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# Call for Applications for the 2017 SAG-SEED Awards

"Is your enterprise in a start-up phase, locally driven and eco-inclusive with an ambition to be in the vanguard of green and inclusive growth?"

"Does your enterprise need tailored support to grow to its full potential?"







Eco-inclusive start-up enterprises that are solving pressing local issues by integrating social and environmental benefits into their business models can apply for the 2017 SEED Awards, which opened for nominations today.

Winning enterprises will receive a tailor-made business support package. Over a period of 6

months, they will be offered expert advice on further developing their business plans, individual workshops targeted at their needs, high-level profiling of their enterprises and access to an international network of businesses, governments and development institutions.

Selected by an independent jury of international experts, winners will receive their awards at the SEED's high level national dialogue forums.

This year, SEED has opened the call for applications for 15 SWITCH Africa Green (SAG) -

SEED Awards for enterprises in Burkina Faso, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, South Africa and

Uganda. Supported by the SWITCH-Africa Green project, which is implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) with the assistance of the European Union. The SAG-SEED Awards in South Africa will be cofinanced by the Government of Flanders.

The deadline for applications is 8 March 2017, 23:59 Central African Time (CAT).

Applications can be filled-in online at the SEED website www.seed.uno

Alternatively, the application form can be downloaded and sent to <u>seedawards2017@seed.uno</u>. Applicants may also contact SEED by email or phone (+49 89 2488307 14) should they not be able to submit their application electronically.



# The EU **SWITCH to Green** Flagship Initiative A Gateway to Inclusive Green Economy



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## SAG-SEED Award Winners in 2016 included an enterprise in Uganda that manufactures

affordable ceramic water filters which is made from local resources and materials and by local labour; a Ghanaian enterprise that provides information and services needed by farmers like best agronomic practices, weather data, literacy training and market prices through its developed mobile software technology; an enterprise that collects, sorts and upcycles all types of waste products in Mauritius; and an enterprise in Burkina Faso that manufactures quality natural fertilisers from water hyacinths and organic waste.

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