



# open innovation catalyst

awards 2023

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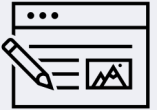
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# agenda

- Award Categories
- Judging process & criteria
- Awards submission form
- Live Tutorial
- Judging onsite
- Timelines
- Best practices & tips
- Post-event
- Q&A

44

open innovation  
catalyst  
projects



153

unique  
companies



unique  
team  
members

700+

# Open innovation catalyst awards



- Recognize Catalysts addressing key industry challenges through most engaging, innovative & impactful solutions.
- Promotion & gaining industry feedback.
- Judged by highly qualified panel of industry specialists.
- Recognition through TM Forum wider media exposure, and social media.
- Winners announced live during the prestigious ceremony at DTW on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at 1:15pm CEST.



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**award  
categories**

# Open Innovation Catalyst



## award categories



### Outstanding Catalyst – Business Impact

Catalyst that demonstrates most compelling business impact & potential



### Outstanding Catalyst – Sustainability & Impact on Society

Catalyst that demonstrates greatest potential to positively impacts society and contributing towards UN's Sustainable development goals



### Outstanding Catalyst – Showcase

Catalyst that displays the most powerful showcase demonstration



### Outstanding Use of TM Forum Assets

Catalyst that demonstrates most powerful use of TM Forum assets in their Catalyst project and quantify the benefits of using these assets

# Open Innovation Catalyst

## award categories



### Outstanding Business Growth **NEW**

Awarded to the Catalyst that demonstrates outstanding new growth potential, beyond building upon traditional connectivity offerings and demonstrates reuse of digital enablers (CaaS/ZTP etc).



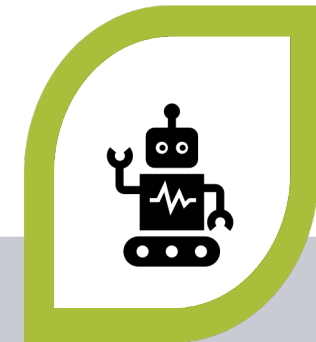
### Best Innovation & Future Techco

Catalyst that demonstrates most innovative & futuristic technology solution aimed towards bringing digital transformation to industry



### Best New Catalyst **Phase-I only**

Phase-I Catalyst team that demonstrates the most collaborative behavior and the most compelling and innovative solution.



### Excellence in the application of AI & Automation **NEW**

Awarded to the Catalyst that demonstrated best use of AI & Automation to drive efficiency & growth.



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**judging process  
& criteria**

# Judging process

- Each team selects **MAXIMUM 3** award categories to compete.
- Each award category would be judged against two sets of criteria:-
  - General Criteria
    - Set of 6 parameters common for all award categories.
  - Award specific criteria
    - Set of 2 parameters unique to each award category.
- For each award category, winner & finalists will be reviewed based on the weighted averages of 'General + Award Specific' scores of all the Judges'.
- Up to 3 Judges will be allocated to teams to review & score them.
- Judges review teams based on:
  - Awards Submission forms
  - Catalyst Spaces
  - Onsite Judging



# General judging criteria



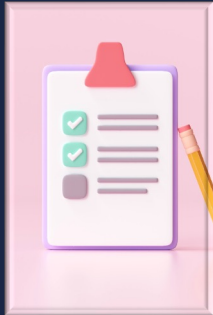
## Storyline

How clear, engaging & strong is the Catalyst's storyline, solution & deliverables?



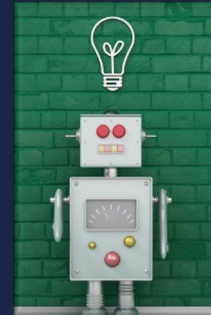
## Team Collaborations

How well has the participants & champions contributed & collaborated towards catalyst success?



## Use of TM Forum Assets

How well has the team used or planning to contribute to TM Forum's assets, best practices & standards?



## Proof of concept

How well developed is the proof-of-concept?  
(1 = 'Just an idea',  
10 = 'Credible working solution')



## Value & Potential

How valuable is the Catalyst to the industry in the long term?  
(1 = 'Redundant',  
10 = 'Potential to revolutionize')



## Catalyst Spaces

How descriptive, interactive, informed & well-presented are their Catalyst Spaces?

# Award Specific

## judging criteria



### Outstanding Catalyst – Business Impact

#### Business Impact

- How well does the project team quantify and explain the business impact of their solution?

#### Commercial Viability

- To what extent is the catalyst solution relevant, commercially viable & credible to the business?

