



COALITION FOR CLIMATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP (CCE)



OVERVIEW

The Coalition for Climate Entrepreneurship (CCE) is a public-private partnership designed to catalyze climate innovation in developing economies by nurturing emerging and market-viable climate solutions. The U.S. Department of State works together with CCE partners including academia, accelerators, investors, nonprofits, and corporations to support climate-focused startups and bolster sustainable investment to confront climate change and advance economic security. Since its creation in late 2021, CCE has leveraged more than \$2,500,000 from more than 30 private sector partners to stimulate climate-focused entrepreneurship in developing economies.

GOALS

The clean energy transition and the path to global net-zero emissions present the greatest economic opportunity of our time. Global spending on clean energy technologies and infrastructure is on track to reach \$2 trillion in 2024 – twice the spending on fossil fuels. Entrepreneurial and innovative clean energy technologies should play a significant role worldwide in mitigating the environmental and economic effects of climate change. CCE's primary goal is to stimulate investment in these innovative, viable entrepreneurial ventures in key developing economies by assembling a diverse network of partners to provide mentorship, networking, capacity-building, and investment opportunities.

ACTIVITIES

CCE HUBS

The U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships and CCE partners are establishing climate-focused spaces around the world called CCE Hubs. There are nine CCE hubs around the world supporting climate-focused entrepreneurs to launch and scale marketable climate solutions, and in doing so, developing local entrepreneurial ecosystems. Through strategic partnerships with global and local entities, CCE Hubs offer accelerator programs, technical training, mentorship, and access to capital. CCE partners have committed approximately \$2 million in private sector funds to support CCE hubs to complement a \$1 million from the Department of State's Coalition for Climate Entrepreneurship Fund (CCF).

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

CCE HUB LOCATIONS



- COLOMBIA
- COSTA RICA
- GHANA
- GUATEMALA
- JAMAICA

- KENYA
- MOROCCO
- U.S.-SILICON VALLEY
- VIETNAM



CLIMATE GATHERINGS

The Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships and our CCE partners make use of global convenings of entrepreneurs, investors, mentors to connect entrepreneurs with potential finance, mentorship, and other support.

SPOTLIGHT

CCE awarded \$100,000 to Dana Shukirbayeva, Founder and CEO of Forest Hero, to scale her "smart" platform for impact investments to combat reforestation and reduce carbon footprints in Central Asia in December CCE's second annual Pitch Competition during the COP28 UN Climate Change Conference where four female climate entrepreneur finalists pitched judges from Google, Amazon, General Electric and LinkedIn. These four startups received technical training through Google's Startups Cloud Program, as part of CCE.

CLIMATE SMART NETWORK

The United Nation's International Trade Centre is a Coalition for Climate Entrepreneurship (CCE) partner that advances our shared goal of promoting sustainable solutions. At COP 27 in 2022, CCE and ITC launched Climate Smart Network, with funding from the U.S. Department of State. This online platform is designed to showcase and scale SME climate smart products and solutions, assist with their compliance with established environmental standards and certifications, and solidify their commitment to low-carbon practices. With the Climate Smart Network, large buyers (such as Walmart) can choose to source from an existing and compliant network of more than 60,000 certified and credentialed projects and small-to-medium enterprises.

Additionally, CCE and ITC collaborated to empower small businesses at COP 28, the United Nations General Assembly, and built out events with the Business Council for International Understanding.

PARTNERS

Since its 2021 launch at COP 26, with founding partners Salesforce, LinkedIn, and General Electric, CCE has grown to include more than 30 organizations. This diverse coalition advances climate-focused products and services in a variety of ways to identify, train, mentor, fund, and connect climate entrepreneurs around the world.



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