of funding, nor for any shortfall between the actual event expenses and any financial support extended under this Call for Proposals.

8.3. Financial Assistance and Accountability: Where financial support is granted under this Call for Proposals, organizers shall be required to use the funds strictly for the purposes specified in their application. IndiaAI reserves the right to request additional documentation or verification, including expense reports, invoices, or proof of expenditure. IndiaAI may, at its discretion, conduct audits or reviews to verify the appropriate use of funds. Any misuse or misappropriation of funds, failure to submit required documentation, or misrepresentation may result in disqualification from future support, withdrawal of affiliation, and recovery of disbursed amounts, in addition to any other legal action as deemed appropriate. Disbursement of funds shall be subject to timely and satisfactory compliance with all applicable reporting requirements under these Terms and Conditions and applicable laws, and shall not create any ongoing financial obligation on the part of IndiaAI or the Government of India

8.4. Post-Event Reporting: Affiliated events shall be required to submit a summary report within 15 days of the event, as per the prescribed reporting format that will be provided by IndiaAI. Organizers shall also be required to submit event photographs and other promotional material for the purposes of documentation, knowledge sharing, and/or public dissemination. All submitted content will remain the sole responsibility of the organizers and shall not imply any endorsement, commitment, or obligation on the part of the Government of India or IndiaAI.

8.5. Use of Submitted Materials: By submitting the post-event report and related materials, organizers confirm that they possess the necessary rights and permissions for such content. IndiaAI shall have a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide license to use, reproduce, publish, and distribute submitted materials for non-commercial purposes across government communication channels, websites, social media platforms, outreach collateral, or official reports, with due attribution where applicable.

8.6 Revocation and Discretionary Powers: The grant of official affiliation may be revoked at any time if the event is found to be in violation of any of the terms, conditions, or obligations set forth in this document, including those relating to branding, promotion, reporting, or any other applicable requirement. IndiaAI reserves the right to modify, suspend, or withdraw this Call for Proposals, or any aspect of the affiliation process, at its sole discretion and without prior notice.

8.7 Disclaimers and Indemnity: Affiliation with the India – AI Impact Summit, including any financial assistance provided under this Call for Proposals, does not imply endorsement or validation of the affiliated event, its organizers, views expressed, or outcomes by IndiaAI or the Government of India. No agency, partnership, joint venture, or employer-employee relationship is intended or created through such affiliation. Event organizers shall indemnify and hold harmless IndiaAI and the Government of India from any claims, liabilities, damages, or losses arising from the conduct of their event or mismanagement of any financial assistance received under this Call for Proposals.

8.8. Compliance with Laws: Affiliated events must comply with all applicable local, national, and international laws, including laws relating to data protection, intellectual property, labor, taxation, and public safety. Organizers shall be solely responsible for securing all necessary permissions, licenses, or consents required to hold the event.

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