

THE WINNERS OF THE 2021 SEED AWARDS FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In July 2021, the SEED Initiative [announced the winners and runners-up of the SEED Awards for Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Development](#) at the UN's High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

The nine winners and the 39 runners-up, who hail from nine countries across Africa and Asia, showcased their innovative and sustainable enterprises which contribute to climate adaptation and lower carbon use. Of the 2021 SEED Awards winners and runners-up, 69 per cent of enterprise leaders are 18-35 years-old and 52 per cent are female-led enterprises.

[The SEED website presents the winning innovative enterprises for the two schemes of the 2021 SEED Awards: Low Carbon and Climate Adaptation.](#) For each category the website presents the winners and the Runners-up enterprises awarded.

SEED Low Carbon Awards, for eco-inclusive enterprises operating in Ghana, India, Indonesia, South Africa, Thailand and Uganda and whose key activities, products and services contribute to a low carbon reality, climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation. The winners for the SEED Low Carbon Awards were the following six enterprises:

- [JVL-YKMA Recycling Plant](#). Waste Management. Akorley-Somanya, Ghana.
- [Moreloop](#). Waste Management. Bangkok, Thailand.
- [PadCare Labs](#). Water, Sanitation & Health (WASH). Pune, India.
- [Peec Energy](#). Clean Energy. Kampala, Uganda.
- [Regenize](#). Waste Management. Cape Town, South Africa.
- [Sampangan](#). Waste Management. Serang, Indonesia.

SEED Climate Adaptation Awards, for eco-inclusive enterprises operating in Botswana, Malawi and Zambia, preventing or minimizing damages caused by global warming and fluctuating weather patterns. These enterprises provide solutions to respond to effects of climate change or prepare for future impacts. The winners for the SEED Climate Adaptation Awards were the following three enterprises:

- [EcoGen Limited](#). Clean Energy. Lilongwe, Malawi.
- [Kalahari Honey](#). Biodiversity. Francistown, Botswana.
- [Wuchi Wami](#). Biodiversity. Mwinilunga, Zambia.

The winners have been awarded receiving grants and tailored advisory services to scale their operations, as part of the renowned [SEED Accelerator](#) programme. The 39 runners-up will also be supported through the [SEED Catalyser](#) programme, to refine their



business models and optimize their impacts while advancing their investment readiness. The winners will also join the network of the enterprises in Africa, Asia and Latin America, laureates of the SEED Awards. The SEED Awards 2021 are supported by the [German Federal Ministry for the Environment](#) and the [Flanders Government](#).

SEED was founded at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg by [UN Environment](#), [UNDP](#) and [IUCN](#) as a global partnership for action on sustainable development and the green economy. SEED is based on the understanding that the promotion of social and environmental entrepreneurship is pivotal for environmentally friendly and socially inclusive development and poverty reduction.

The SEED Awards for Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Development is an annual awards scheme designed to identify the most innovative and promising locally led start-up eco-inclusive enterprises in developing and emerging economies. Each year, multiple award categories are offered, ranging from country or region-specific awards to thematic categories. Since their inception in 2005, the SEED Awards have awarded 311 enterprises in 40 countries, with a disbursement of over EUR 1 million in grants. Each individual SEED enterprise has saved an average of 7,300 tonnes of CO2, generated more than 9,399 kWh of renewable energy, and created 28.4 jobs, out of which 32 per cent are offered to people at the Bottom of the Pyramid (BoP).

The SEED website presents [all the eco-inclusive enterprises winning the different editions of the Awards](#) and supported by the initiative. These enterprises are managing innovative technologies that could be of great interest for other territories and local development actors.

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