

# Pacific Greenpreneurs Incubator 2023

**Information Session 2** 

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023





#### Agenda



- Welcome & Housekeeping
- PGEN Overview
- Meet our Greenpreneurs Alumni
- How to Apply
- O&A

#### Housekeeping



- The session will run for 1 hour
- Please mute your microphone when not talking
- To ask a question, please type it in the chat box or raise your hand
- This session will be recorded and uploaded to the Pacific Greenpreneurs Webpage
- In case of technical issues, contact roshika.gaunder@gggi.org or send a zoom chat to Roshika



The program strengthens the capacity and empowers green entrepreneurs and their businesses.

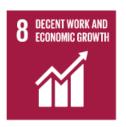
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It connects
entrepreneurs to
an ecosystem of
business
development
support.

Key ways in which the Pacific
Green Entrepreneurs Network
supports Pacific economies and
aligns with the UN's Sustainable
Development Goals



























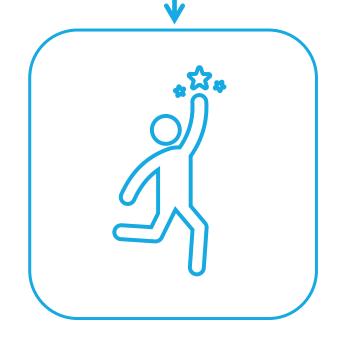


#### **Pacific Green Entrepreneurs Network**

#### **Pacific Greenpreneurs**



**Incubator Program** 



**Accelerator Program** 



Entrepreneurship Ecosystem





# What do we mean by "green entrepreneurs" or "green business"?

A "green business" is a purpose-driven enterprise that is addressing social and/or environmental issues while generating income



#### **Entrepreneurial Ecosystem**





Guidelines and training for national institutions

Networking and knowledge sharing

Framework for regional support mechanism





Implementing Partners





#### Pacific Greenpreneurs Accelerator program



Coaching

**Learning Opportunities** 

Networking

**Investor Pitches** 

Up to \$50,000 in repayable grant funding



Pacific Greenpreneurs 2023 Incubator Program

#### Pacific Greenpreneurs Incubator program



Local workshops

Virtual training

Group & individual coaching

Mentoring program

Networking

Business plan competition

US\$5,000 seed grant funding

#### **Incubator program highlights**

269



Entrepreneurs supported

146



Green MSMEs supported

6



Countries

40



Seed grant recipients

12



Sectors represented

USD200K



Grant funding awarded

63%



Women-led enterprises

60%



Youth-led enterprises

100



Greenpreneurs Graduates

88



Competition finalists

28



Grant recipients led by women

168



Green jobs supported

#### **Incubator Timeline**



MARCH 2023 APRIL 2023

MAY 2023 JUNE 2023 JULY 2023 AUGUST 2023 SEPTEMBER 2023



Incubator Applications open



Selection process



Orientation
Kick-off workshops
Mentoring begins
Regional webinars begin



Group & individual coaching begins



Training program ends
Business plan
development



Business plan competition submission



Graduation &
Showcase events
Announcement of
winners

#### **Incubator Program - Structure**

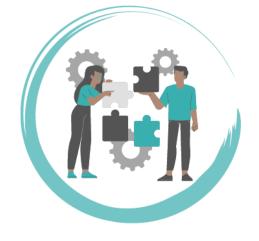








VIRTUAL TRAINING



GROUP & INDIVIDUAL COACHING & MENTORING



**NETWORKING** 



BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

#### PACIFIC GREENPRENEURS INCUBATOR 2022 BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION WINNERS





















#### Meet the Greenpreneurs Alumni

"Pacific Greenpreneurs Incubator Program has been very beneficial; I have learnt new things and terms that I would not have learnt if I was doing a course at an institution, and I can apply what I have learnt directly to our business".



Robinson Vanoh

Eagle Vetiver Systems Limited
Papua New Guinea

#### **Eligibility Criteria**





The lead applicant must be a citizen of:

Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea Samoa, Tonga or Vanuatu



The enterprise must operate or be intended to operate as a **for-profit business** in one of the countries listed above.



The enterprise or business idea must demonstrate a green focus.



The minimum age of the lead applicant is 18 years old.

#### Who are we looking for?





You aim to create **positive environmental and/or social impact** through your business

Your business is **innovative and unique** in some way.

You are in your **early stages**: you will typically have already piloted/ launched your business.

You are **dedicated and passionate** about your cause.

You want to learn how to build an effective & sustainable business model for success.

You want to learn, connect, and share with like-minded green entrepreneurs.

You have access to internet & a computer for online training

You are **committed to completing a 4-month program**.

You are comfortable with **English language**.

#### **Assessment Criteria**





Green business focus



Business growth potential



**Entrepreneurial Mindset** 



Social inclusion (of women, youth or marginalized groups)

#### How to Apply



**Complete Google Form link by** 30th March 2023 https://bit.ly/PacGreenIncuForm23

See pacificgreenpreneurs.com for guidelines, FAQs and more information



#### Pacific Greenpreneurs 2023



#### INCUBATOR PROGRAM









- Are you an early-stage green entrepreneur in Fiji, Kiribati, PNG, Samoa, Tonga or Vanuatu?
- PASSIONATE about addressing environmental or social problems through your business?
- KEEN to take the next step to learn & grow your business, environmental & social impact?
- INTERESTED in the opportunity to win US\$5,000 in seed grant funding?





