

# Call for Proposals

Organizing Events at the India -  
AI Impact Summit 2026

Participant Application Guide

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# 1. Introduction

India will host the India - AI Impact Summit in New Delhi on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Paris AI Action Summit (co-chaired by India), and the Global AI Summit on Africa.

The AI Impact Summit aims to ensure that Artificial Intelligence (AI) serves as a catalyst for decentralized yet 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.

## 2. Scope

This Call for Proposals invites organizations across the globe to host events which will be included in the official Summit program for the India - AI Impact Summit 2026. The events must be conducted in-person at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from 16th February to 20th February 2026.

Proposals must be submitted via the online form at - <https://impact.indiaai.gov.in/home/main-summit-events/apply>

## 3. Objectives

- **Amplify Global Participation:** Foster broad-based engagement from diverse stakeholders worldwide, including governments, civil society, academia, private sector, and international organizations, to shape global discourse on AI, enriching Summit's deliberations and strategic outcomes.
- **Generate Actionable Outcomes:** Facilitate high-quality events that produce concrete recommendations, initiates discussion for impact or knowledge that directly contribute to the Summit's objectives and inform strategic deliberations.
- **Foster Inclusive and Democratic Discourse:** Promote equitable participation of underrepresented voices, developing nations, and marginalized communities, ensuring that AI conversations reflect a truly global perspective.
- **Catalyze Critical Thematic Discourse:** Drive comprehensive dialogue around the Summit's 7 thematic priorities or *Chakras*, mentioned in Section 6.1 below.
- **Showcase Innovation and Best Practices:** Highlight pioneering solutions, research, or initiatives in AI that demonstrate tangible impact, replicability, or potential to accelerate inclusive and responsible AI adoption globally.

## 4. Event Formats

Eligible event types include:

- **Panel discussions:** Curated conversations among a small group of experts, practitioners, or leaders moderated by a facilitator.
- **Roundtables:** Structured discussions on a focused topic. Can include discussion on Impact of AI, AI operationalization, development of AI foundation, policy dialogues or thematic debates. Roundtables are encouraged to generate concrete takeaways, for example, summaries, reports, or recommendations, that contribute to the Summit's broader outcomes.
- **Workshops:** Hands-on, skill-building, or problem-solving sessions that encourage active participation, collaboration, or practical exercises.
- **Fireside Chats/Moderated Dialogues:** Informal, conversational sessions with one or two AI speakers moderated by a facilitator, designed to share insights, experiences, or perspectives in a storytelling format.
- **Leadership Talks & Industry Forums:** High-level sessions led by senior leaders from government, industry, or multilateral bodies, focused on strategic dialogue, knowledge exchange, and collaboration around AI's impact on markets, industries, and economic priorities.
- **Academic Presentations & Other Talks:** Structured sessions highlighting academic or scientific work, including technical papers, research findings, or scholarly discussions, designed to foster evidence-based insights and connect research with policy and practice in line with the Summit's themes.

Please note that fully virtual sessions will not be considered for inclusion in the official Summit program.

## 5. Organizational 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
- Non-profits, think tanks, and civil society organizations
- Industry or professional associations

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

## 6. Key Participation Requirements

### 6.1 Alignment with the AI Impact Summit

**Thematic Relevance:** Events must demonstrate clear alignment with the objectives and themes of the India - AI Impact Summit namely:

- Human Capital

- Inclusion for Social Empowerment
- Safe and Trusted AI
- Resilience, Innovation & Efficiency
- Science
- Democratizing AI Resources
- AI for Economic Growth & Social Good

Please find more information on the themes of the AI Impact Summit at: <https://impact.indiaai.gov.in/about-summit>. Proposals should clearly demonstrate the ways in which the proposed events will advance and contribute to the Summit's thematic priorities. Efforts will be made to ensure balanced representation across different thematic areas and sectors.

## 6.2 Inclusivity and Diversity

- **Speaker/Facilitator Diversity:** Organizers are encouraged to ensure that the speakers/facilitators for their proposed events reflect diversity across stakeholder type, geography.
- **Global Reach:** In line with the international character of the Summit, proposals with participation from a wide range of countries and regions, including meaningful representation from the Global South, are encouraged.

