UNECE INTERNATIONAL AWARD 2017 FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (<u>UNECE</u>), on January 2017 launched the <u>Ideas4Change for the</u> <u>SDGs Award</u>. The deadline for submission of ideas is March 1, 2017.

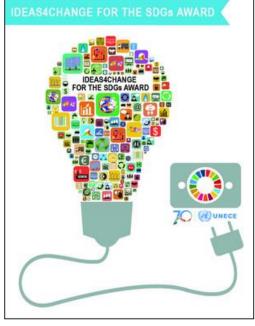
The call is addressed to start-ups in the 56 member countries UNECE, of located in Europe, North America and Asia. for innovative ideas and solutions to address the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and give contribution to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.



The first UNECE Ideas4change Award competition have been already launched in 2015, featuring 150 ideas from 25 countries. In the award not only products and technologies will be selected but also social innovations and new ways of doing. Areas of interest include energy, environment, food, housing, forests, trade, transports and statistics.

The <u>selection criteria</u> are: Relevance to <u>UNECE areas of</u> <u>work</u>; Potential for social and environmental impact; Potential for sustainability; Quality of the business/project plan; Quality of the team.

Finalists will be invited to present their proposals at the 2nd UNECE Ideas for Change Award at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Delegates from 56 Member States, together with the Expert Jury, will vote for the three best proposals and an official award ceremony will be held during the session. Winners will receive an official Award Certificates or a stipend with <u>Mass</u> <u>Challenge Accelerator</u> in Jerusalem, one of the most prestigious Start-ups Accelerators in the world.



To know more and participate

Ideas4change Prize 2017

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17 Sustainable Development Goals