

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES ECONOMIC IMPACT CHALLENGE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY PRIOR TO APPLICATION.

The AFEL Economic Impact Challenge is a youth-focused programme aimed at empowering African students to be at the forefront to lead conversations and actions around Africa's economic development.

By participating, you join a continent-wide network of changemakers committed to building homegrown economic solutions in their local communities and beyond.

These guidelines form part of your agreement with us, along with the Terms and Conditions for this application

OVERVIEW

We are building a community of future economic leaders, creating awareness and encouraging the participation of African youths in the economic growth of Africa, by providing them with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities they need to drive the continent forward by starting locally from their immediate communities and expanding outward to the continent.

Youth participation is crucial for the future of the continent's independence because, in our opinion, African youths can lead Africa's efforts in achieving economic independence and growth.

ELIGIBILITY

To participate in this cohort, applicants must:

- Be currently an undergraduate enrolled in the Department of **Law or Economics** at an **accredited tertiary institution in Africa**.
- Form a **team of 4–8 students** (mixed teams of Law and Economics students are encouraged).
- Submit accurate information and demonstrate fluency in English.

Individual applications will not be accepted

REGISTRATION PERIOD

The registration period for this Cohort of the Economic Impact Challenge begins at **12:00am** West African Time on **2nd June 2025** and ends at **12:00am** West African Time on **28th June 2025**.

All teams will be required to complete the registration as described below (*In the HOW TO REGISTER section*) to have a complete submission.

By registering via our platform, you signal your interest in engaging in the Economic Impact Challenge and your understanding of the time commitments involved.

HOW TO REGISTER

The registration process consists of completing a registration form and submitting an introductory video.

1. The **Team Lead** should visit <https://afel.africa/apply>.
2. Complete the registration form, including bios for all team members.
3. Upload a **1-minute personal video** from **each member** of the team, answering the questions:
 - What is your name and the name of your institution.
 - Why do you want to participate in the AFEL Economic Impact Challenge?
 - What do you hope to achieve or gain from the experience?

Each member must end their video with:

"...because I am an African Future Economic Leader."

Example: "I look forward to raising awareness about homegrown economic policies, because I am an African Future Economic Leader"

4. After each team member provides individual responses to the questions, showcasing their unique perspectives and ideas, the team will make a group appearance at the end of the video, announcing the name of their institution and the slogan **"We are Africa's Future Economic Leaders"**.

Example given: "We are students of "University Name " and "We are Africa's Future Economic Leaders".

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All Submissions must adhere to the following guidelines (the "Submission Guidelines"). Your entries must be:

- a) Your team's original creation.
- b) submitted by the stated deadline, using the designated submission method provided by the AFEL.
- c) Submitted in English.
- d) Innovative and unpublished in any prior contest or publication.
- e) Free of any content that infringes or misappropriate the intellectual property rights, privacy rights, or proprietary or confidential information of others.
- f) Free of the personal information, voice, image, or likeness of any other identifiable individual without such person's prior consent.
- g) Free of any material that is inappropriate, indecent, obscene, hateful, harassing, derogatory, disparaging, or defamatory.

- h) Free of material that promotes bigotry, racism, hatred or harm against any group or individual or promotes discrimination based on race, gender, religion, nationality, disability, or age;
- i) Free of material that is unlawful, in violation of, or contrary to the laws or regulations in any jurisdiction where the submission is created or the Challenge is implemented.

Entries that do not meet the above rules and requirements will automatically be disqualified.

Furthermore, besides mandatory information such as Name, Name of Institution, and Department of Study, we strongly encourage that your submissions contain as little personally identifying information as possible. This includes your address, birth date, and national identification number, among other things.

GRADING

Following the completion of The AFEL Economic Impact Challenge, the top three eligible entries receiving the highest scores upon review by a panel of judges will be announced as the winners of the challenge. Entries will be assessed based on criteria such as;

- Originality
- Creativity
- Teamwork
- Real-life examples used (*showing real life execution*)
- Quality of entries submitted
- Applicability or use-case scenario
- Gender Inclusion
- Factual References
- Presentation
- Clarity

After the compilation of results, feedback sessions will be arranged for all participating teams. These sessions aim to convey the judges' observations and comments while also offering participants the chance to share their own insights and feedback on the challenge with the organizers.

All decisions of AFEL and the judges are final and binding.

PRIZES AND WINNER NOTIFICATION

Upon the announcement of the winners of the challenge, the winners will be required to participate in exit interviews. The interview questions will be provided by the organizers at the appropriate time.

While The AFEL Economic Impact Challenge has a cash reward, there are other advantages to enrolling in and participating in AFEL programmes. We aim to provide registered members of AFEL with the support they need to realise their goals while contributing to the development of Africa. These advantages include but are not limited to;

- Eligibility to participate in competitions.
- Selection for paid internships, based on MOU signed with stakeholders.
- Chances to be selected as ambassadors and advocates for AFEL.
- Chances to participate in the AFEL Leadership Academy.
- Chances to become a Fellow of AFEL.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Mentorship programme.

While we do our best to describe the benefits we intend to offer, we're mindful that circumstances can change, and we therefore reserve the right to alter the timing, type, or amount of benefits offered.

We will notify the winners through the Team Lead via email at the address provided on the application. We may publicly announce the name(s) of the winners.

