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- Tengo la idea de crear una guía a nivel nacional para la correcta gestión de residuos aprovechables, junto con estrategias de apoyo al artesano creando productos desde los desechos creando un
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- “GypsySoul transforms discarded materials into intentional pieces and ritual objects. Through our Spotify transmissions, we expand this world into sound—creating a sensory universe that recon

ARCONS CONTAINERS · Clean Industry

ARCONS CONTAINERS

Country: Costa Rica · Alajuela **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 5 **Website:** https://arconscontainers.com/

Elevator Pitch

We create modular architecture that adapts to its surroundings rather than imposing itself on them. We repurpose shipping containers to develop sustainable, efficient spaces that are prepared for the climate challenges of the future.

Climate Problem

The construction sector has a significant environmental impact, and many buildings are not designed to withstand tropical climates. This leads to increased energy consumption, waste, and vulnerability to extreme heat and heavy rainfall.

Solution

We design modular spaces using repurposed shipping containers and bioclimatic strategies such as natural ventilation, shading, and efficient use of materials, thereby reducing waste, energy consumption, and environmental impact.

Revenue Model

We generate revenue through the design, construction, and sale of sustainable modular spaces, architectural consulting, and the development of rental projects in the commercial, tourism, hospitality, and office sectors, all tailored to the tropical climate.

Target Market

Individuals and businesses seeking sustainable, modular solutions tailored to the tropical climate for housing, tourist accommodations, offices, retail spaces, and real estate development in Costa Rica.

Social Impact

Migrants

Demand Evidence

Our track record is evidenced by completed projects, active clients, operational rental properties, and sustained growth in interest in sustainable, efficient solutions that are well-suited to the tropical climate.

Competitors

There are modular container construction companies in Costa Rica that emerged years after we started. What sets us apart is our integration of architecture, construction, climate adaptation, and sustainability into a comprehensive, functional system.

Founder Expertise

As an architect, I bring expertise in architecture, modular construction, and sustainable project development, combining bioclimatic design, construction management, and the day-to-day operation of commercial, tourism, and office spaces.

External Support

We have secured bank financing and are recognized as an SME, hold CFIA registration, and have received consecutive environmental certifications for our sustainable practices and responsible resource management.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9058 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Abonos GuanaVerde · Food & Agriculture

Abonos GuanaVerde

Country: Costa Rica · Bagaces **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://abonosguanaverde.com/

Elevator Pitch

GuanaVerde Fertilizers produces organic bio-inputs from organic waste that previously could have caused pollution. We transform these materials into living fertilizers that improve soil quality, strengthen crops, and reduce the use of agrochemicals.

Climate Problem

Improper management of organic waste leads to pollution, unpleasant odors, and emissions. In addition, excessive use of agrochemicals degrades the soil. This is important because it affects productivity, water quality, biodiversity, and soil health.

Solution

GuanaVerde Fertilizers transforms organic waste into vermicompost, compost, leachate, and tea containing beneficial microorganisms, thereby reducing pollution and providing bio-inputs that regenerate soil and reduce the use of agrochemicals.

Revenue Model

We will generate revenue by selling vermicompost, compost, enriched soil, leachate, tea, and other organic inputs to farmers, nurseries, gardens, orchards, pastures, and distributors, while strengthening our scheduled deliveries and technical advisory services.

Target Market

Farmers, ranchers, nurseries, landscapers, gardeners, home gardeners, regenerative farms, and distributors looking to improve soil health and reduce the use of agrochemicals

Social Impact

Migrants, People Living in Extreme Poverty

Demand Evidence

We are already selling products, receiving repeat orders, and seeing interest from farmers, nurseries, gardens, and pastures in organic alternatives that improve soil quality and reduce the use of agrochemicals

Competitors

We compete with chemical fertilizers, commercial compost, local organic fertilizers, and nurseries that sell growing media. In Guanacaste, there are small-scale producers of compost, bio-inputs, enriched soil, growing media, and other products.

Founder Expertise

We offer expertise in vermiculture, composting, organic waste management, the production of bio-inputs, support for growers, and practical knowledge of soils, crops, gardening, pastures, and regenerative agriculture. Based on trials with clients.

External Support

We have received support from Banca para el Desarrollo through the Activa CATIE program, in the form of non-repayable funds to strengthen the project, improve processes, and advance the growth of Abonos GuanaVerde.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9164 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Agroecológica Alvarez · Food & Agriculture

Agroecológica Alvarez

Country: Costa Rica · San Carlos **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Mitigation **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 4 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Evergreen

Climate Problem

The greenhouse effect: I'm reforesting as much as I can with various native species, including the mountain almond tree, which is important for the endangered green macaw.

Solution

I want to register the entire property

Revenue Model

I have a farm, but I want to incorporate tourism into the same property

Target Market

Local and foreign businesses

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty

Demand Evidence

I have experience in the areas I am currently working on or developing, and I am aware of the area's potential.

Competitors

The closest option would be Fortuna, but rather than being a competitor, it would be a partner in attracting many people interested in green practices.

Founder Expertise

All of this is based on my career, the courses I've taken, and the knowledge I've acquired.

External Support

None

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8906 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Agrosenser, Sistema de precisión Agrícola e inteligencia Satelital · Food & Agriculture

Agrosenser, Sistema de precisión Agrícola e inteligencia Satelital

Country: Costa Rica · Cartago **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Private Beta **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** https://rossmon.co.cr/ **Founder:** Rosa Elena Garita Arce

Elevator Pitch

La integración de datos de sensores en campo (IoT) con imágenes satelitales para obtener una visión completa del estado de los cultivos. Los datos satelitales permiten identificar patrones como estrés hídrico ect, para la toma de decisiones en cultivos.

Climate Problem

Nuestra startup aborda el estrés hídrico y la variabilidad climática que afectan la agricultura, provocando menor productividad y riesgo alimentario. Es clave porque optimizar el uso del agua mejora la resiliencia y sostenibilidad de los cultivos.

Solution

Ofrecemos AgroSenser, una solución que integra sensores IoT y datos satelitales para monitorear cultivos en tiempo real, detectar estrés hídrico y apoyar decisiones precisas, optimizando el uso de agua y aumentando la resiliencia climática.

Revenue Model

Modelo de negocio SaaS para AgroSenser Plan básico: acceso a plataforma y monitoreo satelital Plan avanzado: incluye sensores IoT, alertas y analítica predictiva Plan premium: integración completa, reportes avanzados y soporte especializado

Target Market

El mercado objetivo de AgroSenser son productores agrícolas, pequeña medianas y grandes fincas, así como cooperativas y agroindustrias que buscan optimizar el uso de agua, mejorar la productividad y adaptarse al cambio climático.

