

Selection Criteria and Selection Process

The Food Connection Challenge is open to all kinds of applications. However, not all companies that apply will be admitted to the next steps of the challenge. The following set of criteria will be used to determine who will proceed.

Applications that match the eligibility criteria, will be evaluated and ranked by an independent expert jury. After the selection, you will be notified of the result (in June 2018).

Eligibility criteria

1. Your enterprise is formally registered in Nigeria
2. Your enterprise is an 'SME': a company with less than 250 employees
3. Your enterprise exists for at least 2 years and has a minimum turnover of 5.000,00 euros per year
4. Your enterprise is producing food products and/or provides services to a food value chain in Nigeria
5. The food value chain your enterprise is participating in/offering services to provides food for the Nigerian market or its neighbouring countries
6. The enterprise has identified one person who will participate on behalf of the enterprise
7. The participant is able to travel to and be present in Ibadan and/or Lagos during the events of the Food Connection Challenge
8. The application provides enough concrete information to make a qualitative evaluation possible

Evaluation criteria

1. The post-harvest loss problem is clear and well defined
2. The first description of the idea is elaborate and convincing on how the idea impacts the broader value chain
3. The idea is innovative, sustainable, replicable and translatable into a business model
4. The participant has the right resources (team, skills, etc.) to implement the solution that will be developed during the challenge

Note: If the participant and the team connected to the participant include women and/or people below the age of 30, extra points can be gained.