



Office of Global Partnerships

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COALITION FOR CLIMATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP HUBS



CCE HUBS

The U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships and CCE partners established nine climate-focused hubs around the world called CCE Hubs. CCE hubs support climate-focused entrepreneurs to launch and scale marketable climate solutions, and in doing so, deepen and strengthen local entrepreneurial ecosystems. Through strategic partnerships with global and local entities, CCE Hubs offer accelerator programs, technical training, mentorship, and increased access to capital. CCE partners committed \$2 in private sector funds to support CCE hubs for every \$1 from the Department of State's Coalition for Climate Entrepreneurship Fund (CCEF).

In 2024-2025, CCE Hubs will directly benefit at least 300 market-ready, climate-focused ventures and over 450 students.

CCE Hub Morocco



Launched in December 2023, CCE Hub Morocco in Marrakech is hosted by the Emerging Business Factory and implemented by the Near East Foundation, with funding from the Department of State's Coalition for Climate Entrepreneurship Fund (CCEF). The Marrakech Hub will leverage the entrepreneurial ecosystem in North Africa by hosting a program that will

recruit at least 100 young entrepreneurs and, over the next two years, provide increasing levels of support as their startups mature. From the more than 100 participants 80 will be selected for incubation. The most promising 30 ventures receive business acceleration support, and the 10 final startups win financing and in-kind products and services. Entrepreneurs at all stages of the program will develop business plans, pilot new solutions, and participate in learning and networking opportunities. The Marrakech Hub will also develop a green economy peer network to ensure that climate-focused founders across North Africa can access potential co-founders, mentors, and investors to share with and learn from.

Recently, the Morocco Hub collaborated with fellow CCE partner GITEX to build a Climate Startup Showcase to host an official side event on the sidelines of GITEX Africa- the largest tech conference on the continent- in May 2024. Investors attending the conference came to the CCE Hub venue to meet with 13 pre-seed, North African climate startups to discuss investments.





CCE Hub Ghana

Launched in February 2023, CCE Hub Ghana located at the Academic City University College in Accra is a space for climate innovators from West Africa where students, developers, and startups work with industry experts to create sustainable technology and climate businesses. Since its launch, CCE Hub Ghana hosted an accelerator program, implemented by Telesto Strategy, which convened 17 entrepreneurs free of charge to improve business plans and pitches, increase access to capital, review marketing plans, and more. CCE Hub Ghana hosted the YALI West African Leadership Center's Climate Tech Program which convened more than 50 of the continent's bright young minds over four weeks to learn about launching green businesses that confront the climate crisis's causes and effects. CCE Hub Ghana recently signed a memorandum of understanding with United Way Ghana to offer education and raise awareness about renewable energy and energy efficiency across diverse schools in Ghana.



CCE Hub Kenya

Launched in November 2023, CCE Hub Kenya in Nairobi is hosted and implemented by partner SNDX International and Halcyon, in collaboration with Kenyatta University. These partners are scaling climate-focused entrepreneurship in East Africa through local programming and funding founders' travel to the United States to learn from peers in Halcyon's fellowship programs. CCE Hub Kenya, with funding from the Department of State's Coalition for Climate Entrepreneurship Fund (CCEF), is recruiting 60 climate-focused ventures to complete a series of comprehensive trainings to facilitate access to finance and enter new markets. In 2024-2025, CCE Hub Kenya plans to offer training to more than 60 entrepreneurial support professionals and host two startup forums. To date, CCE Hub Kenya received more than 700 applications for participation.

In February 2024, CCE Hub Kenya partner Kenyatta University organized a 2024 Innovation Day with the theme of "Climate Entrepreneurship". 17 selected entrepreneurs from the CCE Hub pitched their climate start-up plans in front of a panel of four judges drawn from the industry and university staff. The following three winners earned awards:

- First place: Kavalian Limited, a venture that fabricates building boards from recycled waste.
- Second place: Cotton Soil, a venture that makes durable low-cost building blocks from discarded cotton soil from construction sites.
- Third Place: Ecosavy, a venture that produces various value-added products from discarded agricultural waste.





Three CCE Latin America Hubs – CCE Hub Colombia, CCE Hub Costa Rica, and CCE Hub Guatemala – launched in April 2024. Latin America faces formidable challenges in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, with the region heavily reliant on agriculture. Climate change impacts, including more frequent and severe hurricanes, droughts, and floods, pose significant threats to vulnerable communities. The region's reliance on traditional fuels exacerbates carbon emissions and associated health issues. Implemented by PVBLC Foundation and CleantechHub with funding from the Department of State's Coalition for Climate Entrepreneurship Fund (CCEF), the integrated management and innovative online platform facilitates knowledge sharing and connects entrepreneurs and partners, providing a dynamic knowledge base for ideation and business development.

These CCE Latin America Hubs empower early-stage climate solutions and sustainable entrepreneurship through ideation, incubation, and acceleration to create a thriving ecosystem for green innovation. Together, the CCE Latin America Hubs are on track to engage 1,000 relevant actors, involve 450 students in presenting green ideas, train 100 startup teams, and mentor 40-60 individuals. A special emphasis is placed on increasing the representation of underserved groups, including women and indigenous peoples, in climate entrepreneurship.

CCE Hub Colombia

CCE Hub Colombia in Bogota is hosted by Universidad Externado de Colombia.

CCE Hub Costa Rica

CCE Hub Costa Rica in San Jose is hosted by Universidad LCI Veritas.

CCE Hub Guatemala

CCE Hub Guatemala in Guatemala City is hosted by the Universidad Rafael Landívar. CCE Hub Guatemala was announced during the March 2024 U.S.-Guatemala High Level Economic Dialogue.

CCE Hub Jamaica

Announced in May 2024 during the Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4), CCE Hub Jamaica in Kingston is a partnership between the U.S. Department of State, the Branson Centre of Entrepreneurship – Caribbean, and USAID Jamaica. The hub offers programming, training, and mentorship and facilitate access to capital for climate entrepreneurs throughout the Caribbean.

CCE Hub Silicon Valley, U.S.

Launched in January 2024, CCE Hub Silicon Valley in San Francisco, California is hosted by partner Good Machine. This U.S.-based Hub provides a venue for climate-focused founders from developing economies to interact with and learn from the Silicon Valley's world leading entrepreneurship ecosystem.





CCE Hub Vietnam

Launched in September 2023, CCE Hub Vietnam in Hanoi is hosted by Vietnam's Post & Telecommunications Institute for Technology (PTIT) and driven by VMO Holdings Technology. The CCE Hub Vietnam leverages its information-technology focused strengths of our partners and the growing economy of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region to bring emerging technologies into the fight against climate change.

In December 2023, CCE hosted the "Promoting Green Innovation-Green Growth in ASEAN" workshop, which included participants and speakers from the ASEAN Secretariat, USAID, and the U.S. Department of State, governments and private sectors of Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and the Asian Development Bank. Over 40 ASEAN policymakers and private sector representatives, including startups, venture capitalists, and angel investor networks representing a wide range of sectors from technology to banking to energy, discussed enhancing opportunities for climate-smart entrepreneurship and their shared goal of promoting sustainable economic growth. The workshop marked a collaboration between ASEAN and the United States through USAID and the Department's Office of Global Partnerships highlighting their efforts to champion entrepreneurship as an essential element in achieving long-term, environmentally responsible economic progress.



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