## 6.3 Organizational Excellence

- **Organizational Credibility:** The reputation, expertise, and standing of the organizer(s) within the AI ecosystem, including demonstrated leadership, influence, or recognized contributions to AI innovation, industry practice, research, or policy.
- **Proven Past Events/Convening Experience:** Applicants must demonstrate proven experience in conceptualizing and executing events of similar scale or relevance.

## 6.4 Event Readiness

- **Speaker/Facilitator Expertise:** The ability to attract speakers/facilitators who bring authoritative, diverse, and high-impact perspectives that enrich the global AI discussion and contribute meaningfully to the Summit themes. Applicants are expected to provide a tentative list of speakers/facilitators, including backups, as part of their submission.
- **Logistics & Operational Readiness/Feasibility:** The capacity to manage all logistical, technical, and operational aspects of the event independently, including materials, presentations, venue setup, and participant coordination, to deliver a high-quality session within the Summit program.
- **Readiness and Completeness of Proposal:** Submissions must provide comprehensive and well-structured details (e.g. agenda, event format, participant composition, speakers/facilitators information, logistical arrangements, etc.) to demonstrate the feasibility, preparedness, and organizational capacity to execute the event successfully.

## 6.5 Venue and Capacity Criteria

IndiaAI will provide venues within the Summit premises to support events across a range of formats and audience sizes. Available venue arrangements include:

- Auditoriums (seating up to 600, up to 900, or up to 3000 participants), typically suited for large-format events
- Meeting Rooms (seating up to 100 or 200 participants), typically designed for interactive sessions.

Organizers are encouraged to design their proposals with these formats and capacities in mind. Events are typically expected to run between 60–90 minutes. However, proposals requesting a longer duration may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Allocation of venue space will be made on a competitive basis, taking into account the nature of the proposed event, expected number of participants, and overall program fit. While efforts will be made to accommodate stated preferences, final allocation will be determined by IndiaAI.

## 7. Key Dates

- Launch of Call for Proposals: 15th October 2025
- Last Date for Submission of Proposals: 15th November 2025

## 8. Application Process

**8.1. Application Submission:** Applicants must submit a complete application via the online form at <https://impact.indiaai.gov.in/home/main-summit-events/apply>. Each applicant may submit only one proposal for consideration.

**8.2. Application Review:** Submissions under this Call for Proposals shall be reviewed by IndiaAI in accordance with the timelines specified under Section 7 - Key Dates. Applicants are requested to provide complete information in their submissions, and to promptly respond to any requests for additional details which will help IndiaAI evaluate proposals efficiently. In view of the limited slots and venue capacity at the Summit, event allocation shall be made on a competitive basis and will remain subject to alignment with requirements detailed in this document and logistical considerations, including availability of space at the Summit venue.

**8.3. Application Selection and Intimation:** Selected proposals will be notified of their status in accordance with the timelines specified under Section 7 - Key Dates. IndiaAI will coordinate with the selected organizers to finalize the program, event details, and logistical arrangements. Inclusion in the final Summit program, even after confirmation, remains at the sole discretion of IndiaAI. Such inclusion is subject to compliance with all procedural, administrative, and regulatory requirements, as well as ongoing review of preparatory activities, including outreach, speakers/facilitators confirmations, and other milestones. IndiaAI reserves the right to modify or remove any session at any stage based on venue availability, security concerns, logistical constraints, or other operational considerations.

## 9. Terms and Conditions for Official Affiliation

**9.1. Recognition and Branding:** Events approved under this Call for Proposals shall be recognized as part of the official AI Impact Summit 2026 program. Such recognition includes allocation of space at the Summit venue, incorporation into the official Summit program schedule, with the right to use the Summit's branding assets in accordance with the branding guidelines to be provided, as well as the right to display their own organizational branding at Summit premises in accordance with such branding guidelines. Organizers may also promote their event externally, including through their own communication and social media channels, strictly in accordance with the Summit branding guidelines and any other terms of use

prescribed by the organizers. IndiaAI may, at its discretion, feature approved events through its official channels, including the Summit website, social media, and other promotional materials.

This recognition and use of branding does not imply any formal partnership, approval, or endorsement of the event's content, speakers/facilitators, or outcomes by IndiaAI or the Government of India. Any misuse or deviation from the prescribed guidelines may result in withdrawal of approval and/or further action as deemed appropriate.

