



**CIRCULAR**

Subject: **ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (ISDB) TRANSFORMERS ROADSHOW  
COMPETITION: INNOVATIVE IDEAS FROM PAKISTAN**

It is for information of all concerned that the COMSTECH has invited innovators to submit brief proposals for ideas that can be marketed and commercialized either by IsDB itself or by international funding sources by match making. Innovative ideas pertaining to scientific and technological solutions to development challenges in education, health, energy, water etc. are welcome.

1. The subject Roadshow will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019 at the COMSTECH Secretariat in Islamabad. Details of the event, its rules etc. are described in the attachments of this circular on IIUI's official website (containing announcement document, the invitation letter from Dr. Hayat Sindi, Senior Adviser to the President IsDB and the application form). Shortlisted applicants would be invited to the event and required to make a brief presentation of their idea. Individuals or teams can either participate in the event.
2. The 3 top Winners will receive US\$3000/- each as well as a fully funded visit to participate in the Annual Transformers Summit where IsDB itself or other international investors may select the ideas for commercialization and investment.
3. Duly filled application forms as well as the required proposal shall be submitted to the office of the undersigned till **15<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019** for onward submission to COMSTECH.

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Assistant Director (ORIC)

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## **Announcement of the IsDB Group “Transformers Roadshow” for Pakistan**

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**Venue: COMSTECH Secretariat, 33 Constitution Avenue, G-5/2,  
Islamabad, Pakistan**

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) is delighted to launch a new science, technology and innovation competition, “Transformers Roadshow” as part of its growing presence in Pakistan. Previous Roadshows have taken place in Uzbekistan, Bangladesh and Niger. Please visit the [IsDB website](#) for a report on the latest event in Uzbekistan.

Innovators from across the country are invited to pitch their ideas that support one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals to a high-level panel of experts, with the 03 best ideas being awarded prizes of \$3,000, each. Each individual or team that takes part will have the opportunity to benefit from a day of masterclasses and mentoring from leading experts in entrepreneurship. The three winners will also be invited to the IsDB’s annual Transformers Summit which will this year be held in Senegal in December 2019, where they may find international investors for their ideas. All expenses will be covered by IsDB for the 03 winners to attend the event in Senegal.

### ***Entering the Transformers Roadshow competition in Pakistan***

**A: Your innovative ideas:**

1. can be related to development of a product, a service or a system;
2. must address a particular developmental challenge related to one of the following goals: Food security, good health and well-being, quality education,

clean water and sanitation, affordable & clean energy, industry, innovation and infrastructure.

3. must be scientifically sound and can be implemented using existing technologies.

B. There are no limits on the size and scale of your ideas. Individuals or teams of up to 3 people can apply for the award.

C. Preference would be given to ideas that are:

1. are scalable/replicable in IsDB member countries without the need for a major reinvention or adjustment.
2. demonstrate a self-growing potential in terms of continuing its expected effect (benefits and/or services).
3. have a potential for patenting and developing into a commercial product or a service with an expected benefit.

D. Procedure:

1. Please go the following link to download the Application form:  
<http://comstech.org/isdb-Transformers-Roadshow.aspx>
2. The filled form is to be submitted at the address: **transformers@isdb.org**
3. Applications must be received by 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.
4. Each applicant may submit one application
5. The twenty (20) shortlisted applicants would be invited to the Roadshow
6. Each shortlisted applicant would be invited to a make brief 5-minute Powerpoint pitch of their idea before an international jury, who will ask questions for a further 3 minutes. Each individual or team would therefore present their idea for a total of 8 minutes. Details and program would be provided to shortlisted applicants.
7. The Jury would select 3 of the best ideas based on the criteria listed under Items A and C preceding.
8. Prizes would be awarded the same date (4/05/2019) by Dr. Hayat Sindi, Senior Advisor to the President of the IsDB, senior members of the Islamic Development Bank, and a member of the Pakistan Government.
9. Shortlisted applicants may contact COMSTECH for boarding and lodging.

### ***About the Transformers Roadshow***

Launched in July 2018, the Transformers Roadshow is one of the initiatives led by the IsDB *Transform Fund* set up to support the IsDB's strategic focus on capacity building and human capital development. Previous editions took place in Niger, Uzbekistan and Bangladesh, where the Bank has awarded nine innovators. The IsDB mission via the *Transform Fund* is to equip people to drive their own economic and social progress at scale, putting the infrastructure in place to enable them to fulfil their potential.

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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019

## Invitation to participate in the IsDB Group “Transformers Roadshow” 4<sup>th</sup> May, Islamabad, Pakistan

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) is delighted to launch a new science, technology and innovation competition, as part of its growing presence in Pakistan.

Innovators from across the country are invited to pitch their ideas that support one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals to a high-level panel of experts, with the winner being awarded \$3,000. They will also have the opportunity to benefit from a day of masterclasses and mentoring.

The financial awards will be presented to the winners by Dr Hayat Sindi, Chief STI advisor to the President of the IsDB, and other senior officials of the Government of Pakistan and the IsDB.

The IsDB is committed to putting STI at the heart of its work as it tackles today’s most pressing development challenges. To accelerate STI-led development initiatives across IsDB Member Countries, the event will be identifying students, scientists, technologists and innovators to come together with government leaders, captains of industry, entrepreneurs, business leaders and academics to establish new networks for funding, partners or strategic advice, and connecting them to investors, influencers, mentors and business partners.

Applicants’ ideas should demonstrate their support for the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#). The event will provide an opportunity to develop new partnerships to strengthen networking and foster strategic alliances through ideas and knowledge sharing.

It gives us therefore great pleasure to invite you to attend this event. Together, we want to highlight Pakistan’s leadership in supporting science, technology and innovation. We look forward to receiving your positive reply by **16.04.19**. Please fill out the attached application form and send RSVP to [transformers@isdb.org](mailto:transformers@isdb.org)

Yours Sincerely,  
Dr Hayat Sindi  
Senior Advisor to the President of the Islamic Development Bank



# Transformers Roadshow

**Application form for the IsDB “Transformers Roadshow” Competition**

To take part in the competition, please provide the following information. Please note deadline for all applications is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Email the filled form to **transformers@isdb.org**

**Full Name** - please include full name for all team members, e.g. first name, last name / father’s name

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**Permanent address** – name and corresponding address for all team members

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**National ID card number** – name and corresponding national ID

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**Contact phone number and email address** – name and corresponding contact information

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**Headshot photo**

*Please attach as a separate .jpg file to your application*

*In no more than 500 words in total, please provide information for headings marked as a, b and c.*

**a. Project name**

*Provide name and short description of your project*

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**b. Timeframe**

*Provide a short description of the timeline of the project*

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**c. Goals and objectives**

*Describe the project objectives in measurable terms that address the supportive agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals*

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**Sustainability**

*Provide brief description on how you will ensure the sustainability of the project (no more than 500 words)*

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**Team**

*Include number of staff and core skills represented within the team*

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**Measurement (Maximum 250 words)**

*Provide overview of how you will measure the success of your project*

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**Additional (Maximum 250 words)**

*Please provide any other information you would like the IsDB team to be aware of when reviewing your application*

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