20th October 2020 - The UN Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), in partnership with SAFEEM and Seedstars, is calling all young innovators in Africa to create climate technology solutions to join the Climate Innovation Labs, happening on the 19th - 21st of November 2020 for Africa participants. For more information and to register for the launchpad, simply visit the page here: https://seedsta.rs/3IX7LFi.

The Climate Innovation Labs is a fast paced three-day online event that will bring together selected youth participants, representatives from identified small and medium enterprises (SMEs), as well as climate technology experts within the selected sectors and technology fields in to explore innovative design thinking tools, flexing their entrepreneurial muscles and creating solutions for enhanced climate action.

“By bringing youth innovators and climate technology experts together with the private sector to ideate technology solutions, we hope that this programme will foster innovation in climate change. The participants will be challenged to think outside of the box and co-create ideas for climate mitigation and
adaptation solutions aligned with countries Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs”), says Dr. Rose Mwebaza, CTCN Director.

Criteria for joining the program are the following: participants must be between the ages of 20 and 30 years old; fluent in the English language; attended or completed higher education; must be an aspiring/early-stage entrepreneur or a student interested in launching an idea on climate change and building entrepreneurial muscle; and, must be passionate about solving climate technology needs and challenges.

At the end of the Climate Innovation LabS, the winners will be provided follow on support to implement and scale selected solutions through a 6-8 week Climate Innovation Academy Programme delivered by Seedstars.

For more information about the Climate Innovation Labs and to submit your application, visit their page here: https://seedstar.rs/3lX7LFi.

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ABOUT THE CLIMATE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE AND NETWORK (CTCN)
The UN Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) is co-hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and supported by more than 600 network members all over the world. The CTCN promotes the accelerated transfer of environmentally sound technologies for low carbon and climate-resilient development at the request of developing countries. It provides technology solutions, capacity building and advice on policy, legal and regulatory frameworks tailored to the needs of individual countries.

ABOUT SEEDSTARS
Seedstars is a Swiss-based private company with a mission to impact people’s lives in emerging markets through technology and entrepreneurship. The groups’ activities cover over 90 emerging ecosystems through a variety of initiatives such as the Online Seedstars World Competition, acceleration programs, physical hubs called Seedspace, venture capital investments and company building activities. Seedstars The Documentary is a feature film featuring the company’s vision to give a voice to the game changers of the developing world.

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