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Hemos validado la demanda mediante entrevistas con productores y cooperativas, identificando necesidades claras en gestión de agua y monitoreo de cultivos. validado en programas del IICA. Procomer, Catie e Icafé. en la región.

Competitors

John Deere integra maquinaria + datos + analítica y Climate FieldView plataforma de datos agrícolas y Trimble / AGCO / Raven ? soluciones de agricultura de precisión con IoT y datos. Agosenser integra IOT, Inteligencia satelital y Analítica IA Analít

Founder Expertise

Experienciaen desarrollo de tecnología, integración de IoT y analítica avanzada, combinada con proyectos reales en agricultura sostenible. Esto permite transformar datos satelitales y de campo en soluciones prácticas para mejorar productivi

External Support

AgroSenser ha recibido apoyo técnico y validación en proyectos, con ICAFE Y PROCOMER acompañamiento en innovación AgroTech.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 10061 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Founder

Rosa Elena Garita Arce

AmbiciOsas · Air & Environment

AmbiciOsas

Country: Costa Rica · Bahia Ballena, Osa **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 12 **Website:** https://recycleosa.com/ **Founder:** Angela Delgado

Elevator Pitch

AmbiciOsas is a circular economy startup that combines recycling, innovation, and green jobs with education and the processing of post-consumer materials, blending community engagement, music, and art with environmental awareness.

Climate Problem

"AmbiciOsas" addresses air and marine pollution caused by urban growth and poor waste management along Costa Rica's South Pacific coast, particularly recyclable materials that end up in rivers, beaches, and oceans.

Solution

We focus on three main areas: individual responsibility through recycling collection, advocacy by working with governments and businesses to transform the waste management system, and environmental education through clean-up campaigns

Revenue Model

We generate revenue through recycling collection memberships for homes and businesses, fees for accepting recyclable materials, the sale of recovered materials, and our Recycle Shop, where we sell reused items.

Target Market

Households, businesses, hotels, tour operators, and coastal communities in the South Pacific region of Costa Rica seeking sustainable solutions for waste management. We also work with local governments, companies, and organizations interested in eco-

Social Impact

Refugees - Asylum-seekers and Internally Displaced People, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

AmbiciOsas was born out of a social need for recycling services. We operate in Costa Rica, a country internationally recognized for its focus on environmental conservation, and on the Osa Peninsula, one of the most biodiverse regions in the world.

Competitors

Our main competitors are other recycling centers and waste management companies in southern Costa Rica. In recent years, these facilities have closed due to financial difficulties; the one closest to us closed a month ago.

Founder Expertise

I am a political scientist and social entrepreneur with experience in sustainability, community leadership, and environmental projects in Latin America. I have worked with international organizations, local governments, and businesses on issues related to social innovation.

External Support

So far, the project has been sustained mainly through the support of individuals, volunteers, and community members committed to environmental conservation, who have paid membership fees and made donations.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9190 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Arusha Ungalishe · Food & Agriculture

Arusha Ungalishe

Country: Costa Rica · Limon **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** -4 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Rich Pure Nutrition

Climate Problem

Unreliable rainfall from climate change affect food security. We use resilient crops like sorghum and millet in Ungalishe to ensure stable nutrition in all seasons. This matters as it secures child health against climate-induced food shortage

Solution

We offer Ungalishe, a nutritive flour from millet, sorghum, and cassava. We buy these climate-resilient crops from local farmers, process them into affordable, nutrient-rich packs, and distribute them to families to combat malnutrition in all markets

Revenue Model

Revenue comes from selling Ungalishe in 500g, 1kg, and 2kg packs. By getting raw materials from local farmers at affordable prices, we lower costs. Sales will be made through local and regional markets to reach families of all income levels in Arusha.

Target Market

The children who are have finished breast feeding from age of 6 months.

Social Impact

People of African Descent, Indigenous Peoples, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

In Arusha, children face malnutrition due to poor diets and parents are actively seeking affordable, mineral-rich flour, which is the gap Ungalishe fills. Our priority is social impact that is securing the health of future generations through better food

Competitors

My competitors include local small-scale grinding mills in Arusha and major national companies like Azam and Monaban.

Founder Expertise

As the food production manager and marketing manager hence i ensure the correct formulars and proportions needed to used for the manufacturing of the flour and searching for the demand, local farmers and setting of the price

External Support

None

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8978 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Association for the Recycling of Plastic and Palm (ARPP) · Air & Environment

Association for the Recycling of Plastic and Palm (ARPP)

Country: Costa Rica · Matapalo, Puntarenas **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 10 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

ARPP is a non-profit creative waste economy organization developing ongoing and profitable markets for waste plastic and oil palm, fostering micro-businesses, resulting in measurable reductions in waste. Future expansion is planned globally with partners.

Climate Problem

Plastic waste is a global problem. Only 10% of plastic waste globally is recycled, despite hundreds of millions invested into recycling facilities. Oil palm trunk waste is a lesser problem globally, however significant in the countries that grow palms.

Solution

Our decentralized model reduces collection costs by 80%. Machinery is low cost, made from as much recycled materials as possible. Collectors operate their own micro-business, buying the machinery from ARPP, paying for machinery in collected materials.

Revenue Model

ARPP will make products (lumber, furniture and home furnishings) from the collected materials. These products will be sold through building materials suppliers, farmers markets and directly to contractors. The profits will be used to make more machinery.

Target Market

Building Materials Suppliers, Building Contractors, Homeowners

Social Impact

People of African Descent, Indigenous Peoples, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

I interviewed a variety of different types of potential customers; architects, contractors, building materials suppliers, homeowners. The responses were 100% positive. Some respond to the 'green' aspect, some respond to the durability aspect.

Competitors

There are 3 companies in Costa Rica who make products similar to those we will manufacture. I have visited with 2 of these companies. They all operate on a small scale, serving their local areas.

Founder Expertise

I founded ARPP. 50 years experience in founding and building several small businesses in the USA. I was a broker of recycled telecommunications equipment, built a 2000km fiber optic network and 4 data centers, have a US patent in the consumer media space

External Support

I have spent 1.5 years studying all aspects of plastic and palm waste. I have travelled to several countries to meet with equipment manufacturers and finished goods manufacturers.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 10076 Ingested: 2026-05-25

BioPack · Clean Industry

BioPack

Country: Costa Rica · Tres Ríos, Cartago **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

BioPackturns coffee pulp and banana leaf waste into compostable food containers via hot-press molding. We replace single-use plastic packaging with a locally sourced biocomposite that closes two agricultural waste loops in Costa Rica.

