



BNP PARIBAS SUSTAINABLE FINANCE CHALLENGE – SINGAPORE 2026 - FAQ



APPLICATION

Who can participate?

Penultimate to postgraduate students from NTU, SMU, NUS and UM universities, no matter which program they are enrolled in.

Who can be in my team?

You have to form a team of 3 to 5 students from the same university but who can come from different programs.

Can I join more than one team?

No, you have to be dedicated to one project.

Is there an entry fee for this Challenge?

No, participation for this Challenge is completely free.

How do I register for the competition?

To register, you have to complete the registration document and send to sfChallenge@asia.bnpparibas.com before 06/02/2026. The link to download the registration document is available in the webpage of the Challenge. Please only send one document per team.

When is the deadline for registration to the Challenge?

06/02/2026

When is the deadline for the submission of my solution?

27/02/2026

Does this Challenge require my physical presence?

Your physical presence will only be required for the Grand Final on March 26 at BNP Paribas' Singapore office. Otherwise, every event will at least be in a hybrid format. The Kick-off webinar will be conducted through Microsoft Teams, a replay of the session will be available on the webpage of the Challenge.

What is the level of engagement expected for this Challenge?

For the initial development of your solution, it is up to you to decide how much time it'll take to come up with a satisfying proposal. You will have 4 weeks between the kick-off webinar and the submission deadline, so you can use this time as you want. There will be a Q&A session during this period to provide guidance to you as best as possible.

If your team is selected as a finalist, you may schedule regular mentoring sessions during the 3 weeks of the project development.

Can this Challenge be compatible with my academic calendar?

Yes, we have worked to make this Challenge as flexible as possible, so that you can focus on your academic studies as well as giving your best for this Challenge.



CONTENT GUIDELINES

Do I have to choose one of the problem statements proposed?

Yes, your project needs to bring a solution to one of the proposed problem statements. When registering your team for the Challenge, please specify which problem statement you will work on. If your team is selected as a finalist, you will develop your solution further with the insightful support of the senior mentors working on the topic.

Can I work on a different problem statement than the one I chose in the registration document?

Preferably, you should stick to the problem statement you initially picked. But if you really decide to change, please indicate it clearly when submitting your solution in Phase 1.

What type of format is expected?

For the qualification phase, we are looking for a short slide deck in pdf format, up to 10 slides. You can also include research materials such as excel tables.

For the final phase, we are looking for an in-person? presentation (with supporting material). Finalists will be advised by their mentor in presenting a high-quality pitch to the jury.

Can I submit my idea/project in a language other than English?

No, we expect your deck and pitch to be delivered in English.

SELECTION OF THE FINALISTS & NEXT STEPS

What happens if my team is selected as a finalist?

You will have the opportunity to further develop your idea during the 3 weeks leading up to the Grand Final with the support of your senior mentor. You will have until 19/03/2026 to submit your pitch support document. The Grand Final will take place on 26/03/2026.

When is the deadline for the slide deck submission?

19/03/2026

When and where will the final take place?

26/03/2026, in BNP Paribas' Singapore office.

Who will judge my project?

The finalists will pitch their solution to a Jury composed of BNP Paribas' Head of Southeast Asia, Head of Human Resources Southeast Asia, Chief Sustainability Officer for Global Banking APAC, and Co-Head of Low Carbon Transition Group APAC.

What is the prize for the winners?

An SGD 10,000 prize will be shared between 3 winning teams.

The winning teams of the BNP Paribas Sustainable Finance Challenge 2026 will have the opportunity to be fast tracked in our internship and graduate programs.

For the finalists in general, networking sessions and mentoring by a senior mentors from the bank.

OTHER

Is there any email to contact for support?

You can contact us through sfChallenge@asia.bnpparibas.com

Where can I find the replay of the Kick-off sessions?

You can find all the replays on the [Challenge website](#).



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