### Outstanding Catalyst – Sustainability & Impact On Society

#### Societal Impact

- What degree of societal impact is the project likely to have in the next 1 year?

#### Sustainability

- How well does catalyst align with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

# Award Specific

## judging criteria

### Outstanding Catalyst – Showcase

#### Demonstration

- How well is the demonstration presented to showcase the solution's innovation and commercial viability ?

#### Regional Concerns

- How well does the demonstration highlight their solution's relevancy to regional industry concerns?

### Outstanding Use of TM Forum Assets

#### Use of TMF Assets

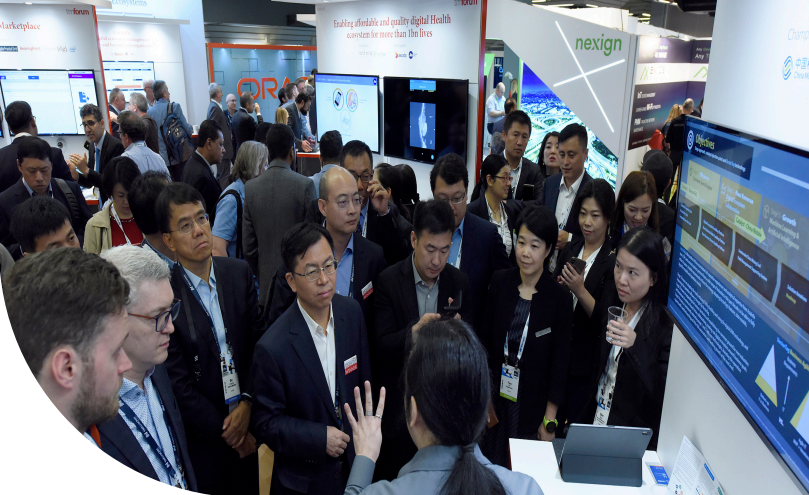
- How deeply rooted are the team's solution with TM Forum's best practices and standards?

#### New Thinking

- How well has the team tested or developed new thinking / requirements for TM Forum's best practices & standards?



# Award Specific judging criteria



## Outstanding Business Growth **NEW**

### Growth Potential

- How well does the Catalyst demonstrate top line revenue growth potential including adjacency / attractiveness of its solution to the telecoms industry?

### Adaptability

- How well does the Catalyst hold an ability to stay ahead of the curve to adapt with change in market conditions?

## Best Innovation & Future Techco

### Innovation

- How original, innovative & futuristic is the team's business idea and/or technology solution?

### Future Potential

- How would the Catalyst solution potentially impact future technology developments in industry?

# Award Specific judging criteria

## Best New Catalyst Phase-I only

### Solution:

- How well has the new Catalyst addressed the key industry challenge & offered most innovatively compelling technology solution?

### Impact on Industry:

- What level of impact will the Catalyst have on transforming telco industry?

## Excellence in the application of AI & Automation **NEW**

### Sustainable Scalability & Impact:

- How well does the Catalyst demonstrate the AI system or technology that is sustainable and scalable, ensuring long-term viability and impact on the business and customer experience in the rapidly evolving field of AI?

### Ethical and responsible use:

- How well does the AI system or technology should adhere to ethical and responsible principles, such as transparency, fairness, accountability, privacy, and human-centric design?



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**awards  
submission form**



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# Awards submission form

## DTW'23: Catalyst Awards

### Open Innovation Catalyst Awards

#### Award Categories

- Outstanding Catalyst – Business Impact
- Outstanding Catalyst – Sustainability & Impact on Society
- Outstanding Catalyst – Showcase
- Outstanding Use of TM Forum Assets
- Outstanding Business Growth
- Best Innovation & Future Techco
- Best New Catalyst for Phase-I only
- Excellence in the application of AI & Automation

Download the blank template for Open Innovation Awards [here](#)

- Before submitting online, download the [Awards Submission form template](#) and discuss with your team.
- Each team is required to fill in **ONLY ONE FORM** valid for **ALL 3** opted award categories.
- Entry deadline: **25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (midnight - EST)**
- Please submit before deadline, as system will automatically close the entry submission after the deadline.