Climate Problem

Costa Rica imports 70,000+ tons/year of single-use plastic packaging, discarded within hours. Meanwhile, coffee processing and banana farming generate massive lignocellulosic waste — polluting waterways (BOD up to 20,000 mg/L) and emitting methane in land

Solution

BioPack CR: a compostable clamshell food container made from coffee pulp (structural core) and banana leaf (natural grease barrier via cuticular waxes), bound with cassava starch and formed by hot-press molding. Fully biocompostable under EN 13432 in 3-6

Revenue Model

B2B sales of compostable containers to restaurants, sodas, and delivery platforms. Target unit cost under ?350 at scale with aluminum molds and solar-assisted drying. Premium positioning supported by Law 9786 mandating single-use plastic replacement in CR

Target Market

B2B: restaurants, “sodas” (local eateries), and food delivery platforms in Costa Rica’s Greater Metropolitan Area. Over 70,000 tons of single-use food packaging are imported annually. Law 9786 mandates progressive replacement of single-use plastics.

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty

Demand Evidence

Field research: surveys with end consumers, soda owners, and delivery operators. 85% report spills as top complaint, 70% prefer compostable options if performance matches conventional packaging.

Competitors

Imported EPS/PP clamshells dominate on price (?50-150/unit). Local molded fiber alternatives are minimal. No competitor in Costa Rica combines coffee pulp + banana leaf in a single biocomposite. Our intrinsic wax barrier differentiates us from generic fib

Founder Expertise

Product design and biocomposite R&D (Fabrizio): formulation, hot-press molding, 3D printing, CAD, user research. Production and visual communication (Keilyn): hands-on prototype finishing, mold work, graphic deliverables, and field material collection.

External Support

Academic mentorship from Prof. Osvaldo Ruiz (LCI Véritas, Product Design). Mechanical testing specimens submitted to Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica (TEC) for tensile, compression, and flexion characterization. No financial support received.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 7284 Ingested: 2026-05-25

BioResin · Clean Industry

BioResin

Country: Costa Rica · San José **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Sketches **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://bioresincr.com

Elevator Pitch

We are a startup that develops biodegradable bioplastics made from cassava starch for agricultural and export applications. Our goal is to minimize the use of conventional plastics, reduce waste, and improve post-consumer waste management.

Climate Problem

The issue at hand is reducing the use of conventional plastic in agricultural and export applications that generate large amounts of waste and incur high post-consumer waste management costs

Solution

Our solution involves developing bioplastics derived from natural sources such as cassava, thereby minimizing the excessive use of conventional plastic in high-volume agricultural supply chains by offering functional bioplastics with a lower environmental impact

Revenue Model

Our revenue model will be B2B, selling bioplastics directly to agricultural exporters and input suppliers seeking new sustainable alternatives to incorporate into their product lines and value chains

Target Market

Our product is designed for the agricultural market and other sectors such as fruit and vegetable exports. Its various agricultural applications include transportation, protection, and use during planting, growth, and harvesting.

Social Impact

People of African Descent, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women, LGBTQI+ People

Demand Evidence

The global market is being impacted by the excessive management of post-consumer plastic waste, prompting companies and consumers to become more environmentally conscious and seek new solutions to this problem

Competitors

Our direct competitors are any conventional plastic manufacturers, as they offer a product with a well-established and stable market; in our country, there are several conventional plastic manufacturers and one bioplastic company

Founder Expertise

We are a team with expertise in the fields of chemistry, engineering, the medical industry, the plastics industry, and agrochemicals; as a result, our team brings extensive experience in various areas related to the industrial and agricultural sectors.

External Support

We have received a grant from Impact Hub through the Constelar initiative

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9557 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Biogrow CR · Water

Biogrow CR

Country: Costa Rica · Guanacaste **Category:** Water **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

We turn biosolids into organic fertilizer. We promote the circular economy. We improve soil fertility.

Climate Problem

Bio Grow CR reduces emissions and pollution by converting biosolids into organic fertilizer, replacing chemical fertilizers and promoting the circular economy.

Solution

Bio Grow CR transforms biosolids into organic fertilizer through controlled treatment and composting. In doing so, it reduces waste and emissions and replaces chemical fertilizers, promoting a circular economy.

Revenue Model

We generate revenue by charging for biosolids management and selling the resulting organic fertilizer, through recurring contracts with agricultural customers.

Target Market

Hospitality, agriculture, and livestock farming

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women, LGBTQI+ People

Demand Evidence

We already have contracts in place, but the biosolids are not being processed; they are simply sent to a final disposal site, and the resulting fertilizer or compost is flooding the market.

Competitors

Industrial-scale compost producers

Founder Expertise

I bring experience in waste management, logistics, and environmental services, along with an entrepreneurial approach to developing sustainable solutions.

External Support

None

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8840 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Bioware Costa Rica · Clean Industry

Bioware Costa Rica

Country: Costa Rica · San José **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Adaptation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Pre-orders **Team Size:** 10 **Website:** https://biowarecr.com

Elevator Pitch

Bioware develops compostable materials and products from natural waste, replacing single-use plastics. We turn innovation into market-ready sustainable solutions, backed by real-world validation and growing demand.

Climate Problem

Bioware addresses greenhouse gas emissions and pollution caused by agricultural waste and single-use plastics by transforming agricultural biomass into compostable materials for industries such as packaging, textiles, and construction.

Solution

Bioware transforms agricultural waste into compostable biomaterials and sustainable raw materials to replace plastics and polluting materials in industries such as packaging, textiles, and construction, thereby reducing emissions, waste, and dependence on

Revenue Model

Currently, through the manufacture and sale of compostable tableware as an alternative to single-use plastics

Target Market

European countries with a mature environmental consciousness

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Bioware has identified Europe as a target market because European countries are accelerating regulations against single-use plastics, promoting compostable materials, and demanding circular economy and decarbonization solutions. This is driving high demand

Competitors

Our competitors include manufacturers of bioplastics and compostable packaging in Europe and Latin America. In Costa Rica, there are alternatives focused on recycling or bagasse, but Bioware stands out for transforming agricultural biomass into a wide range of applications

Founder Expertise

We have experience in biomaterials development, the circular economy, and the recovery of agricultural waste. We have validated processes for converting biomass into functional materials for use in packaging, textiles, and construction.

External Support

We have participated in scaling programs

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9107 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Clean Speed · Transportation

Clean Speed

Country: Costa Rica · Curridabat **Category:** Transportation **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Sketches **Team Size:** 5 **Website:** https://luemba.me/projectos

Elevator Pitch

It's a ground-effect aircraft that uses a hybrid electric propulsion system to reduce pollution by more than 50%. It also lowers operating costs.

