

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These terms and conditions are intended to ensure that the NourishNext West Africa Youth Agrifood Innovation Challenge (“Competition”) is organized fairly and responsibly in Benin, Nigeria, Senegal, and Cote d'Ivoire. Please read the below terms and conditions (“Terms and Conditions” or “T&C”) carefully before agreeing to participate in any capacity in this Competition. By registering to the Competition, you confirm that you have read, understood and agreed without reservations to these T&C.

GAIN with Nutrition Connect as the organizer (“Organizer”) of the Competition reserves the right to amend the T&C. Any and all amendments will be posted on the official competition website [link](#) (The “Website”)

1. Eligibility:

- The Competition is open to citizens who are residents of Benin, Nigeria, Senegal, and Cote d'Ivoire while applying for the NourishNext West Africa Youth Agrifood Innovation Challenge in their own country.
- Lead participant (in case of team) must be at least 18 years of age or older on the date of applying for the Competition. The lead participant is primarily responsible for the online and in-person representation of the innovation at all stages of the competition.
- Employees, vendors, agencies, consultants in any capacity working directly with GAIN, Nutrition Connect and any related projects or organizers of this competition as well as their immediate family members and others with direct conflict of interest, are not eligible to participate. If there is any doubt pertaining to any conflict of interest in this regard, the applicant has the responsibility to ensure clarity and excuse him/her self from the process at application stage. Oversight to declare in this regard may lead to disqualification at any stage by the organizers.
- For questions related to the eligibility criteria please refer to section 14 “Contact Information”.

2. Entry Requirements:

- Participants must submit their entries via the online form by the deadline indicated on the Website.
- Each entry must comply with the Competition themes outlined only.
- Entries must align with local health guidelines and nutritional recommendations within the scope of the submissions being made.

3. Content Guidelines:

- Entries must be original and not infringe upon any third-party rights. All sources and references must be properly quoted and identified.
- Entries must not contain any offensive, defamatory, or discriminatory content.

4. Benefits for shortlisted participants and winners:

- Details of the benefits offered to shortlisted participants and winners are set out on the Website.

- The media coverage and benefits for the shortlisted participants and winners of the Competition extend primarily to the main lead of each application (in case of team). Distribution of any monetary or non-monetary support received by a winning team leader is his/ her sole responsibility for further distribution within the team.
- The benefits as provided by the organisers are non-transferable to another entity and must be accepted by the shortlisted participants and winners. Any changes or exceptional circumstances must be first discussed with the Organisers.

5. Judging Criteria:

- Entries will be judged based on the evaluation criteria detailed on the Website.
- The decision of the judges at each stage of the Competition is final and binding and can not be challenged in any court of law or any formal or informal forum or platform anywhere.

6. Notification of winners:

- Winners will be notified via email/phone by the Organisers of the next stages and outcomes, within a reasonable time after the judging process is completed.
- Winners may be required to sign and return an affidavit of eligibility and liability release.

7. Publicity:

By entering the Competition, participants grant the Organizer and any other partners involved in the project, the right to use their names and submitted materials for promotional purposes without additional compensation or benefits due.

8. Modification or Cancellation:

- The Organizer reserves the right to modify, suspend, or cancel the Competition or any of the phases, in the event of unforeseen circumstances or force majeure, at any point of time as may be necessary.
- The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify any participant at any stage of the Competition, for any reason that it deems appropriate, including if found in breach of any of the terms and conditions of the Competition.

9. Compliance with Laws:

Participants must comply with all applicable laws and regulations in their country of residence, and region as the case may be applicable.

10. Collection of Personal Data

In the context of the Competition, the Organizer will have access to and collect some personal data to run the Competition (the "Purpose"). By signing those T&C, you authorize the Organizer to process the personal data for the Purpose, including transferring it to the affiliated partners involved in the project. To exercise data protection related rights, such as right of access, please contact: innovation@gainhealth.org.

11. Limitation of Liability:

The Organizer and the partners to the project, including their affiliate are not responsible for any lost, late, or misdirected entries, or for any technical malfunctions that may occur at any stage of the competition.

12. Governing Law:

These terms and conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Switzerland.

13. Conflict resolution:

In case of any conflict arising at any stage of the Competition, it will be resolved amicably, and the decision of the organizing committee will be deemed final.

14. Contact Information:

For any questions regarding the Competition, please contact:
innovation@gainhealth.org.

15. Non-disclosure:

By agreeing to be part of this Competition, I agree to abide by the above terms and conditions specified for the West Africa Youth Agrifood Innovation Challenge. I agree that I will not disclose or share at any point, any private information and documents that are shared with me during the course of this competition or that I may come to chance upon, that can be likely to bring any manner of compromise or harm to any part, or the Competition in its entirety; its rigor or intended impact.

Signature :

Full Name :

Date and Place :