



Green Skills

Innovation Challenge



WHY A GREEN SKILLS CHALLENGE?

Our present reality is heavily influenced by two crises: climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic. This has resulted in compounded negative effects on health, livelihoods and the economy.

As we look towards a post-pandemic world, we have the opportunity to shape a recovery that leverages solutions addressing the climate crisis and promoting health, equality and financial wellbeing. Our recovery can be sustainable, putting people back to work and ensuring they're contributing to the green economy.

A sustainable economy requires a workforce equipped with robust green skills —the competencies that allow individuals to step into green jobs or transition aspects of their current careers towards jobs that will positively impact the planet.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Entry Phase
5th April – 4th June 2021
- Semi-Finalists Announced
28th June 2021
- Finalists Announced
Late August - Early Sept. 2021
- Winners Announced
30th September 2021

ABOUT THE GREEN SKILLS INNOVATION CHALLENGE

This global innovation competition is open to non-profit, for-profit and hybrid organizations in 52 countries* that equip individuals and communities with the skills needed to thrive in the transition to a green economy. For a cash prize of up to \$20,000, initiatives that qualify for the challenge are those that:

- Help those previously excluded from economic opportunity to gain the skills needed to find employment in growth sectors of the Green Economy.
- Help communities currently entrenched in environmentally harmful jobs transition to green jobs.
- Find innovative ways to prepare young people to find careers in, and ultimately become leaders of the green economy.

You can find detailed information on the challenge [here](#) and the challenge terms and conditions [here](#).

*A list of the 52 eligible countries can be found on the criteria section of the challenge website. Find it [here](#).