Climate Problem

Air transport is one of the most polluting industries; solutions are now available, but more political will is needed.

Solution

The solution is to build aircraft that use more environmentally friendly and economical technology.

Revenue Model

We plan to sell tours and transport of people and goods.

Target Market

Tourism and cargo transport

Social Impact

Migrants

Demand Evidence

Jet fuel has risen sharply and is in short supply.

Competitors

There are none.

Founder Expertise

We specialize in electric transport and solar panel system installations

External Support

We currently have the advice of engineers from NASA and Boeing, experts in 3D design.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8971 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Cursos de Huertas Urbanas Orgánicas · Food & Agriculture

Cursos de Huertas Urbanas Orgánicas

Country: Costa Rica · San Ramón Alajuela **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** — **Founder:** Ana Cristina Ramirez Campos

Elevator Pitch

I teach people how to grow their own chemical-free organic food because the body doesn't need chemicals—it needs health!

Climate Problem

Rain and heat lead to pest infestations and stunted crop growth.

Solution

Biological control. Soils rich in microorganisms. Insecticides made from fruits and vegetables—nature itself teaches us how to mitigate damage.

Revenue Model

Offering courses in organic farming and selling chemical-free vegetables.

Target Market

People who take care of their health and improve their lifestyle without chemicals.

Social Impact

People of African Descent, Migrants, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Because people are already signing up and paying for the courses I teach. And they buy organic vegetables from me.

Competitors

People who are also trying to teach courses.

Founder Expertise

I have 14 years of experience in crop cultivation. I have degrees in hydroponics, protected-environment crop production, and organic farming.

External Support

I haven't received any financial aid. Only from the institution where I studied.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8946 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Founder

Ana Cristina Ramirez Campos

Destino Crucero Carbono · Air & Environment

Destino Crucero Carbono

Country: Costa Rica · Puntarenas **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Private Beta **Team Size:** 75 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

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Climate Problem

sets emission limits for luxury cruise ships and complies with the MARPOL Convention; we will restore and repopulate the

Solution

An innovative way to reduce air pollution through a tourism package that will provide jobs for vulnerable people and restore a Ramsar mangrove wetland

Revenue Model

through the sale of a tour package that will be purchased by international tourists through promotions by cruise lines

Target Market

Luxury Cruises for International Tourists

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women, LGBTQI+ People

Demand Evidence

No one is doing anything to protect the Puntarenas mangrove forest, and no one has any innovative ideas for reducing cruise ship emissions

Competitors

no one

Founder Expertise

value proposition, addresses cruise industry greenhouse gas emissions through offsetting, creates jobs in underserved communities, city carbon footprint,

External Support

none

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8798 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Diana López-ecojoyas · Air & Environment

Diana López-ecojoyas

Country: Costa Rica · San Rafael de Heredia **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 1 **Website:** — **Founder:** Diana Cristina López

Elevator Pitch

Diana López transforms natural palm waste into eco-friendly jewelry and sustainable design solutions, combining craftsmanship, innovation, and the circular economy. We turn discarded biomaterials into products with aesthetic, cultural, environmental, and commercial value.

Climate Problem

"My startup addresses the issue of plant biomass waste and linear production models that generate waste and emissions. We transform palm waste into valuable products, promoting the circular economy, efficient use of resources, and environmental awareness."

Solution

"We collect natural palm waste from fallen palms and transform it using traditional methods into biomaterials and designer products with commercial value. In this way, we reduce waste, extend the useful life of resources, and promote a circular economy."

Revenue Model

I will generate revenue through the sale of eco-jewelry and sustainably designed products, custom orders, trade shows, and digital channels, as well as partnerships with stores, hotels, and the tourism industry, and future workshops or licensing of biomaterials.

Target Market

My target market consists of conscious consumers, businesses, hotels, design stores, and sustainable tourism operators who value artisanal products, innovation, creativity, cultural identity, and solutions focused on sustainability and the circular economy.

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

I have validated this through sales at trade shows, social media contacts, customer recommendations, and direct feedback. These real-world interactions demonstrate the market’s interest in sustainable, artisanal products with a distinct identity.

Competitors

My competitors include local artisanal brands such as TAABIT and other designers in Costa Rica. What sets me apart is my focus on transforming palm waste into biomaterials and eco-jewelry, with an emphasis on the circular economy, cultural identity, and innovation.

Founder Expertise

I bring experience in design, craftsmanship, product development, and the processing of biomaterials. I have researched, collected, and validated manual processes using palm waste, integrating creativity, sustainability, identity, and business acumen.

External Support

I have received training and support from the MEIC, INA, ICT, and the municipalities of Heredia. I have also received logistical and marketing support at national trade shows. My business was featured on Channel 7 and on "Historias" on Channel 11, which has boosted its visibility and credibility.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9311 Ingested: 2026-05-25

ECONEXUS · Food & Agriculture

ECONEXUS

Country: Costa Rica · San Jise **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 7 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Territorial regeneration model, circular economy, and community development

Climate Problem

EcoNexus addresses deforestation, soil degradation, and water loss driven by unsustainable agriculture. This matters because it reduces biodiversity, weakens food security, and accelerates climate change, impacting both ecosystems and communities.

Solution

EcoNexus restores ecosystems though reforestation, regenerative agriculture, and circular waste systems. It integrates eco-villages, training, and sustainable production to recover soils, protect water, and create resilient, community-driven economies.

Revenue Model

EcoNexus generates revenue through regenerative agriculture products, eco tourism, training programs, carbon credits, and circular waste services. Multiple income streams ensure sustainability while restoring ecosystems and supporting local communities.

Target Market

Our target market includes municipalities, rural communities, landowners, and organizations seeking sustainable land use, waste management, and regeneration solutions, as well as eco-concius travelers a d participants in training programs.

Social Impact

Migrants, Women

Demand Evidence

Demand is evident from raising deforestation, waste challenges, and climate impacts, along with growing interest from communities, municipalities, and organizations seeking sustainable land use, regeneration, and circular economy solutions.

Competitors

Includes local environmental NGOs, regenerative agriculture projects, and waste management firms. In Costa Rica, iniciatives and similar programs operate in overlapping areas, though EcoNexus integrates restoration, production, and community development.

Founder Expertise

We bring experience in regenerative land design, eco-community planning, environmental education, and field implementation. Our team integrates practical training, project development, and local knowledge to execute sustainable, community-based solutions.

