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Outlook for the 2021 ITU AI/ML in 5G Challenge

[Wish list 2.0]

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Wish #1: Open Data

It is **MY** data.

Myth	Data from real networks is all private and cannot be opened for the Challenge.
Fact	Open datasets, including from real networks, are available in ITU AI/ML in 5GChallenge website
Wish	However, we need more!

Outline for Challenge 2.0:

1. **Enable data sharing via ITU Geneva Sandbox [Refer ITU Standard Y.3172]**
2. **Work with data providers to pre-process data [Refer ITU Standard Y.3174]**
3. **Quality data - Work towards simulators + data augmentation [e.g. ITU-ML5G-PS-032]**

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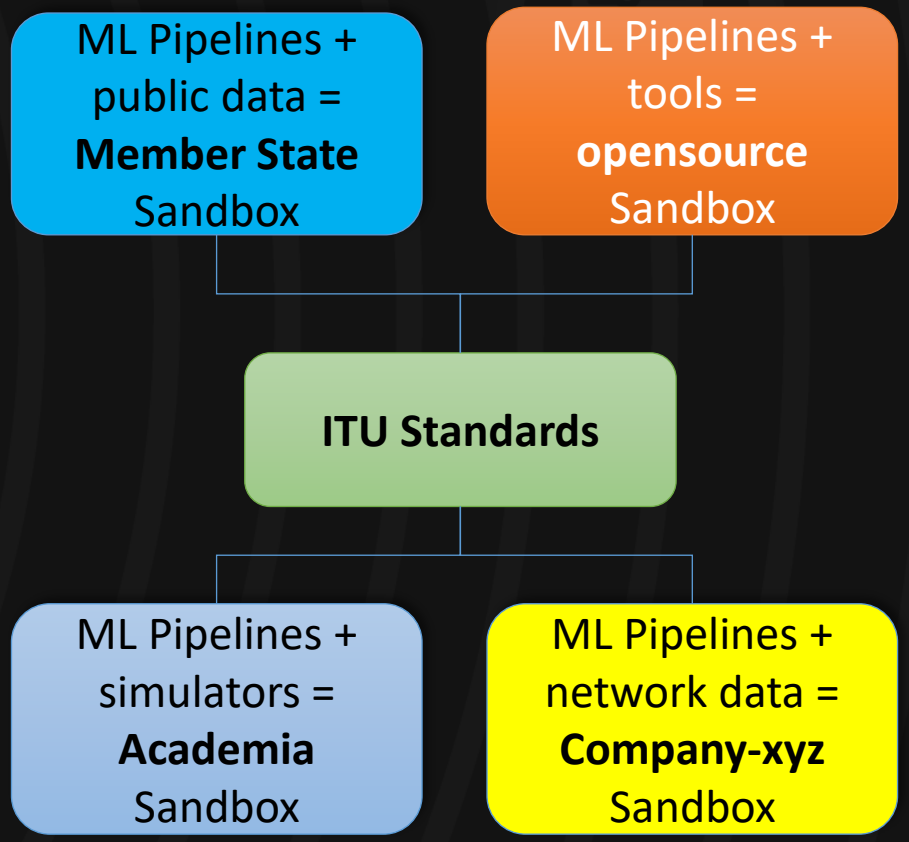
Wish #2: Equal access to AI/ML tools

Myth	AI/ML challenges are for data scientists
Fact	A mix of participants (students, professionals, researchers) from 60+ countries
Wish	Equal access to GPUs and tools for model training and testing.

Outline for Challenge 2.0:

1. Open toolkits – as per ITU Standards
2. Reference installations, ready-to-use, toolkits, especially for students
3. Mentoring, round-table sessions, and other participant-engagements



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Wish #3: Form an eco-system

Myth	We are here to win $$$ as the prize
Fact	• 26 webinars by leading researchers • Round-table discussions with participants and hosts • Connecting to ITU standards • Open source • Management team discussions • By the way - $$$ too
Wish	Create a distributed team with **mindshare** in AI/ML and networks

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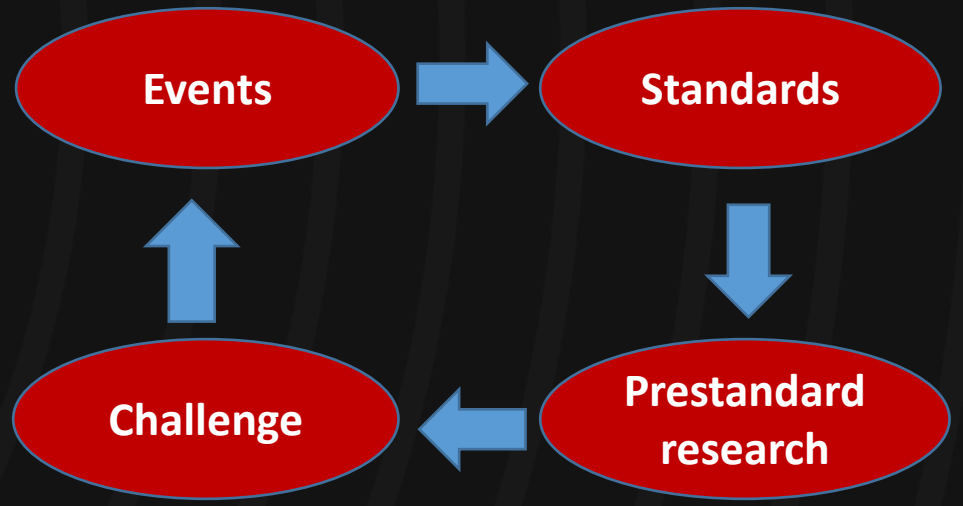

