

The Tech Challenge Kenya 2026 Team Registration Process

Announcement of The Tech Challenge

(January 15th, 2026)

- The 2026 Tech Challenge is announced on our website and social media.

Step 1: Register for The Tech Challenge

(January 15, 2026- March 23rd, 2026)

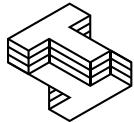
- Advisers are encouraged to fill out the registration form with their team of learners - one or two teams per adviser.
- NOTE: The deadline for all registrations is March 23rd, 2026. After March 23rd, advisers of teams who have completed registration, will receive the final submission form via WhatsApp.

Step 2: Design, Build, Test, and Iterate a Solution to The Challenge

- Teams and advisers read the Rules, Team Guide, and Adviser Guide (on the website).
- Teams begin designing and testing their devices for the challenge.
- Advisers **must attend** at least one Team and Adviser Challenge Kick-off (TACK) Session - in person or the online TACK session (where possible, we encourage students to attend). Please check the website for details.
- **WE ENCOURAGE ALL TEAMS TO REGISTER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. PLAN AND BEGIN DESIGN AT LEAST 3 MONTHS BEFORE FINAL SUBMISSION** (**please check final submission requirements on the next page).
 - Please make sure the adviser has completed the Design Challenge Learning (DCL) Course online course before final submission.
 - Please make sure the adviser has implemented DCL in a CBE project in class with students before final submission. A form will be attached to the registration form for the adviser to fill.



PLEASE NOTE: The registration form is not an invitation to attend the showcase. You will have to go through the Step 3 Process of Final Submission (see next page) where a team of judges will evaluate and make the final decision for invitation to The Tech Challenge 2026 Showcase



Step 3:* Final Submission**

(March 24th - May 31st, 2026)

- Requirements
 - Advisers must have completed the Design Challenge Learning online certification.
 - Advisers must have completed a CBE project using the DCL implementation in class with students.
 - **Advisers must have attended one Team and Adviser Challenge Kick-off (TACK) Session (enter TSC number and date attended) OR completed the TACK session online.**
 - Photos and videos of the team's device, journal, and team collaboration. Teams should continue to iterate on their devices after submission of the photos and videos.
(Please note the device and journal do not have to be complete at this point).
- Please submit ALL of the following as part of the final submission process
 1. A photo of the adviser's DCL online certificate
 2. A completed CBE project form
 3. Certificate if attended TACK session online or in-person
 4. 2 photos of the team's journal entries highlighting brainstorming, materials and design drawings
 5. 2 photos of the device
 6. 1 one-minute video featuring team collaboration
 7. 30 second video evidence of team testing their device (visit a test trial or home/school test)

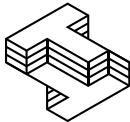
Step 4: Selection of Top Entries

(June 1st - 12th)

- Judges will look at overall device performance, teamwork, and journals when assessing the submission form and at The Tech Challenge Showcase. They will look at aspects like:
 - The team journal has team member names listed and their roles
 - The team has recorded meeting minutes and notes in their journal (include things like sketches, measurements, materials, trials, failures, and lessons learned)
 - Creativity of device design- what materials you used, how many designs you created, what worked, what needed improving, a unique design
 - The testing process- show examples of how you tested your device
 - Real world examples and applicability- how can you relate your design to a real life example?
- **Selected teams will be notified by June 15th and invited to participate in The Tech Challenge.**

Step 5: Attend The Tech Challenge

- Invited teams and their advisers will attend The Tech Challenge on
 - **Saturday, July 11th, 2026 in Kisumu**
 - **Saturday, July 18th, 2026 in Nakuru**



Key Dates & Timeline

Date	Milestone	Details & Notes
January 15, 2026	Official Challenge Launch & Registration Opens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenge “Survive the Storm” is announced publicly. Registration form (Google Form) opens.
January 15 – March 23rd, 2026	Team Registration Window (Step 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any interested team may submit the Registration Form. Each advisor guides only one or two teams. Information and Advisor Sessions held online/in-person to support registration. PLEASE NOTE: Teams will receive confirmation messages outlining next steps and communication that includes reminders about photo/video/journal final submission requirements.
March 24 – May 31, 2026	Final Submission Form (Step 2)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A photo of the adviser’s DCL online certificate 2. A completed CBE project form 3. Certificate if attended TACK session online or in-person 4. 2 photos of the team’s journal entries highlighting brainstorming, materials and design drawings 5. 2 photos of the device 6. 1 one-minute video featuring team collaboration 7. 30 second video evidence of team testing their device (visit a test trial or home/school test)
June 1 – June 12, 2026	Judging & Review Period (Step 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head Judges and reviewers evaluate submissions based on challenge criteria.
June 15, 2026	Notification of Selected Teams (Step 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected teams receive invitations to the Tech Challenge Showcase by June 15th, 2026. Teams may continue to test and iterate on their devices.
July 11, 2026	Tech Challenge Showcase – Kisumu County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected teams present at Showcase
July 18, 2026	Tech Challenge Showcase – Nakuru County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected teams present at Showcase.