



## GEF-UNIDO Innovation Talks @ UNFCCC COP24

### Cleantech Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Transformative Climate Solutions

GEF Partnership Pavilion, Katowice, Poland

Hosted by GEF and organized by UNIDO

Climate action provides opportunities for economic development and income generation. Today's clean technology innovations will fuel the next industrial revolution and shape tomorrow's global economy and job market.

With a robust innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems, advanced and emerging economies alike can benefit from profitable business models that provide climate solutions, and further catalyze economic growth and sustainable development.

In this context, GEF and UNIDO have partnered to leverage private sector engagement in the promotion of technology innovation and entrepreneurship in start-ups and SMEs for transformative climate solutions, under the Global Cleantech Innovation Programme.

Global Cleantech Innovation Programme (GCIP) supports the development of innovative clean energy and climate solutions as profitable business models, by empowering cleantech start-ups and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and bolstering local innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystems and policy frameworks.

The GEF-UNIDO Innovation Talks will bring together experts and partners together to discuss various dimensions of the cleantech innovation ecosystem in promoting transformative climate solutions. The **innovation showcases** will feature technology innovations from GCIP supported alumni start-ups and their impacts to demonstrate the results achieved.

**Session 1** 11 Dec 2018 (10h -11h30)

**GCIP's experiences in promoting high-impact cleantech innovation and entrepreneurs in SMEs in developing countries**

Welcome

**Mr. Tareq Emtairah**, Director, Department of Energy, UNIDO (3 mins)

Keynote

**Mr. Filippo Berardi**, Senior Climate Change Specialist, GEF (8 mins)

GCIP innovation showcase (40 mins)

- **Introduction to GCIP - Mr. Alois Mhlanga**, Chief, Climate Technology and Innovations Division, UNIDO
- **Innovations for climate impact**
  - **Ms. Ploychatchanok Viriyathonphan**, Tom Casava (GCIP-Thailand Alumni)
  - **Mr. Maher Chekkouri**, Safetrack (GCIP-Morocco Alumni)
  - **Mr. Yalcin Yilmaz**, Managing Partner, GREEN Consult and Finance (GCIP-Turkey Alumni)
  - **Ms. Jaruwan Khammuang**, GROW (GCIP-Thailand Alumni)
  - **Mr. Abderahmane Kriouile**, FARASHA SYSTEMS (GCIP-Morocco Alumni)
  - **Mr. Murat Bahadır Kilinceo**, Episome Biotechnologies (GCIP-Turkey Alumni)
- **Engaging the private sector for transformative climate solutions - Lessons from GCIP: Ms. Baljit Wadhwa**, Senior Evaluation Officer, GEF (6 mins)

Panel Discussion (20 mins)

**Guiding Question** - Accelerating private sector innovations and investments for transformative climate solutions and economic growth: what are the key next steps?

*Moderator:* **Mr. Tareq Emtairah**, UNIDO

*Panelists*

- **Mr. Filippo Berardi**, GEF
- **Mr. Songphon Munkongsujarit**, Senior Representative, NSTDA Thailand
- **Ms. Seloua Amaziane**, Head of Partnership Division, Delegate Ministry in charge of Environment, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Morocco
- **Mr. Aard J. Groen**, Dean & Full professor of Entrepreneurship & Valorisation, University of Groningen, Netherlands
- **Mr. Alois Mhlanga**, Chief, Climate Technology and Innovations Division, UNIDO
- **Mr. Kevin Braithwaite**, Vice President, Network for Global Innovation (NGIN)

**Session 2** 13 Dec 2018 (15h -16h30)

**Synergies of innovation ecosystem connectivity: Supporting developing countries to drive the transition to low-carbon and climate resilient economies and catalyzing investments in cleantech innovations**

GCIP innovation showcase (30 mins)

- **Introduction to GCIP - Mr. Alois Mhlanga**, Chief, Climate Technology and Innovations Division, UNIDO
- **Ms. Jaruwat Khammuang**, GROW (GCIP-Thailand Alumni)
- **Mr. Murat Bahadır Kilinceo**, Episome Biotechnologies (GCIP-Turkey Alumni)
- **Mr. Abderahmane Kriouile**, FARASHA SYSTEMS (GCIP-Morocco Alumni)

Panel Discussion (60 mins)

**Guiding Question** - How can cleantech innovation ecosystems be better connected to support developing countries to drive the transition to a low-carbon and climate resilient economies?

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- **Mr. Christoph Wolfsegger**, Programme and Research Manager, Klima- und Energiefonds, Austria
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