External Support

We have not yet received external support. The project has been developed independently through internal planning, strategic design, and groundwork, and we are now seeking partnerships and seed funding to begin implementation.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9036 Ingested: 2026-05-25

EcoGranja Lodge · Food & Agriculture

EcoGranja Lodge

Country: Costa Rica · San Carlos **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Adaptation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Unknown **Team Size:** 5 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

EcoGranja Lodge develops regenerative farm systems that improve cattle water access, restore biodiversity through living fences and rotational grazing, and capture rainwater for circular food production and climate resilience.

Climate Problem

Climate change is increasing drought risk, water stress, and biodiversity loss in livestock systems. Farms need resilient solutions that improve water access, restore ecosystems, and sustain food production.

Solution

We build regenerative farm systems using rainwater harvesting, distributed cattle water access, living fences, rotational grazing, and circular food production to improve resilience, biodiversity, and sustainable farming.

Revenue Model

We will generate revenue through regenerative farm design, installation of water and biodiversity systems, training programs, demonstration experiences, and future consulting services.

Target Market

Regenerative livestock farms, cattle producers, rural landowners, and agricultural communities seeking climate-resilient infrastructure, biodiversity restoration, and sustainable food production systems.

Social Impact

Migrants, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Our family has over 60 years of farming experience and we have directly experienced water stress, cattle walking long distances for water, and land degradation. We have already tested living fences, rainwater harvesting, and rotational grazing.

Competitors

Traditional cattle farms, tilapia producers, and conventional agricultural systems. Our advantage is combining regenerative livestock, biodiversity restoration, water resilience, and circular food production in one integrated model.

Founder Expertise

We are a third-generation farming family with over 60 years of experience in livestock, dairy production, agriculture, and land management, supported by training in Nature-based Solutions and regenerative practices.

External Support

We received support from CATIE through the ACTIVA program, including training in Ecosystem-based Adaptation and Nature-based Solutions with seed funding support. We also received technical guidance from MAG

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 10057 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Ecoaldeas frutales · Efficiency

Ecoaldeas frutales

Country: Costa Rica · Alajuela **Category:** Efficiency **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 1 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Eco-friendly design Homegrown fruits and vegetables Generates electricity, water, gas, and compost, and supports recycling

Climate Problem

Concrete homes account for 40% of global CO2 emissions and cost families 60% of their income. 100 million people in Latin America cannot afford affordable housing. Earth, bamboo, and recycled waste reduce emissions by 90%, but cities lack the models and funding to scale this approach.

Solution

Create eco-villages with 2 hectares per family or 1 hectare for growing food, building homes out of mud, recycled materials, or bamboo, with free electricity and water, and biogas And in cities, plant fruit trees along sidewalks so we don’t have to rely on supermarkets

Revenue Model

Three sources of revenue: 1) Developers pay for design and construction. 2) Municipalities pay to reduce carbon emissions and waste. 3) Residents pay a low fee for electricity and water, which is 70% cheaper. Tokens fund maintenance.

Target Market

Low-income families looking to buy their first home at an affordable price in ecovillages, wealthy individuals interested in establishing ecovillages, and middle-class workers willing to help create them

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Costa Rica faces a housing shortage of 150,000 units, and energy costs rose by 30% in 2025. Municipalities have set zero-emissions goals but lack an affordable model. Families want affordable housing. Developers are pursuing green construction to access climate funds.

Competitors

Traditional concrete developers are the main competition, but their homes are expensive and polluting. No local developer builds entire eco-villages using adobe, bamboo, and recycled materials on a large scale. Earthships do exist, but they are not urban.

Founder Expertise

I am an entrepreneur with expertise in earthen construction, bamboo construction, and sustainable building. I understand the housing shortage in Costa Rica and have a network of contacts in the construction industry. I am looking for technical mentors to validate the model and scale up the business.

External Support

I haven't looked into any yet. I'm seeking technical support, mentoring, and validation through Climatelanchpad to launch the first pilot.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9305 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Ecomuna · Clean Industry

Ecomuna

Country: Costa Rica · San Pedro **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Adaptation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** https://ecomunamarket.com **Founder:** Jose Retana

Elevator Pitch

Ecomuna is Costa Rica’s marketplace for sustainable products, connecting conscious consumers with verified eco-friendly alternatives. We promote sustainable lifestyles by bringing together the market’s scattered green offerings on a single platform.

Climate Problem

Unsustainable consumption accounts for 60% of global emissions. In Costa Rica, conscious consumers face barriers to accessing sustainable products: scattered availability, a lack of verification, and uncompetitive prices.

Solution

We bring together sustainable products in an accessible marketplace. We curate eco-friendly brands, ensure authenticity through rigorous standards, and offer competitive prices. We make responsible consumption as easy as shopping at any store.

Revenue Model

Through two channels: brick-and-mortar stores and e-commerce. We earn a 30% commission on third-party brand products sold on our marketplace and a 70% margin on our own-brand products. This model allows us to scale while maintaining sustainable profitability

Target Market

Women aged 25–40 in Costa Rica who are environmentally conscious and have a middle-class socioeconomic status. They seek to reduce their environmental impact through responsible consumption.

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples, Women

Demand Evidence

We have been in business for seven years, with steady growth year after year. Demand for organic, natural, and plastic-free products is constantly increasing, as evidenced by our sales in both our physical store and online.

Competitors

These include local bulk stores, small organic markets, and sustainable brands such as Baula and Tesoro Tico. However, they operate in a fragmented and specialized manner. Ecomuna stands out by centralizing sustainable offerings both in-store and online.

Founder Expertise

Jose Retana - Publicist and Web Designer

Bryan Sanchez - Public Relations Specialist and Paid Media Expert

Álvaro Sanchez - Copywriter and Notary Public

External Support

We have received mentoring and acceleration support from Alterna, an impact investment from Develа Capital (Guatemala), and non-repayable grants in Costa Rica. This support has enabled us to strengthen our business model and validate our value proposition

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Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9093 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Eutecnia Biotech · Clean Industry

Eutecnia Biotech

Country: Costa Rica · Moravia, San José **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Nature-Based **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://eutecniabiotech.com

Elevator Pitch

Hemos desarrollado una nueva tecnología de extracción de compuestos bioactivos a partir de café verde, que sirve como materia prima para la industria cosmética y farmacéutica de forma 100% segura y respetuosa con el medio ambiente.

Climate Problem

Companies use traditional solvents such as methanol and hexane to extract their raw materials, which are highly polluting and generate 10.8 million tons of CO2. The methods used to treat the resulting waste are still polluting, or the waste is not treated

Solution

We use Natural Deep Eutectic Solvents (NADES) as a substitute for traditional solvents because they are completely eco-friendly and safe for the environment, thereby eliminating current CO2 emissions and the costs associated with treating polluting waste.

