



**Young
Actuaries
World Cup**



2026

Competition Rules

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Young Actuaries World Cup (YAWC)



The International Actuarial Association (IAA) believes that every actuary has the potential to contribute to the profession and that young actuaries will continue to play a significant societal role in the future. As such, the IAA is launching its 2nd “Young Actuaries World Cup” (YAWC), a friendly global competition between young actuaries (under 35).



The second edition of the YAWC shall be held in 2025/2026, with the Finals hosted at the International Congress of Actuaries, [ICA 2026](#), in Tokyo, Japan.

Article 1



Objectives

1

Engage Young Actuaries on Topical Issues.

2

Provide an opportunity for young actuaries to showcase their skills under the framework of the profession's premier global event: the International Congress of Actuaries (ICA).

3

Ensure that younger generations see themselves represented within the IAA and its member associations.

Article 2: Theme

The YAWC Theme is aligned with the ICA 2026 theme: **Tradition, Diversity and Innovation**. This is particularly relevant for emerging professionals who benefit from the existence of long-established skills while also addressing the challenges and opportunities afforded by global advances in technology and developments in society. Participants are encouraged to provide a broad interpretation of the theme. For example, submissions could address issues such as, but not limited to:

- a. How actuaries can contribute to a better society.
- b. New products: future specific usage, new features, etc.
- c. Climate Change and Sustainability issues: How actuaries might contribute to knowledge in this area
- d. Application of data analytics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning
- e. An Employers Dilemma: Data Scientists or Actuaries
- f. The Actuaries role in Cybersecurity
- g. Diversity enhances problem-solving and innovation
- h. Views on the ethical considerations related to data and technology
- i. New areas in which actuarial skills are being used.

Participants are highly encouraged to be creative, communicating their ideas in interesting and inspiring ways. Graphics, music or humor are certainly permitted!



Article 3: Competition Requirements

The following 6 rules apply:

- 1 The competition is open to all individuals born on or after 14 November 1991 and who are members or students of any Full or Associate Member Association (MA) of the IAA. The IAA reserves the right to request an MA to confirm the applicant's membership.
- 2 Participants who are members of multiple MAs shall choose only one MA to represent.
- 3 Participants are not meant to represent the views of their respective MA during the competition.
- 4 The language of the competition and of the ICA 2026 is English. However, the IAA values inclusiveness and the level of English used by the participants shall not be part of the judging criteria. The IAA will make available Wordly, a language translation platform, to allow people from different languages to view the competition.
- 5 The competition is restricted to individual participation. No teams are allowed.
- 6 Finalists from previous YAWC competition are not eligible to participate.
- 7 The participants acknowledge that videos submitted will be posted on the IAA YouTube channel, actuvew and to the ICA platform (in compliance with the ICA regulations).

Article 4: Continental Zone Grouping

The participants shall be grouped according to the Continental Zones of the MA they are representing:



Africa



Asia



Europe



**Latin America
and Caribbean**



**Canada and
United States**



Oceania



Article 5: Qualification Round

Video Submission

The eligible participants (as per Article 3) shall be invited to create a video related to the Theme and submit their participation by filling [this form](#) by 31st July 2025:



- 1.Name
- 2.Job title
- 3.Member Association (only the one you represent)
- 4.Company (if any)
- 5.City of residence
- 6.Country of residence
- 7.Nationality
- 8.Biography (maximum 100 words)
- 9.Video title (maximum 50 characters)
10. Video synopsis (maximum 200 words)
11. Video key words (maximum 5)
12. Participant photo
13. Proof of birth date (copy of birth certificate or passport)
14. Link to a Dropbox (or equivalent) folder containing the following files:
 - Video thumbnail (16:9 ratio)
 - Video (maximum 5 minutes)

Only one submission per participant shall be allowed.



