

TED Talks aim for wider global reach

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TED Talks, known for "ideas worth spreading," are aiming for a wider global audience with a new mobile application that can be used in two dozen languages.

The non-profit behind prestigious conferences focused on captivating 18-minute [talks](#) later shared free in online videos on Friday rolled out an overhauled Android application it hopes will help it reach nearly a billion people.

"We are really leaning in to being a global application," said Thaniya Keereepart, who heads TED media initiatives on mobile and connected devices.

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The new, free TED app for Android provides a user interface that will work in any of 24 languages, automatically displaying on-screen instructions in the language chosen in smartphone settings, and transcripts.

While TED Talks have for a while been offered with translations done by volunteers, the change will let people navigate the application and do searches in a language of their choosing.

"People can actually find the talks they are looking for in the languages they are looking for," Keereepart told AFP while providing an early look at the new application.

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