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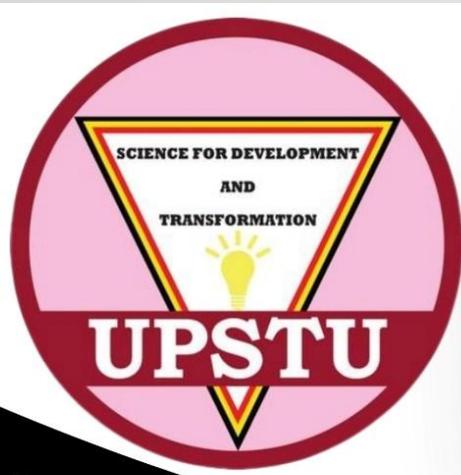
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Today's Topic: Preparing and Delivering an Outstanding Pitch Presentation

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Why Pitching Matters

- A good idea poorly presented can be misunderstood.
- A great pitch tells the story behind the innovation.
- Judges are not just looking at your project—they're assessing:
 - Passion
 - Problem-solving approach
 - Feasibility
- Clarity
- Confidence



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What is a Pitch Deck?

- A pitch deck is a visual guide (PowerPoint) used during your presentation.
- It must be short, simple, and structured.
- It helps the audience follow your story— not read it for you.
- Avoid reading from the screen—your role is to tell the story.





Project Presentations should follow this recommended format:

1. Project Title & Team Introduction.
2. Problem Statement & Justification.
3. Objectives & Purpose.
4. Innovation & Uniqueness.
5. Implementation & Stakeholder Engagement
STEM Integration & Technical Explanation.
6. Results, Feasibility & Future Potential.
7. Conclusion & Demo Video / Call to Action.





Preparing for the Pitch

- Know your slides inside out.
- Practice the flow of your presentation.
- Avoid memorizing word-for-word—aim for natural delivery.
- Anticipate questions from judges.
- Practice with your team—give and receive feedback.

Rehearsal Techniques

- Practice alone: Use a mirror, record yourself on phone.
- Practice with a group: Friends, classmates, or family.
- Rehearse the full pitch including Q&A.
- Get feedback on:
 - Voice clarity & confidence.
 - Body language & eye contact.
 - Slide transitions & timing.





Delivery Tips for Pitch Day



Handling Questions Like a Pro

- Speak clearly and audibly.
 - Make eye contact with judges and audience.
 - Use your hands naturally (don't fidget).
 - Smile and show enthusiasm.
 - Stick to the 10-minute pitch time.
 - Stay calm—even if technology fails or you're nervous.
- **Stay calm and confident.**
 - **Listen carefully before answering.**
 - **Be concise and clear.**
 - **If you don't know the answer: Say: "That's a great question—we'll look into it further."**
 - **Keep a positive attitude—even under pressure.**



Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Reading from slides.
- Overloading slides with text.
- Speaking too fast or too slow.
- Ignoring the audience.
- Not practicing.
- Being unprepared for questions.

If You Don't Win... Still a Winner

- Use the opportunity to learn and grow.
- Ask for feedback from judges.
- Reflect on what went well and what to improve.
- Stay positive and come back stronger next year.
- Winners fail, learn, and try again.



Final Checklist Before the Exhibition



- Project Report printed
- PowerPoint loaded on flash drive
- Demo materials prepared
- Uniform / dress code ready
- Team rehearsed
- Arrive early, be polite, be confident





Final Encouragement

- You've come this far because your idea stood out. Now is the time to give it your best shot.
- Believe in your project. Be confident. Speak with passion. Inspire your audience.
- Now it's time to shine, tell your story, and show Uganda the power of young science innovators.
-  Speak with heart.
-  Present with clarity.
-  Pitch like a pro.

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YOU!





Q & A

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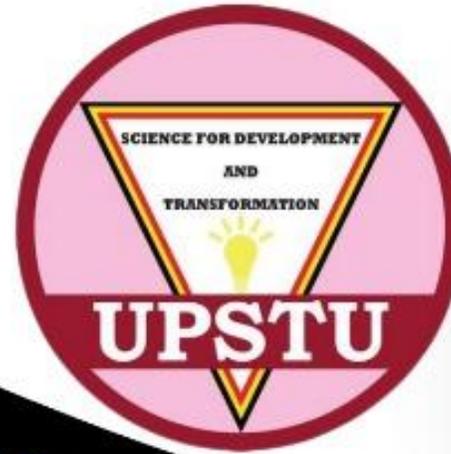
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