Video Publishing

Subject to a first review of appropriateness (no offensive language used, no defamation, clear quality, etc.), videos shall be published on the IAA YouTube channel and actuvew/actupool by 8th August 2025. To reward early submissions:

- Videos shall begin to be published on 15th July 2025. This shall give a longer exposure to allow for the global actuarial community to view and respond with “likes” and comments.
- Participants selected for the Quarter-Finals will be able to choose the speaking sequence according to the time of video submission.



Judging

Each Continental Zone shall be represented by a broad panel of judges. Every video shall be assigned to and rated by three judges and none of them shall be from the same continental zone, MA or company as the participant being judged. They shall base their decision on the following criteria:

- a. Creativity and engagement with the audience
- b. Originality of topic or approach
- c. Relevance to the actuarial profession
- d. Future looking
- e. Global actuarial community's engagement (likes/comments) on YouTube / actuvew



Quarter - Finalists

The Top 4 participants of each Continental Zone (a total of 24 participants) qualify for the Quarter-Finals. The Quarter-Finalists announcement shall be broadcast live on the IAA YouTube channel on 30th September 2025, 8am ET.

Article 6: Quarter Finals



The 24 Quarter-Finalists shall be invited to live broadcast and be interviewed by a panel of judges, who shall ask questions related to the video submitted for the Qualification Round. The global actuarial community invited to attend and submit “likes” and comments.

The 6 Quarter-Finals are Continental Zone-specific, and shall be held in November 2025:

Canada & USA	4 November	7pm EST, 8pm CST, 10pm PST
Latin America & Caribbean	6 November	8pm AST, 9pm EST, 10pm CST
Africa	12 November	7pm WET/GMT, 8pm WAT, 9pm CAT, 10pm EAT
Europe	13 November	7pm WET/GMT, 8pm CET, 9pm EET
Asia	18 November	5.30pm IST, 7pm ICT/TST, 8pm CST/HKT/SGT, 9pm JST/KST
Oceania	20 November	5pm AWST, 8pm AEDT, 10pm NZDT



Jury

A panel of judges composed of 3 individuals shall be formed to assess the performance of the Quarter-Finalists. None of them shall be from the same, continental zone, MA or company as any of the Quarter-Finalists.



Proceedings

Each Quarter-Final shall last 90 minutes with the following sequence:

1. Welcome address and introduction of the four Quarter-Finalists (5 mins)
2. Quarter-Finalist 1 (15 mins)
 - Play the video of Quarter-Finalist 1 (5 mins max)
 - The 3 judges ask 1 question each
(3 judges * (1 min / question + 2 mins / answer) = 9 mins)
3. Quarter-Finalist 2 (15 mins) – same sequence as Quarter-Finalist 1
4. Quarter-Finalist 3 (15 mins) – same sequence as Quarter-Finalist 1
5. Quarter-Finalist 4 (15 mins) – same sequence as Quarter-Finalist 1
6. Judges deliberate privately, and base their decision on the following criteria (10 mins):
 - Quality of replies during the webinar
 - Creativity of the concepts
 - Professionalism of the delivery
 - Global actuarial community engagement (likes/comments) on YouTube / actview
7. Judges announce the names of the Top 2 Quarter-Finalists (5 mins)

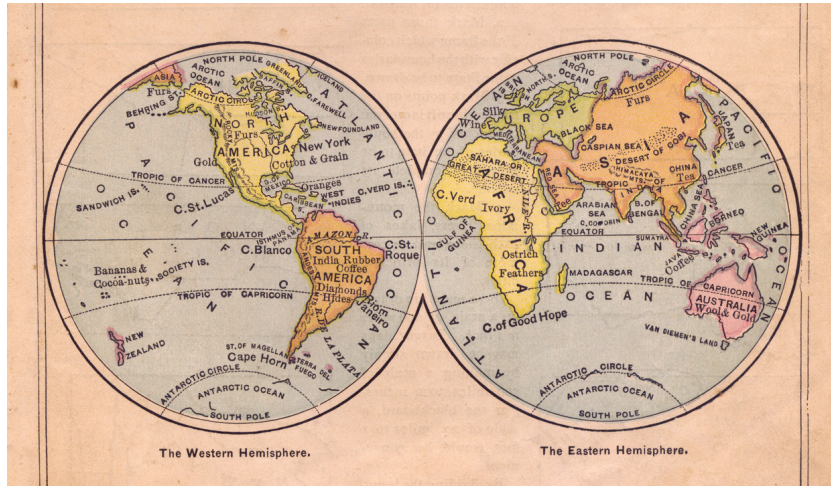
Semi-Finalists

The Top 2 participants of each Quarter-Final (a total of 12 participants) qualify for the Semi-Finals.