Revenue Model

Our business model is B2B, where we offer standardized extracts, long-term supply contracts, premium pricing for traceability, and diversification with other tropical bioactive compounds.

Target Market

Our target market is Europe

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples, Women

Demand Evidence

European market for cosmetic ingredients is estimated to be worth approximately $6.6 billion by 2025, and the European Union encourages cosmetic companies to adopt greener processes. Preference for natural products.

Competitors

The company that most closely resembles what we do is Biotectics, an Argentine company; however, our processes are more environmentally friendly.

Founder Expertise

As an agronomy student, I have the knowledge to oversee the selection and traceability of green coffee, as well as its post-harvest care. I also maintain contact with our coffee farmers and handle the chemical aspects of the process.

External Support

We received $500 in seed funding from the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, which we used to complete the development of the technology at the laboratory level, and we have participated in two pre-incubation programs with WISE and CARICACO.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8681 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Fauna Latina · Not Assigned/ Unknown

Fauna Latina

Country: Costa Rica · Puntarenas **Category:** Not Assigned/ Unknown **Impact Areas:** Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://www.faunalatina.com/

Elevator Pitch

Screen-printed shirts with illustrations inspired by the flora and fauna of Latin America; for every purchase, we plant a tree.

Climate Problem

tackles reforestation by connecting with people who care about climate change but don’t know how to contribute to the cause.

Solution

Each sale helps sustain our reforestation program, which is based on a 100% artisanal process of seed collection for reforestation, as well as transplanting young shoots to spaces where they can successfully take root and grow.

Revenue Model

By selling tahúres (we alarde do)

Target Market

Local and turist who want to take. Diferent souvenir from Costa Rica

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples

Demand Evidence

Because I alrady sale to this segments

Competitors

Yes, as tshirt providers but none with and idea of tree donations

Founder Expertise

I Am a digital advertiser and my co owner is a digital disigner.

External Support

None

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8823 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Fazzty · Not Assigned/ Unknown

Fazzty

Country: Costa Rica · San jose **Category:** Not Assigned/ Unknown **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** — **Founder:** Camilo Fanjul

Elevator Pitch

Fazzty is a Net Zero micromobility platform that empowers unbanked delivery personnel to build equity through a circular work-to-own ebike model, decarbonizing urban logistics while driving sustainable economic growth.

Climate Problem

Urban logistics are a carbon trap; combustion motorcycles emit 2+ tons of CO2 annually per driver. Fazzty de-fossilizes the last mile by replacing these with e-bikes, proving that decarbonization and financial equity for the unbanked is one mission.

Solution

We provide high-efficiency e-bikes via a circular "work-to-own" model for delivery drivers. By replacing combustion with clean energy and integrating fintech for the unbanked, we turn daily riders into asset owners.

Revenue Model

Revenue stems from a 'work-to-own' daily fee, a commission per delivery, and a $15 monthly subscription. We also monetize through local advertising on e-bikes and maintenance services, ensuring recurring cash flow while drivers build asset equity.

Target Market

Unbanked delivery riders in Nicaragua trapped by 45% fuel costs. We target the $200B emerging last-mile market, serving those who need asset ownership to survive, while helping local businesses switch to zero-emission logistics

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Riders lack upfront capital, losing 45% of daily income to fuel and rentals. Demand is proven by their urgent need for asset ownership and clean transport, as our 'work-to-own' model offers the only path to financial equity and zero-emission delivery.

Competitors

Direct competitors include gas-powered motorcycle rentals and traditional delivery apps like pedidosYA, Uber Eats, Rappi, Glovo.

Founder Expertise

I bring over 15 years of expertise in sales, negotiation, and marketing, with 5+ years specialized in the telecommunications sector. My professional background and leadership as Fazzty’s founder provide the strategic vision to scale in emerging markets.

External Support

We are currently receiving strategic mentorship and technical infrastructure from a Dubai-based accelerator to build our MVP and launch on the Play Store. While pre-seed, this support validates our UI/UX and accelerates our pilot.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 7117 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Finca Gavilán, agroecología y turismo · Food & Agriculture

Finca Gavilán, agroecología y turismo

Country: Costa Rica · Golfito, Puntarenas **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** — **Founder:** Glenda Mesén

Elevator Pitch

Rural tourism, Sustainable agriculture Self-sustaining social economy

Climate Problem

Greenhouse gas emissions from livestock, water pollution caused by improperly treated crop waste, environmental pollution resulting from the excessive use of pesticides, and habitat loss due to agricultural expansion

Solution

A model farm featuring sustainable agriculture, rural tourism, animal husbandry, and small-scale livestock farming—all of which come together by utilizing waste that returns to the soil and is transformed into food; this, combined with the scenic beauty, will attract tourists,

Revenue Model

By selling vegetables, fertilizer, grain, and livestock, as well as through tourism, and I also have a side job to bring in more capital; I run workshops on agriculture and oyster mushrooms, which provides me with additional income

Target Market

In agriculture, they are heads of households looking for healthy food for themselves and their families. In tourism, they are adventurous people who love nature

Social Impact

Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic - Religious and Linguistic Minorities, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

With the current crises, more and more people are looking for ways to produce goods without spending so much money; that’s why a biofactory could solve many problems, from waste management to pest control. And this model can be replicated or simply sold.

Competitors

My main competitors are sellers of conventional agricultural supplies. But my business falls under the category of non-conventional agriculture; plus, I offer both a product and on-site expertise so that people can see how it’s done and what the results are.

Founder Expertise

I am an organic agriculture technician, a plant micropropagation assistant, and a specialist in oyster mushroom production—from mycelium to post-harvest—but above all, I am a female farmer who has had the opportunity to put her knowledge to good use.

External Support

A donation of equipment such as a tiller, irrigation pump, sprayer, and basic tools.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9096 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Finca ganadera Águilas verdes · Food & Agriculture

Finca ganadera Águilas verdes

Country: Costa Rica · Guácimo **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Circular Economy
Stage: Launched **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** — **Founder:** María Eugenia Rojas

Elevator Pitch

A regenerative livestock farm that mitigates climate change through a circular economy.

Climate Problem

The area where I live is low-lying and located in the humid tropics, so I am reforesting the river that runs through the property, planting wild fruits to attract more animals, using living fences on the pastures, and eliminating the use of chemicals.

Solution

Well-planned pastures restore soil health; increased biodiversity helps capture carbon; these actions improve water retention and reduce reliance on chemical inputs, thereby enabling sustainable food production.