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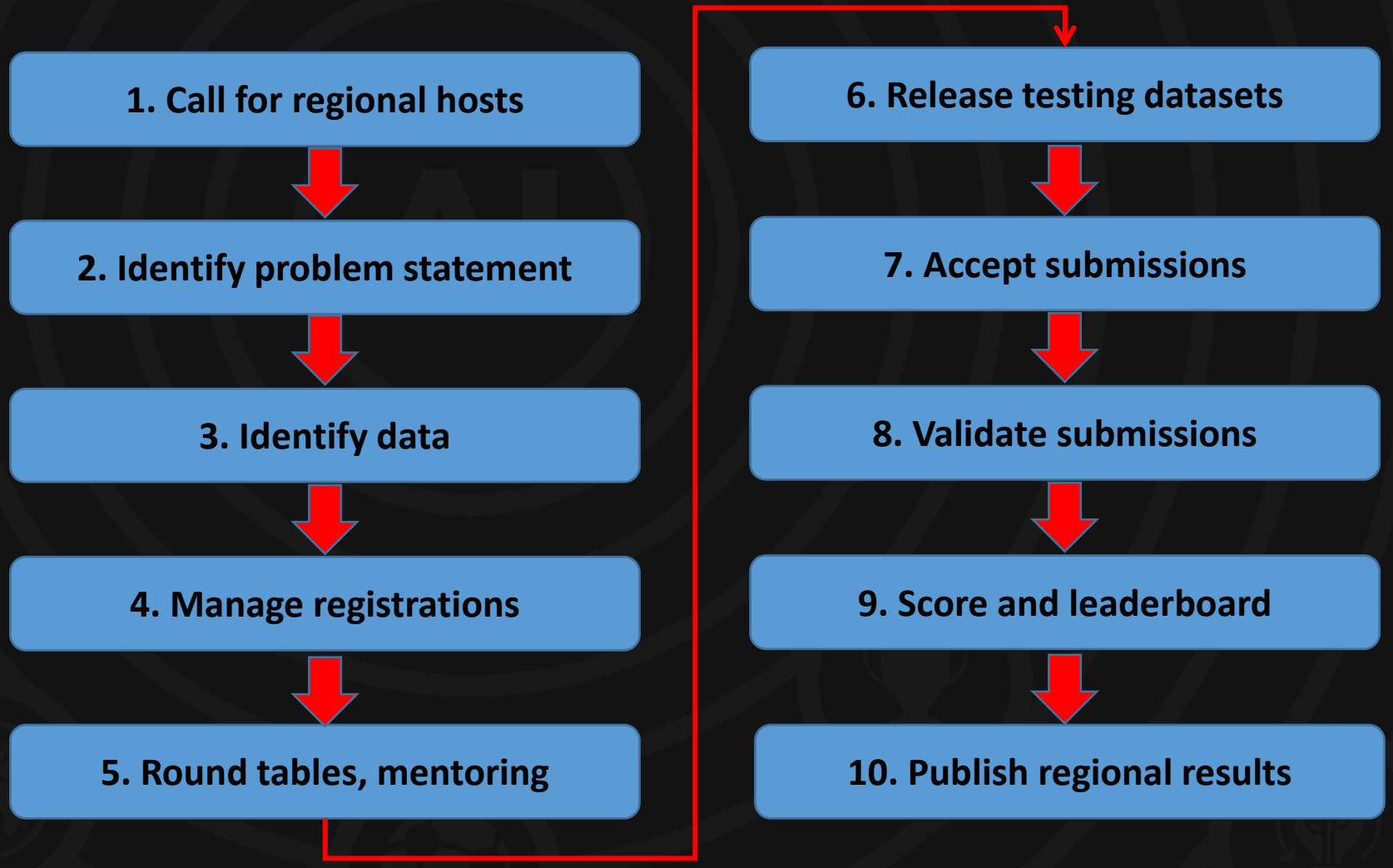
Wish #4: More time



Outline for Challenge 2.0:

- Start the planning stage early,
- Increase Automation and
- Provide enough time for analysis and solution approaches.

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Wish #5: More focus [training phase is over]

1. **Bigger**:
    1. Collaborative problem statements with **multiple owners**
2. **Better**:
    1. Align with pre-standard research
    2. Clearly define the scope of the 2 roles: **Students vs. professionals.**
    3. Align the enablers track with **opensource**
    4. Focus on **generating or augmenting or anonymising data**
3. **Braver**:
    1. Domain vs. data science: Align themes with upcoming research in domains and in AI/ML.
    2. Clearly separate restricted problem statements and their derived value.
    3. Reach out in local languages.

Example themes:

- **AI/ML mechanisms (GNN)**
- **Autonomous networks- Fault detection, isolation prediction etc.**
- **AI/ML in open-RAN**
- **Disaster communications**
- **Campus networks**
- **<<add your project here>>**

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