CALL FOR PROPOSALS

IP Summit 2026 – *Innovation with and for a Purpose*
March 17–19, 2026 • Jamaica

Vision. The IP Summit 2026 is a bold and transformative global convening designed to explore how general-purpose technologies—AI, biotechnology, sensors, quantum computing, and immersive platforms—can be deployed with purpose, equity, and urgency to solve the world's most pressing challenges. Held in Jamaica, the summit positions the Caribbean as a vital bridge between the Global South and North, and as a rising leader in the global innovation value chain. At the heart of the summit is a call to move beyond our global obsession with intellect and intelligence alone—tools that, while powerful, often generate solutions divorced from purpose. Today's most urgent problems are both complicated—system inefficiencies solvable through technology—and complex, like disease, climate change, and inequality, which require transformation in how we innovate.

We welcome submissions from a wide range of contributors—including researchers, technologists, entrepreneurs, educators, students, policymakers, community organizers, healthcare workers, creatives, activists, and industry professionals—who are shaping the future of innovation with purpose. Proposals may take the form of papers, panels, workshops, installations, product demos, or other creative formats that explore how responsible technology can transform entire sectors, advance equitable development, and position Global South nations not just as adopters—but as leaders—of innovation that benefits both local societies and the world at large. The IP Summit 2026 will explore how AI and other general-purpose technologies can serve as tools for reimagining healthcare, education, commerce, energy, science, and tourism, while forging new models of partnership between the Global South and North.

Conference Themes and Sector Focus

Proposals should focus on innovative initiatives to strengthen the responsible adoption and diffusion of AI to enable workforce readiness especially within these sectors:

Sector Tracks & Focus Areas
1. Commerce & Digital Economy
Topics may include:
- AI for business operations, productivity, and decision-making
- Human–AI collaboration in the future of work
- AI-powered HR: recruitment, performance analytics, employee support, and upskilling

- AI in digital trade, supply chains, and financial technology for the Global South

2. Education & Learning Innovation
Topics may include:
- AI-enabled strategies to reduce math anxiety and improve STEM performance
- Personalized learning and intelligent tutoring systems
- AI in teacher training, credentialing, and institutional innovation
- Digital pedagogy for AI-ready educators and learners

3. Energy, Climate & Sustainability
Topics may include:
- AI-integrated renewable energy systems and smart grid management
- Climate-resilient infrastructure powered by AI and sensor networks
- Workforce development for sustainable energy transitions
- Building AI-capable communities to support net-zero targets

4. Tourism, Hospitality & Cultural Innovation
Topics may include:
- Personalized travel experiences and AI-based visitor insights
- Preparing the tourism and hospitality workforce for AI integration
- Digital storytelling and cultural preservation through AI
- Enhancing service excellence with machine learning and automation

5. Healthcare & Life Sciences Innovation
Topics may include:
- AI for clinical decision support, diagnostics, and predictive modeling
- Digital therapeutics, remote monitoring, and telehealth
- AI for public health surveillance and health equity
- Workforce transformation in AI-enabled healthcare systems

6. Science, Research & Emerging Technologies
Topics may include:
- AI for scientific discovery and simulation
- Research acceleration through automation and digital twins
- Ethical AI frameworks for scientific integrity
- Global South collaborations in open data, biotech, and frontier innovation

Proposal Types
We welcome the following submission types:

- Workshops (60–90 min): Skill-building or strategy sessions
- Panels (45–60 min): Moderated discussions across diverse viewpoints
- Papers: Academic or applied research with real-world implications
- Demos/Tech Showcases: Prototypes, AI tools, digital health innovations
- Startup Pitches: High-impact solutions aligned with summit goals

Why Attend?

- Be part of a first-of-its-kind Global South-led innovation summit
- Showcase your work to global investors, tech leaders, and policymakers
- Gain exposure through publication in the IP Summit Report
- Build networks with cross-sector leaders from over 30 countries

Submission Guidelines

- **Abstract:** 150–250 words
- **Keywords:** Up to 3 abstracts per person
- **Submission Types:** Research papers, case studies, best practices, policy insights, or conceptual papers
- **Deadline:** Applications are open until January 30, 2026 by 5 pm ET.
- **Email Submissions To:** ipsummit@themico.edu.jm