



South Africa



Global Cleantech Innovation Programme

TIA and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) co-implement the Global Cleantech Innovation Programme for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in South Africa (GCIP-SA), with funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The Programme aims to spur local innovations in energy efficiency, green buildings, renewable energy, waste beneficiation, water efficiency, and green transport.

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The GCIP-SA combines a competition and a business accelerator programme where innovative clean technology SMEs and start-up companies receive extensive training and mentoring to develop market-friendly and investor-attractive products and businesses. Participants stand a chance to win cash and business support awards, together with a trip to Silicon Valley, CA, to participate in the internationally renowned Cleantech Open Global Forum.



VALUE OF THE PROGRAMME

Training

- National Academy, webinars, provincial Business Clinics
- Mock Judging

Mentoring

- Local and international mentors (generalists and specialists)

Access to Capital

- Exposure to Strategic Investors, Angel Groups, VC firms

Showcasing

- National Gala Event & Global Forum in Silicon Valley
- Media exposure & participation in events

Cash Award

- National Winner, 2 runners-up, 3 Special Category winners



REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

Innovative start-ups and established SMEs with innovative clean technology solutions that:

- Fit the definition of one of the Competition's six clean technology and innovation categories and respective classification criteria
- Are new and ground-breaking, or an adaptation of existing clean technologies or use existing commercially available technologies for unique applications
- Have protectable Intellectual Property (IP)
- Are at proof-of-concept stage up to pre-commercialisation stage
- Demonstrate a feasible concept and product
- Shows potential for commercialisation



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