Revenue Model

By selling livestock—whether live or as carcasses—depending on the nutritional efficiency of the feed provided and the herd’s genetics, and by cutting out middlemen, we can produce more with less land, in addition to the savings from eliminating the use of chemicals

Target Market

At slaughterhouses or on the farm.

Social Impact

Women

Demand Evidence

The product I offer is a staple food item—meat protein—that is widely consumed worldwide. Furthermore, in my country, we are working in a coordinated manner to ensure its traceability.

Competitors

There are quite a few competitors in the area, but the difference is that this type of regenerative livestock farming is still in its infancy; since most producers sell their animals at auction—which is the closest thing to what we do—we’re working to set ourselves apart.

Founder Expertise

I grew up on a cattle ranch that operated using conventional methods, but over time and with the help of consultants, I’ve been changing the way we work on the ranch. I’m gaining this knowledge by visiting other ranches and putting it into practice.

External Support

Through development finance, via CATIE, I was able to secure a non-repayable grant, in addition to expert guidance on sustainability, helping to mitigate climate change by working in symbiosis with microorganisms.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9217 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Ganadería GUME · Food & Agriculture

Ganadería GUME

Country: Costa Rica · Los Chiles, Alajuela **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Nature-Based **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561845459108

Elevator Pitch

Environmentally responsible livestock farming.

Climate Problem

Traditional livestock farming contributes significantly to environmental degradation, greenhouse gas emissions, and a decline in productivity due to climate change.

Solution

GUME implements regenerative livestock farming techniques and smart herd management to restore ecosystems, improve production efficiency, and reduce the livestock sector’s climate impact.

Revenue Model

GUME combines regenerative farming, technical assistance, and applied technology to create multiple sustainable sources of income, increasing livestock productivity and profitability while reducing environmental impact.

Target Market

GUME is aimed at livestock producers and agricultural organizations seeking to increase productivity and profitability through regenerative practices, efficient technical management, and sustainable solutions adapted to climate change.

Social Impact

Migrants, Women, LGBTQI+ People

Demand Evidence

Currently, many livestock farms are facing challenges related to profitability, soil degradation, and climate change, as well as poor production and reproductive performance; if they wish to remain competitive in the market, they must make changes to their farm management practices

Competitors

Other livestock producers and professionals who offer consulting and advisory services.

Founder Expertise

Experience in farm and animal management, as well as on-site consulting provided directly to producers.

External Support

Financial support from a project called ACTIVA-CATIE, as well as participation in training sessions, lectures, and conferences related to livestock farming. In addition, technical and professional support from other colleagues.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9482 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Gla-pla eco Rwanda · Water

Gla-pla eco Rwanda

Country: Costa Rica · limon **Category:** Water **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 4
Website: —

Elevator Pitch

I want to recycle plastics and broken glasses to use them to make a building pavement. In my country this type of waste is causing problems where they are thrown in water bodies and cause water pollution. so, I want to provide clean water and pavement.

Climate Problem

I am addressing the problem of contaminated water caused by the waste thrown into water bodies and it matters because all we know water is life. so, without water we cannot live, and also dirty water causes diseases.

Solution

I am offering the solution of recycling plastics and broken glasses because they are the ones contaminating it. By using them to make a building pavement which will totally solve that problem in the society.

Revenue Model

I will generate revenue by basing to the number of pavements sold where I will be recording each and every sell made on building pavements.

Target Market

My target market is people who construct houses and roads in my country.

Social Impact

People of African Descent, Refugees - Asylum-seekers and Internally Displaced People, Women

Demand Evidence

I have talked to them, and they are willing to buy because materials used to make pavements like cements and sand, they are expensive and limited so many homes it hard to afford them.

Competitors

My competitors will be those ones producing those pavements made in sand and cement but mine will have innovation because they can appear as a color of a plastic or glasses used. even the prices will not be the same mine will be affordable.

Founder Expertise

The experience I brought in this project is due to my research this solution can solve multiple problems at the same time. and also, the idea can be turn into reality.

External Support

I have not received any external support that why I am applying to climate launch pad so that they can fund me to move my idea into reality. But I talked to people in my society they are willing to buy those pavements .

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9113 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Green regeneration · Food & Agriculture

Green regeneration

Country: Costa Rica · Pérez zeledón **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Adaptation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 1 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

We seek to regenerate desert areas.

Climate Problem

My project is focused on mitigating and combating the impact of desertificacion. It's important because climate change affects us all; it impacts health, development, and the economy in general.

Solution

Argan tree cultivation (Argania spinosa) is a powerful tool for halting desertification and revitalizing rural economies. As an extremely drought-resistant species capable of stabilizing degraded soils, it acts as a natural barrier against Desertification

Revenue Model

The comprehensive use of Argan in an agro-silvo-pastoral system (agriculture, trees and livestock), and the growing demand for its oil has transformed communities through the creation of cooperatives that generate income and local employment.

Target Market

The most important market for argan oil, from the perspective of consumption and revenue generation, is North America, a region that holds approximately 33.2% to 37.6% of the global market share.

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples, Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic - Religious and Linguistic Minorities, Migrants, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

The cosmetics sector is the main driver of the market, representing about 59% of global demand, followed by culinary use and applications in the pharmaceutical industry. Current production does not meet global demand.

Competitors

There are no competitors in my country, nor in all of Latin America.

Founder Expertise

I have training and experience in ecotourism, agroecology, organic farming, forestry, and environmental management. In addition, I will contribute my worldview, ideas, talent, and effort.

External Support

Nothing, none, negative. Zero.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8956 Ingested: 2026-05-25

GreenHooves Community Enterprise · Food & Agriculture

GreenHooves Community Enterprise

Country: Costa Rica · Guacimo **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Nature-Based **Stage:** Private Beta **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

GreenHooves empowers refugee and host-community farmers with climate-resilient pastures from Brazil, improving livestock productivity, food security, and incomes. It builds inclusive, sustainable livelihoods in climate-vulnerable communities.

Climate Problem

Climate change is driving drought, poor soils, and feed scarcity in refugee communities, reducing livestock productivity and incomes. This threatens food security and resilience for vulnerable populations dependent on livestock.

Solution

GreenHooves introduces climate-resilient, improved pasture varieties from Brazil and other countries, combined with training in sustainable goat production. We establish demonstration plots and transfer skills to boost productivity, resilience, and income

Revenue Model

GreenHooves generates revenue through the sale of livestock and climate-resilient pasture seeds or seedlings. Income is driven by improved animal productivity and the adoption of high-quality pastures by farmers.

Target Market

Our target market is refugee and host-community farmers in Uganda engaged in livestock production, particularly goat farming. We focus on climate-vulnerable regions where feed scarcity limits productivity and income.