Article 7: Semi-Finals

The 12 Semi-Finalists shall be invited to live broadcast, present their project in a 1-minute elevator speech, and be interviewed by a panel of judges, who shall ask questions related to the project. The global actuarial community invited to attend and submit “likes” and comments.



The 2 Semi-Finals are Hemisphere-specific, and shall be held in January 2026:

1. Western Hemisphere

- a. Top 2 of Africa Continental Zone
- b. Top 2 of Canada & USA Continental Zone
- c. Top 2 of Latin America & Caribbean Continental Zone

2. Eastern Hemisphere

- a. Top 2 of Asia Continental Zone
- b. Top 2 of Europe Continental Zone
- c. Top 2 of Oceania Continental Zone

Western Hemisphere	21 January	2pm EST, 7pm GMT, 8pm CET, 4am JST (+1)
Eastern Hemisphere	28 January	6am EST, 11am GMT, 12pm CET, 8pm JST



Jury

A panel of judges composed of 3 individuals shall be formed to assess the performance of the Semi-Finalists. None of them shall be from the same, continental zone, MA or company as any of the Semi-Finalists.

Proceedings

Each Semi-Final shall last 90 minutes with the following sequence:

1. Welcome address and introduction of the six Semi-Finalists (5 mins)
2. Random draw to determine the sequence of the Semi-Finalists (3 mins)
3. The Semi-Finalists present their idea in a 1-minute elevator speech, without visual (slides/video) support (7 mins)
4. The audience (YouTube/Zoom viewers) votes for their preferred participant, based on the initial video and the elevator speech (2 mins)
5. Announcement of the Top 4 participants, who qualify for the jury questions stage (2 mins)
6. Random draw is performed to determine the sequence of the next stage (3 mins)
7. The 3 judges ask 1 question to each of the last 4 participants, who have 2 minutes to answer to each question ($4 * 3 * (1 + 2)$ mins = 36 mins)
8. Judges deliberate privately, and base their decision on the following criteria (10 mins):
 - Initial video
 - Quality of presentations and replies during the Semi-Final
9. Judges announce the names of the Top 2 Semi-Finalists (5 mins)

Finalists

The Top 2 participants of each Semi-Final (a total of 4 participants) qualify for the Finals at ICA Tokyo 2026, with the following costs covered by the IAA and the Young Actuaries Initiative:

- Round-trip flight to Tokyo
- ICA 2026 Ticket
- Hotel Accommodation during the ICA 2026
- The privilege to present on stage at the ICA 2026

TOKYO

Article 8: Finals

The 4 finalists shall be invited to give a 5-minute presentation on the stage of ICA 2026 in Tokyo. These presentations will be followed by questions from the attendees.

Based on the quality of the presentations and answers, as well as the overall impression from the prior rounds, the winner will be voted on by the following parties:

- YAWC 2026 Jury (25% weight)
- ICA 2026 attendees (25% weight)
- IAA Leadership Team (25% weight)
- YAWC 2026 Participants (25% weight)



World Champion

The winner will be announced at the ICA Closing Ceremony and will be invited on stage to receive the prestigious IAA YAWC Trophy from the IAA President.