# Awards submission form

Log in


Email or mobile 

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Password

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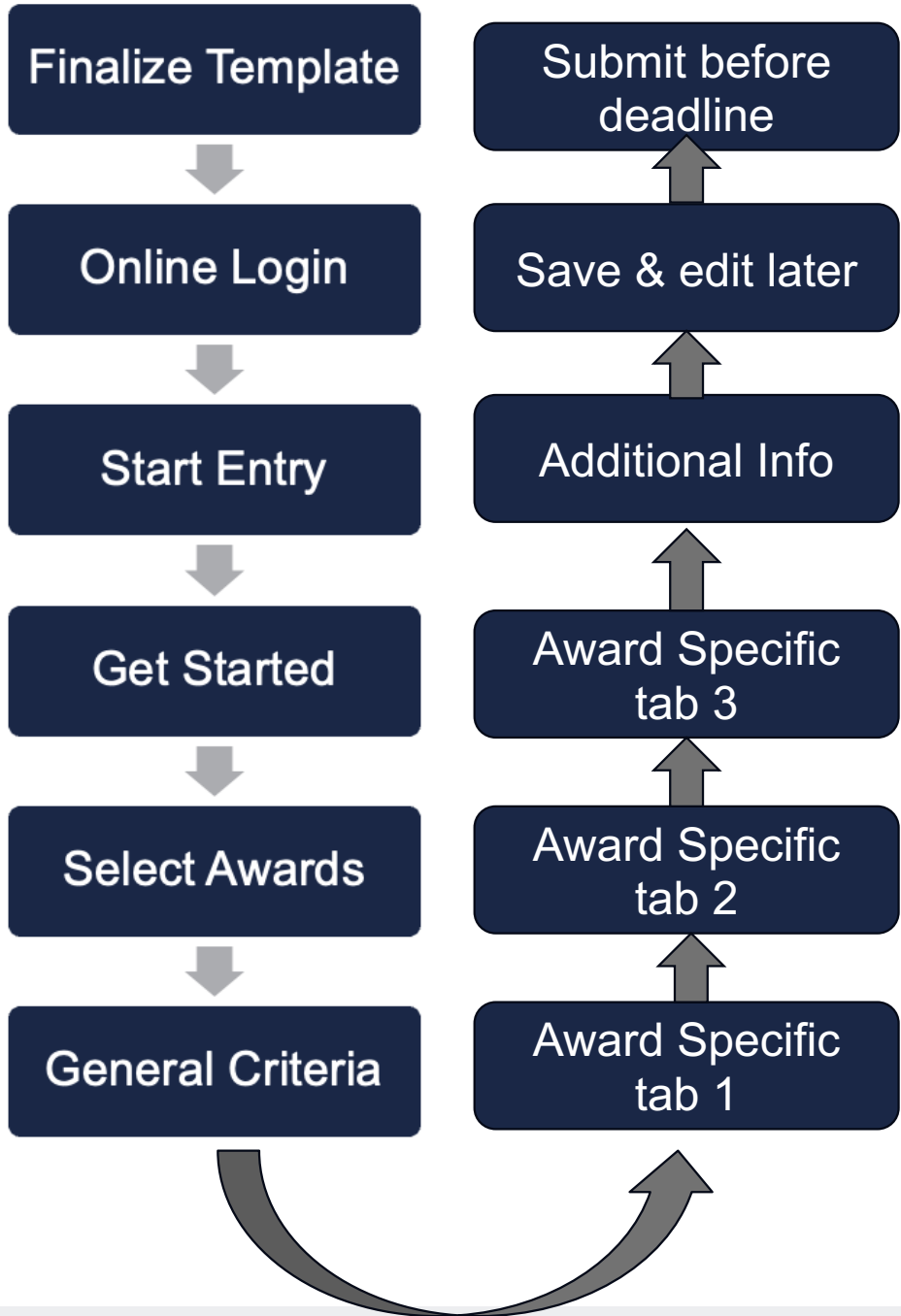
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Log in [Cancel](#)

- For online submission, go to URL: <https://awards.tmforum.org/>
- Login credentials emailed to each project lead or co-lead. Please reach out if not received or any issue.
- Buttons on form:
  - 'START ENTRY' to start the entry form first time.
  - 'SAVE+NEXT' to save & proceed to the next tab.
  - 'SAVE+CLOSE' to save & return to form later. Also, to save form after submission (but before deadline).
  - 'PREVIEW' to preview the entire form at anytime. Use this button specifically when filling tables.
  - 'SUBMIT' when all tabs filled & team satisfied with their entry.
- Scroll down online form completely to view & fill in all contents.
- Preview the submission form before submitting.
- Even after submission, team can edit before 25<sup>th</sup> August & submit by using 'SAVE+CLOSE' button instead.