We reserve the right to conduct a background check on each winner, and you consent to the same and agree to provide whatever additional information, permission, and/or documentation is required or requested in order to complete a background check.

Benefits may be reduced or revoked in the event of any misstatement or inaccuracy in documentation or information. We reserve the right to request the return of any payments made due to mistakes, misinformation, and/or inaccuracies in the reporting and/or administration of a winner's financial package and information. In the event of any claim by a third party affecting or relating to a submission, we shall have, in addition to any other rights available at law or in equity, the right to immediately revoke any benefit awarded.

REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTIES

By entering, you represent and warrant that:

- a) Your Submission is an original work created solely by your team and all ideas, creative elements, and other materials are your own.
- b) Your Submission is accurate and truthful to the best of your knowledge.
- c) Your Submission complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations in the nation in which you live, and your participation in this Challenge is not banned by any relevant law, rule, or regulation.
- d) Your submissions are original and have never been used for a task, contest, or publication.
- e) No other party has any right, title, claim or interest in your submission.
- f) You have the right and authority to grant all rights or permissions set forth herein.
- g) Our use of your submission to operate the challenge will not infringe or involve the misappropriation of any third-party rights.
- h) You have the right to enter and participate in the Challenge as contemplated hereunder without the need for the consent of any third party.
- i) You will abide by these Rules and all applicable laws and regulations.
- j) You have no legal or other obligations or limitations that would restrict you in any way from making a submission or from winning.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Entering and participating in the Challenge requires you to submit your ideas and project details to AFEL, third-party judges, and our partner organisations for review. Under no circumstances will we be required to treat your ideas and project details as confidential. For the avoidance of doubt, we will not be liable to you or any other person as a result of any similarities to your ideas and projects that may appear in any future products or services of AFEL.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

At each phase of the Challenge, we reserve the right to verify the eligibility of any applicant and their compliance with these rules. We may, in our sole discretion and at any time, disqualify any Applicant and/or any submission or portion thereof that we determine;

- a) has not complied with the Rules, Terms and Conditions of AFEL Code of Conduct and tampered with the entry process;
- b) has acted in any way that would discredit or harm the reputation of AFEL or their related persons and entities, or

- c) is inconsistent with the missions and values of AFEL.

We reserve the right to make such changes to any submission as are necessary to make it compliant or to require the Applicant to do so.

Without limiting the foregoing, any acts of dishonesty or providing false and misleading information are grounds for disqualification. All disqualification decisions will be final and binding.

We reserve the right to terminate, modify or suspend this Challenge

- a) should fraud, misconduct or other causes beyond our control corrupt the administration, integrity, security or proper operation of the Challenge,
- b) for any of the following reasons: act of God, unavoidable accident, epidemic, fire, blackout, act of public enemy, war, riot, or civil commotion, enactment, rule, order, or act of government or governmental instrumentality or tribunal, strike, lockout, or other labour dispute, inclement weather, failure or malfunction of technical facilities or of technical personnel to appear or be available, or failure of essential production.

By registering and partaking in The Economic Impact Challenge, participants recognise that;

- a) While participants retain ownership of their entries and intellectual properties, they offer AFEL a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, distribute, and display the entries for promotional and educational purposes.
- b) Participants are responsible for ensuring that their submissions do not contain any confidential or sensitive information.
- c) AFEL shall not be held liable for any disclosure or use of confidential information provided by the participants.
- d) AFEL is not responsible for any disclosure or use of the participants' private information.
- e) The organisers will determine and announce the prizes awarded to the winners. Prizes may include, but are not limited to, cash, certificates, trophies, scholarships, internships, or other educational and career development opportunities.
- f) AFEL reserves the right to disqualify any participant found to have violated the Terms and Conditions or engaged in unethical practices.
- g) Disqualification may occur at any stage of the competition, and the participant will forfeit any prizes or benefits associated with the competition.
- h) AFEL, its affiliates, and partners shall not be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury resulting from participation in the competition or the use of any prizes awarded.

We are not responsible for lost, late, illegible, incomplete, damaged, mutilated, misdirected, misdelivered, or delayed entries, or for technical or human errors or failures of any kind in connection with the submission, transmission, processing, or judging of submissions, including any malfunctions or failures of computer hardware, computer software, networks,

or telephone equipment, or any technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website, or any combination thereof.

Any attempt by an individual to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the challenge is a violation of these Rules, and should such an attempt be made, we reserve the right to seek damages from any such individual to the fullest extent of the law. We are not responsible for any typographical or other error in the display or communication of the offer or administration of the challenge or in the announcement of any benefit.

These Rules set forth the entire agreement and understanding between AFEL and the applicant concerning the subject matter hereof, merge and supersede all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings of any kind between us.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, we reserve the right, in our sole discretion, at any future time to terminate, modify, or suspend the Challenge for any reason, including if we determine that the quality or breadth of the submissions is not of a standard to qualify for the awarding of one or more of the prizes.

Each Applicant shall be deemed an independent contractor, and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create an employment relationship, a joint venture, or a partnership.

Our failure to enforce any of these Rules does not imply a waiver of any of their provisions. The titles of sections of these Rules are for convenience only and shall not have any legal effect. The term "including" refers to "including but not limited to."