

Green Innovation Challenge Call for Entry Extension

The Mpumalanga Green Cluster Agency (MGCA) is inviting all Entrepreneurs in the Green Economy to enter their green economy pre-venture or early-stage start-up phase solutions to stand a chance of pitching to a panel of esteemed judges at a “shark tank-style” hybrid networking event, hosted in Gert Sibande on 05 June 2025. This event will present them with the opportunity to network with potential investors, business incubators, local government decision-makers, and green economy experts.

Entry requirements

- The green economy solution needs to be based in Mpumalanga.
- The green economy solution needs to be either in the pre-venture (Ideation, conceptual) or early-stage start-up (proof of concept e.g. pilot project running, looking for first round of seed funding) phase of businesses.
- The solution needs to apply to one or more of the following green economy sectors: Renewable energy, sustainable mobility, sustainable agriculture, water and sanitation, and circular economy.

Who should enter?

Pre-venture (Ideation, conceptual) or early-stage start-up (proof of concept e.g. pilot project running, looking for first round of seed funding) stage green economy solutions based in Mpumalanga.

Why enter?

Entering this pitch challenge will expose the entrepreneurs to:

- Access to the eco-system of green economy support.
- Prizes, including a cash prize and in-kind business support.
- Network with potential investors.
- Business incubators.
- Local government decision-makers.
- Green economy experts.
- Preparation workshop before the main event

How to enter

Click on the link below to enter:

<https://forms.gle/6aHJV2NECVNXAAHR6>

The winner will be selected by a judging panel on the day of the event. Their decision is final.

Terms & Conditions apply.

Key dates

Entries open: Monday, 03 March 2025

Entries close: Wednesday, 30 April 2025

Finalists workshop: 21 – 23 May 2025

Pitch day: Thursday, 05 June 2025

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