# Live tutorial

# Do's & Don'ts



- Select **MAXIMUM 3 Award Categories**, else submission form will become **INVALID** – requiring resubmission.
- Do not select ‘Forgot Password’ to reset. If any access issues, please reach out.
- Single member accesses at given time.
- Select ‘Open Innovation Catalyst Awards’ only.
- For ‘Entry Name’ – enter your final Catalyst Title (if changed). Logins were created based on the current titles.
- You can edit the form multiple times **BEFORE DEADLINE** – even after submission.
- Select the choices based on your Catalyst’s strengths.
- Submit before deadline → to avoid last minute technical glitches & delays.



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# Onsite Judging

## JUDGING SLOTS

- Judges visit teams at their stands to interact & score.
- Each team will be allocated 3 Judges.
- Most judging slots will be focused on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Sept (up to 2pm).
- Although most judges visit together in slot, some may visit based on their availability.
- Details of allocated judges & slots will be available to teams by first week of September.
- Ensure presence of your key team member at kiosk.
- Judging slots different from presentation slots.

## AWARD CEREMONY

- Winners will be announced at Awards Ceremony
- 21st Sept at 1:15pm.



# Timelines

## Awards & Judging

Awards Submission Forms

*3<sup>rd</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> August*

Judging at DTW Copenhagen

*19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September*



Catalyst Awards Webinar

*5<sup>th</sup> July*



Awards Submission Forms

*3<sup>rd</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> August*



Update Catalyst Spaces

*by 4<sup>th</sup> Sept (recommended)*



Judging at DTW Copenhagen

*19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September*



Catalyst Awards Ceremony

*21<sup>st</sup> September*



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**best  
practices & tips**

## Practices



### invest

time on understanding categories, judging criteria, choosing options & filling online **Awards Submission forms**. Use **template to discuss** with your team before submission.



### update

**Catalyst Spaces** with all resources & content to illustrate the Catalyst in clear, concise & presentable way, by deadline.



### follow

our **Confluence page** for latest information about Open Innovation Catalyst Awards. Also recommend to promote catalyst using marketing toolkit.



### present

to judges onsite - **clearly** expressing the **rationale & significance of the Catalyst**, focussing on **proof points** for why it deserves to win.

# Tips from

## Judges' feedbacks

Choose wisely

Be clear & concise

Engaging demo

Address criteria  
points

Know your  
strengths

Share 'What's new'

Share impact &  
importance

Proof! Proof! Proof!





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post  
event

# Post-event award

## Outstanding Contribution to TM Forum Assets



- Judged & Awarded Post-Event to Catalyst team that uses the program to make most substantial contribution to TM Forum's assets.
- All submissions reviewed by TM Forum Staff & judged by TM Forum's Collaboration Subcommittee.
- Catalysts assessed based on
  - Overall impact to collaboration projects
  - Number of contributions
  - Quality of contributions

# Post-event award

## Application Process



- To do contribution, you must be part of the TM Forum Collaboration program (free to all members).
- Please find and join the right program <https://myaccount.tmforum.org/joinproject>
- In confluence find the correct project & in Project space side bar, you can navigate to "Contributions" page
- Click on "Submit Contribution" & select issue type as "Catalyst Contribution"
- Email list of contribution with project URN to Shengfan Hou.
- Last date to submit contribution: **3<sup>rd</sup> November'23.**
- [More details about contribution-here](#)
- [More details about process - here](#)



## Judges' Feedback

- Judges' feedback comments will also be accessible through the Awards platform, using the same login credentials.
- Will be available from 2<sup>nd</sup> October & will stay accessible till 31<sup>st</sup> December.

## Post-event promotions

- Catalyst promotions & inform articles will continue to be published post-event as well.

## Next Phase preparations

- Catalyst cycles are continuous, so continue planning for next phase, if interested in joining.

# Stay informed!



- Latest information available on confluence [Catalyst Awards page](#).
- Recording & presentation will be uploaded
- Important Catalyst webpages:
  - [TM Forum website](#)
  - [Catalyst Spaces](#)
  - [Catalyst Awards webpage](#)
- Weekly check-in emails
- Contact us:-
  - [TM Forum Service Desk](#), or
  - Email us:-
    - [Catalyst Operations](#)
    - [Mahima Khurana](#) (for awards)
    - [Shengfan Hou](#) (for contributions)



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**Any  
Questions?**



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**Thank  
You!**