**What should your initial presentation to IAN cover?**

IAN has a two-step process for evaluating proposals received.

* In step 1, an internal team reviews the presentation and it may be discussed with an investor member with relevant domain experience
* Step 2: If shortlisted, the team is invited for an in-person presentation to investors

Hence, your goal in the first step should be to help us understand why your venture is a good case for investment.

**The initial pitch presentation** (this could be a ppt or a word document) **should not be more than 12- 15 slides, covering the points mentioned below.**At this stage, details and numbers are not necessary. At the preliminary stage the review committee, as well as investors, are keen to understand if the concept addresses a real opportunity, if the business case is strong, if the team is well rounded & competent & committed and the traction that the team has been able to achieve so far.

**1) Cover slide**

* Company name and logo
* Contact details (city, e-mail, mobile)
* Url
* One line that clearly describes the concept/product/service

**2) Team**

* Highlight what will each member of the team do in the venture, and why he/she is best suited for the role
* Indicate if the person is a co-founder or founding team member or an employee – against each, indicate the % of equity held (currently or planned if not yet distributed)

**3) What is the issue / pain point that your product / solution addresses**

* Explain why your customers need your solution
* Mention what they are currently doing and how your product/service is a better solution

**4) Product / Technology Overview**

* Highlight the uniqueness of the product or service or technology and NOT the technical details of list of features of the solution

**5) Business model**

* This is about how you will make money from this business opportunity.
* This is NOT the excel sheet. In simple terms, this is about who will pay how much and to whom for you product

**6) What is the size of the market opportunity?**

* Be clear about who and where is going to buy your product/service and how much they would pay for it.
* Mention the size of the opportunity in the markets you are planning to address (*e.g. In India, there are \_\_\_\_ number of parents who will buy our service at Rs/$\_\_\_\_\_ per year. This translates into a market potential of Rs/$\_\_\_\_\_ per year. In year 3, we plan to tap US and Canada, and the size of the opportunity there is Rs/$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (No. of parents \_\_\_\_\_\_ x Price per year\_\_\_\_\_*)
* This section is NOT about what your plans are, but about what the size of the market is. This section should therefore give a sense about how many customers are there in your target market and at the price that you are selling your product at, what is the revenue potential if all of them were to buy (not that they will, but this is to give an indication of what the size of the market is)

**7) Current traction**

* What have you achieved so far – product, customers, revenues, etc.
* If you have, include photographs (e.g. if you have physical stores or products that you manufacture or office pictures).

**8) Competitive landscape**

* Who are you currently or in future likely to compete against and what is your plan to win this battle?
* Explain why this is better than competition (a comparison chart is usually not seen seriously by investors because all presentations tend to show a comparison chart that will be favorable to your solutions/product)

**9) Financials current and projections**

* Summary of your business plan excel sheet for 3 years (Note: the detailed excel sheet is NOT required. Just key figures at annual level for 3 years is sufficient for the preliminary evaluation. If there is sufficient interest from investors in the venture, then we will evaluate your excel sheet and business case in detail)
* Break up your costs into Capex and Opex (In Opex highlight major cost components – salaries, marketing, etc.)
* Cover the unit economics i.e. how much revenue do you get per transaction/customer, how much does it cost you to service that customer/order

**10) Funding needs, use of funds and proposed valuation**

* Describe how much money you want to raise and what these funds will be used for
* Mention if there are other co-investors (or others who have already committed)
* Clearly indicate how long these funds will last and what you will be able to achieve with these funds (E.g. This investment of $\_\_\_\_\_\_ will last us for \_\_\_\_\_ months. With this, we will be able to get to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ customers and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in revenues)
* Clearly mention if you are going to require follow on capita, and if so, how much (e.g. post this, we will raise a Series A round of $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ )
* What is the valuation you are seeking for this round

**11) Current equity structure, fundraising history and investors**

* Table of current equity holding (cap table)
* How much money have you invested
* Mention previous investment history including year, amount and investors.

**12) Exit options**

* How do you think the investors can exit (i.e. who will buy their equity or do you feel that this can be an IPO)
* IF you can, give examples of exits in your industry (or comparable examples)

If you have any queries, reach us at info@indianangelnetwork.com