**9.2. Organizer Responsibilities:** Approved events will only be provided venue space within the Summit premises. Organizers shall be responsible for all other arrangements relating to their event, including but not limited to:

- (a) design and display of standees, banners, presentations, and interpretation services.
- (b) technical set-up and related materials.
- (c) coordination of speakers/facilitators, and any external service providers.
- (d) travel, accommodation, and other associated costs.

Organizers are also required to provide weekly updates on their event, including progress on speakers/facilitators, outreach, and logistical preparations to [Impact-summit@indiaai.gov.in](mailto:Impact-summit@indiaai.gov.in), or as requested by IndiaAI from time to time.

Where necessary, organizers may reach out to the designated Summit logistics team (contact details will be provided on the Summit website and through official communication channels) for guidance in identifying approved service providers or in accessing preferential accommodation and travel arrangements. Such facilitation will be limited to advisory support and shall not create any financial or contractual obligation on the part of IndiaAI or the Government of India. IndiaAI shall bear no responsibility for costs incurred, delays, or issues arising from the engagement of such third-party services.

**9.3. Post-Event Reporting:** Approved event organizers shall be required to submit a summary report by the date specified under Section 7 - Key Dates, in the prescribed reporting format that will be provided by IndiaAI. Organizers shall also be required to submit event photographs, presentations and other documentation used during the program 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.

**9.4. 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 perpetual, 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.

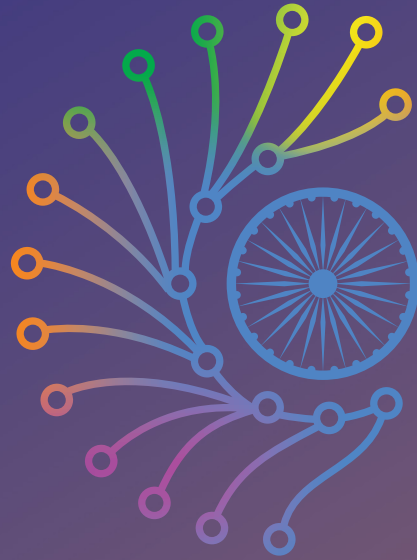
**9.5 Revocation and Discretionary Powers:** Acceptance or inclusion of an event in the Summit program may be revoked at any time if the event is found to be in violation of any of the terms, conditions, or obligations set forth in this document, including those relating to branding, promotion, reporting, or any other applicable requirement. Inclusion may also be revoked even after initial confirmation if organizers fail to provide timely updates on progress, speakers/facilitators, outreach, or other preparatory activities, or fail to adhere to finalised event details as agreed with IndiaAI. IndiaAI reserves the right to modify, suspend, or withdraw this Call for Proposals, or any part thereof, at its sole discretion and without prior notice. Inclusion in the Summit program is subject to venue availability, security concerns, logistical constraints, or other operational considerations, and IndiaAI reserves the right to reschedule, relocate, or cancel any event slot at its sole discretion. IndiaAI shall

not be liable for any costs or losses arising from such revocation, modification, or cancellation.

**9.6 Disclaimers and Indemnity:** Inclusion of an event in the India - AI Impact Summit program 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 inclusion. Organizers shall ensure that all event content and conduct are consistent with the objectives of the Summit and do not contain unlawful, defamatory, offensive, or inappropriate material. Event organizers shall indemnify and hold harmless IndiaAI and the Government of India from any claims, liabilities, damages, or losses arising from the planning, promotion, or conduct of their event.

**9.7. Compliance with Laws:** Events included in the India - AI Impact Summit program must comply with all applicable local, national, and international laws, including those relating to data protection, intellectual property, taxation, and public safety. Organizers shall be solely responsible for ensuring that the content, materials, and conduct of their event do not infringe any rights or violate any legal or regulatory requirements, and for securing any necessary rights to third-party intellectual property used in connection with their event. While overall venue safety and security will be managed by the Summit organizers, event organizers remain responsible for the orderly conduct of their event, including the safety of their participants, materials, and any external guests they invite.

For any queries, kindly contact: [Impact-summit@indiaai.gov.in](mailto:Impact-summit@indiaai.gov.in). All communications regarding this Call for Proposals, including any updates after selection, should be sent with the subject line: "**Call for Proposals | Events at the Impact Summit | Your Organization Name**"



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