Article 9: Summary

IAA Young Actuaries World Cup 2026

		Qualification Round April – July 2025	Quarter-Finals November 2025	Semi-Finals January 2026	Finals November 2026
<p>Born on or after 14 November 1991? Plenty of ideas regarding the future of the Actuarial Profession?</p> <p>Consider representing one of the IAA Member Associations, and share your ideas through the Young Actuaries World Cup 2026!</p> <p>Plenty of fun, lots of encounters, and most importantly, stand a chance to fly to Tokyo and share your ideas on the main stage of the Global Actuarial Community!</p>		<p>Submit your video (max. 5 minutes) in line with the ICA 2026 Theme: "Tradition, Diversity, Innovation".</p> <p>This is particularly relevant for emerging professionals who benefit from the existence of long-established skills while also addressing the challenges and opportunities afforded by global advances in technology and developments in society. Participants are encouraged to provide a broad interpretation of the theme.</p> <p>Participants are highly encouraged to be creative, communicating their ideas in interesting and inspiring ways. Graphics, music, or humour are certainly permitted!</p> <p>An expert jury panel will watch and select the Top 4 videos of each Continental Zone. 24 participants will progress to the Quarter-Finals.</p>	<p>In a live broadcast, the 4 participants of each Quarter-Final will be asked questions by a Jury of made of 3 individuals (none of them shall be from the same IAA or same company as any of the Quarter-Finalists).</p> <p>The judges shall base their decision on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of replies during the webinar Creativity of the concepts Professionalism of the delivery Global actuarial community engagement (likes, comments) on YouTube / actuviev <p>The Top 2 participants of each Quarter-Final (12 participants) will progress to the Semi-Finals.</p>	<p>In a live broadcast, the 6 participants of each Semi-Final are invited to present their project in a 1-minute elevator speech style, without slides support.</p> <p>Each Semi-Final will see 2 phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The audience is invited to vote and select their favourite participant, based on the initial video and the elevator speech → The Top 4 proceed to the next phase The Jury (3 individuals) asks questions to the last 4 participants and selects their Top 2 participants <p>The Top 2 of each Semi-Final qualify for the Finals, and win:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A return flight to Tokyo ICA 2026 Ticket Accommodation during the ICA 2026 The privilege to present on stage at the ICA 2026 	<p>The 4 finalists are invited to give a 5-minute presentation on the stage of ICA 2026 in Tokyo.</p> <p>These presentations will be followed by questions from the attendees.</p> <p>Based on the quality of the presentations and answers, as well as the overall impression from the prior rounds, the winner will be voted by the following parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YAWC 2026 Jury (25% weight) ICA 2026 attendees (25% weight) IAA Leadership Team (25% weight) YAWC 2026 Participants (25% weight) <p>The winner will be announced at the ICA Closing Ceremony and will be invited on stage to receive the prestigious IAA YAWC Trophy from the IAA President.</p>
Western Hemisphere	Canada & USA	Submit videos before 31 July 2025 Top 4 participants announced on 30 September 2025	4 November 2025 7pm EST, 8pm CST, 10pm PST	21 January 2026 2pm EST, 7pm GMT, 8pm CET, 4am JST (+1)	<p>8-13 November 2026 ICA 2026</p>   <p>WINNER</p> <p>Young Actuary World Champion 2026</p>
	Latin America & Caribbean	Submit videos before 31 July 2025 Top 4 participants announced on 30 September 2025	6 November 2025 8pm AST, 9pm EST, 10pm CST		
	Africa	Submit videos before 31 July 2025 Top 4 participants announced on 30 September 2025	12 November 2025 7pm WET/GMT, 8pm WAT, 9pm CAT, 10pm EAT		
Eastern Hemisphere	Europe	Submit videos before 31 July 2025 Top 4 participants announced on 30 September 2025	13 November 2025 7pm WET/GMT, 8pm CET, 9pm EET	28 January 2026 6am EST, 11am GMT, 12pm CET, 8pm JST	
	Asia	Submit videos before 31 July 2025 Top 4 participants announced on 30 September 2025	18 November 2025 5.30pm IST, 7pm ICT/TST, 8pm CST/HKT/SGT, 9pm JST/KST		
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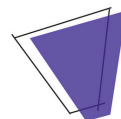


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