#### **APPLY NOW:**

https://bit.ly/PacGreenIncuForm23

Women, youth, persons with disabilities and teams of entrepreneurs are strongly encouraged to apply









For more information, visit www.pacificgreenpreneurs.com

#### Documents needed for application

- Lead applicants' proof of residency
   (e.g. passport biodata, drivers licence, voters registration / national ID or student ID)
- 2) Lead Applicants' Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Resume
- 3) Team photo/s (image)
  Ideally 1 photo of your business logo (if you have one) & 1-2 photos showing your team and business idea/products (max. 3 files)
- 4) Business registration certificate\* (only if business is registered)



#### **Optional:**

- 1 Minute Video pitching your green business idea
- Other relevant documents for your business (E.g. brochure, flyer, business plan)



#### **Application Form Tips**



Lead applicant must complete the form.

Review Application Guidelines before hand

Prepare text answers & documents before hand – Google Form should save the answers

Be concise but specific with your answers.

Note the maximum number of CHARACTERS

Keep in mind: We don't expect you to have all the answers - BE YOURSELF!

Take advantage of the optional sections

You can edit your application after submission if before the deadline

#### OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION FORM



TOTAL OF 9 SECTIONS Part A – DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GREENPRENEUR?

Part B – LEAD APPLICANT – PERSONAL DETAILS

Part C – YOUR GREEN ENTERPRISE SNAPSHOT

Part D - GREEN FOCUS

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION FORM**





Part E - BUSINESS GROWTH

Part F - ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET

Part G - ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

Part H - OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Part I - CLOSING

#### LET US GO THROUGH THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM





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### **Any Questions?**





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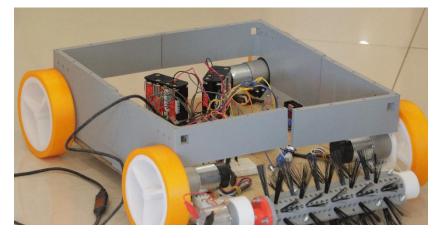
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## **FAQs**









What is an 'early stage' business?

- We consider a business is in the early stage when it has a product or service in the market.
- This could be selling at a very small scale (e.g. you could be selling to family or friends, on social media or at local flea markets).
- You do not have to be formally registered as a business to apply, and do not need to have business premises.





Does my business need to be registered to apply?

- You do not need to have a registered business to apply for the program, but please note that business registration will be required to enter the business plan competition and compete for USD 5,000 in seed grant funding.
- If your business is not registered when you apply, you can obtain your registration during the program.



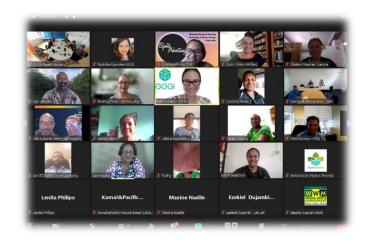


How do I access the grant funding?

- Seed grant funding of USD 5,000 will be awarded to winners of the business plan competition held at the completion of the 4 months incubator program.
- 2023 Incubator graduates will submit business plans and pitches to be scored independently by a panel of judges.
- Winners will be announced during the Graduation events to be held in Sept 2023.



#### **Inoode**Cloud



How will the online learning work?

- Each enterprise will be provided with access to the Online Portal (Moodle Cloud) and will be expected to read the material and submit all exercises online each week.
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own access to internet and computer/laptop/ tablet to complete these requirements.
- Please note that as this is a regional program, all course material and exercise submissions are in English language.







- If you applied for the 2021 / 2022 program but did not participate in the program, you are welcome to apply in 2023 if you meet the eligibility criteria.
- Please note that enterprises who have participated in the previous Pacific Greenpreneurs Incubator cohorts are not eligible to reapply for the same business idea.





How do I know if I'm a green business?

A green business focuses on addressing environmental and/or social issues through their business, while generating income.





Green Entrepreneurs for majority of RATU

MBs and their success will sig-ificantly benefit PNG as well.

diversify its economy, generate new investments and creams that build the capacity terials in renewable and economics of the control of t its US\$25 bil- ate green jobs, GGGI country's of different stakeholders and friendly ways

ing director William Lakain also tions to address environmental

How will you ensure privacy of my data/ protection of my business idea?

- GGGI is committed to ensuring that we keep your data secure.
- Applicant's data will only be made available to a handful of staff & partners who are on our Selection Panel, who will be bound by GGGI's Rules on Protection of Personal Data hence are not allowed to use any of the information provided.





## Can non-profits businesses apply?

- Not unless your NGO has/is establishing a for-profit social enterprise.
- The focus of our program is on building business sustainability through promoting business acumen so that innovative green ideas can grow and take over their country and region.
- There is definitely an important role that NGOs and cooperatives play in addressing environmental issues, however this program focuses on building green jobs and green economic growth.