



SDSN GREAT LAKES 2020 CALL FOR LOCAL SOLUTIONS INITIATIVES TO ACHIEVE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

1. Background

In September 2015, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which included the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030. Since then, countries have embarked on a process of developing strategies and plans to implement SDGs at the national and regional levels. This process should be open and inclusive, engaging national and local government representatives, civil society, businesses, and representatives from academia and science. Since its launch in 2014, the Great Lakes SDSN has been encouraging its members to get engaged in developing local **Solution Initiatives** to address national and regional challenges. A first call for proposals for Solutions Initiatives (SIs), was launched at the July 2015 conference. Solutions Initiatives (Sis) are practical and transformational projects involving novel technologies, business models, institutional mechanisms, and/or policies. The 11 proposals received during the call covered the following thematic areas: sustainable energy, forestry management, ending poverty and hunger, and sustainable tourism.

The winner was a Burundian initiative on the local production of organic fertilizer from plant and animal waste. The project is a public-private partnership led by the University of Ngozi, with two community NGOs, ADISCO (“Support for the integrated development and solidarity in the hills”) and the Confederation of Associations of Agricultural Producers for Development (CAPAD), and a French agro-industrial firm, BIOPOST-COFUNA.

2. About 2020 Local Solutions Initiative

As part of the **Global Solutions Forum (GSF)**, one of the flagship event of the SDSN Secretariat, the Great Lakes SDSN is launching the 2020 Call for Local Initiatives among its members. SDSN’s Global Solutions Forum (GSF) brings together sustainable development experts from around the World to showcase how they are implementing local initiatives that are advancing the sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The 2019 inaugural GSF convened 10 inspiring SDG actors for rapid-fire presentations where they shared progress, highlight victories, and inspired all of us to keep moving forward. Each Global Solutions presentation packed

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challenges and discoveries into 7 minutes of stories, images and insights (For details please visit: <https://www.globalsolutionsforum.org/>).

The project must address a well-defined problem, be demonstrable, scalable, and have the potential for a transformative impact on sustainable development.

3. Benefits

Pre-selected projects will be facilitated to attend and present their initiatives in front of the panel in Kigali-Rwanda. The winning Project will be selected to represent the SDSN Great lakes at 2020 Global Solutions Forum.

This means that it will be among those global projects that might be selected to be presented in front of a high-level and international audience during the most exciting week of the year in New York, the selected solutions will be publicized widely by SDSN through a global campaign featured on the SDSN website, newsletter, and all social media channels both in the run-up to and after the event. We will also assist participating networks in the development of their own media strategies and provide general communications support.

4. Process

4.1. Preparing and submit your Initiative

To prepare and submit your local initiative, one must be a member of the SDSN Great Lakes and/or partner with SDSN Member. If you want to know how to be eligible please drop an email to greatlakes@unsdsn.org Eligible individuals/institutions should read carefully the proposal guidance document here attached. The final document including its supporting documents (budget, reports etc) should be emailed in one file to greatlakes@unsdsn.org.

4.2. Presentations of the Initiatives

An independent panel appointed by the SDSN Great Lakes will review all submitted initiatives. Successful projects will be facilitated to attend the regional conference on SDGs early in May 2020 in Kigali-Rwanda where they will make their presentations and the winning project will be announced.

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4.3. Timeline

Activity/Date	February	March	April	May	June
Launch Call among Members	27				
Nominations of the Selection Committee		04			
Deadline for Receiving Projects		31			
Selection			15		
Feedback on Selected Projects			25		
Presentation of Projects				5	
Final Project to Secretariat of SDSN					1

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