

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHANGEMAKERS

The SDG Innovation Accelerator for Young Professionals, a nine-month development programme designed to accelerate business innovation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The programme activates young business professionals and changemakers, challenging them to rethink traditional business models and unlocking new business opportunity.



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The SDG Innovation Accelerator for Young Professionals is designed to engage young leaders working at UN Global Compact companies in driving innovation in their organization and delivering tangible solutions with potential market and social value for their company.

This Accelerator aims at fostering a new community of emerging leaders disrupting traditional ways of doing business and spearheading change for true SDG impact

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This programme targets:

- High-performing employees at participating companies of the UN Global Compact
- Participants must be 35 years or younger
- Interest in business-model innovation, sustainability and company's participation in the programme.
- Ability to dedicate a minimum of five (5) hours a month to the Accelerator Learning Plan and attend at least four (4) in-person or virtual 1-day workshops.

As a young professional working at a participating company of the UN Global Compact and your Global Compact Country Network, you are eligible to nominate yourself for this Accelerator programme.

As a participating company of the UN Global Compact and your Global Compact Country Network, your company is eligible to nominate up to four teams of up to four high-performing young professionals per team for this Accelerator programme.

PARTICIPANT BENEFITS

- Engage in **accelerated learning opportunities** including online and in-person workshops, case studies, company visits and forum discussions.
- Collaborate with other businesses on **innovative projects** tailored to your company and industry.
- Build **valuable relationships** through coaching, mentoring and peer-to-peer networking.
- **Gain insights** from leading experts in sustainability and innovation from around the world.
- **Join a global network** of talented young professionals from top companies across every continent.

COMPANY BENEFITS

- Apply SDG innovation to **address real sustainability challenges** your company is currently facing.
- **Embed the SDGs** into your company's business strategy through collaboration, innovation and knowledge sharing.
- Enhance **employee engagement** and create professional development opportunities.
- Access a **network of experts** from some of the world's leading companies.
- Receive **global recognition** for your company's participation in the programme.

TIMELINE

- New Applications Open date: 15 October 2025 - 31 January 2026
- Information Session: 2 December, 2025
- Programme Begins: February 2026
- Programme Ends: September 2026

READY TO SIGN UP?

Simply [click here](#) to apply today

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Country Network in your region.