Social Impact

People of African Descent, Indigenous Peoples, Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic - Religious and Linguistic Minorities, Migrants, Refugees - Asylum-seekers and Internally Displaced People, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Demand is driven by South Sudanese refugee communities with strong livestock traditions, where goats are widely consumed. Climate-driven feed scarcity reduces production and raises prices, creating clear need for resilient pasture solutions.

Competitors

Local livestock farmers and pasture seed suppliers are indirect competitors, though few offer climate-resilient pastures or training. No known initiatives in the area combine improved pastures with practical livestock support.

Founder Expertise

I am a Mastercard Scholar at EARTH University studying Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resource Management. I bring technical training and a network of experts from Costa Rica and Brazil to design climate-smart livestock solutions.

External Support

We received land for demonstration from refugee settlement leaders, strong community visibility, and technical support from professors and mentors in Costa Rica and Brazil to adopt best practices from successful international farms.

Greener Fuel Costa Rica · Clean Industry

Greener Fuel Costa Rica

Country: Costa Rica · Guadalupe, Cartago **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Private Beta **Team Size:** 25 **Website:** https://crsostenible.com/

Elevator Pitch

We offer a circular economy solution integrating pyrolysis, vacuum evaporation, and chemical neutralization to treat hazardous waste. Our startup provides sustainable, high-tech management for solid and liquid industrial waste in Costa Rica.

Climate Problem

We tackle Costa Rica's waste crisis. With landfills at capacity, we decentralize treatment beyond co-processing to prevent CH? and pollution, transforming hazardous effluents into resources via a superior circular model for a low-carbon, resilient economy

Solution

We offer a decentralized system integrating pyrolysis, vacuum evaporation, and neutralization. Our circular model uses recovered water for cooling and pyrolysis fuel for evaporation, aligning industrial waste with Net-Zero and Circular Economy standards.

Revenue Model

Revenue is driven by a dual stream: service fees for our integrated 3-tech waste treatment and the sale of high-value subproducts like pyrolysis fuel. This model offers industries a cost-competitive, circular alternative to meet Net-Zero and ESG goals.

Target Market

We target high-impact sectors: medical devices, textiles, automotive, and agribusiness. We also serve the food, agrochemical, and fuel distribution industries, providing a circular solution for firms with high waste volumes and strict ESG goals.

Social Impact

Women

Demand Evidence

We already process waste for current clients, proving demand. The medical device industry shows high interest due to rising disposal costs and ESG goals. Our model slashes logistics and waste volumes by recovering fuel and water on-site.

Competitors

There are currently no competitors in Costa Rica offering this type of technology.

Founder Expertise

I am a Chemical Engineer, MBA, and CEO of Greener Group with 15+ years in waste-to-energy. I’ve advised 400+ firms globally on ESG and hazardous waste. My LEED expertise and international consulting ensure this project is technical and business viable.

External Support

We leverage technical support from Brazilian and Colombian experts, combining imported equipment with local engineering. The system is being assembled at our plant by Costa Rican staff, as we work on validating our 3-tech hazardous waste solutions.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9824 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Guardianes de Perros · Not Assigned/ Unknown

Guardianes de Perros

Country: Costa Rica · Costa Rica **Category:** Not Assigned/ Unknown **Impact Areas:** Adaptation **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** https://www.guardianesdeperros.com/

Elevator Pitch

We create a system that raice animals value in the eyes of law. This to increase AWARENESS and punishment for criminal activities that destroy them.

Climate Problem

Animal protection

Solution

Law seas them as objects, we make them very expensive objects so we protect them. We create a NFT with their face and smart contracts so they become very expensive just for the eyes of the law

Revenue Model

We sell this service for Pet owners.

Target Market

Pet Owners

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples

Demand Evidence

Because there is a problem, we try to solve it until law change.

Competitors

None

Founder Expertise

Innovation Director

External Support

We have one sponsor.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8785 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Hogar Ecológico Ingeniería · Clean Industry

Hogar Ecológico Ingeniería

Country: Costa Rica · Alajuela **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 4 **Website:** https://hogarecologico-ing.com

Elevator Pitch

We have developed a digitally supported methodology that enables the design of sustainable homes optimized for the climate and site conditions in tropical regions, integrating cost and construction considerations to improve decision-making from the earliest stages

Climate Problem

Construction generates high levels of emissions due to design decisions that do not adequately take into account climate, efficient use of resources, or the true cost of materials. It is possible to reduce emissions and improve user comfort.

Solution

Analysis of efficient and economically viable projects and designs using a proprietary methodology that integrates climate analysis, passive design criteria, and cost assessment to optimize sustainable housing from the earliest stages.

Revenue Model

Consulting and optimized construction services that improve efficiency and reduce costs for the diagnosis, design, and development of comprehensive construction projects, thereby achieving greater efficiency in mid-range projects.

Target Market

Middle-class clients in Costa Rica looking to develop housing projects, as well as small developers interested in optimizing costs and improving the environmental performance of their buildings.

Social Impact

Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic - Religious and Linguistic Minorities, Women, LGBTQI+ People

Demand Evidence

There is a growing demand for sustainable solutions among the middle class, due to a socioeconomic divide between social classes. In practice, many customers face financial constraints and a lack of sufficient bank financing.

Competitors

The direct competition consists of traditional design and construction firms; however, there is still no established practice in Costa Rica of taking all socioeconomic, geographic, and climatic variables into account for optimized designs.

Founder Expertise

I am a civil engineer with 14 years of experience in residential and commercial design and construction. I have a forward-thinking approach to sustainability and am currently completing my master’s thesis on sustainable design and construction.

External Support

No external funding has been received, but the company has invested its own resources and expertise in the initial development of tools and processes and in establishing its market position, building on the foundation of a master’s degree in sustainable design and construction.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 7662 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Huertas Urbanas Orgánicas · Food & Agriculture

Huertas Urbanas Orgánicas

Country: Costa Rica · San Ramón-Alajuela **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** — **Founder:** Ana Cristina Ramirez Campos

Elevator Pitch

Grow your own health! With your own chemical-free garden!

Climate Problem

Increased rainfall and heat create conditions conducive to pests.

Solution

That is why I offer educational courses to the community on organic farming using soil rich in live microorganisms and greenhouse protection to promote more resilient agriculture.

Revenue Model

Offering urban gardening classes. Selling chemical-free vegetables to promote good health.

Target Market

Working professionals and retirees who are starting their own organic gardens, as well as people who are health-conscious.

Social Impact

Migrants, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Since I’m already teaching classes and selling vegetables, people are now aware that chemicals are harmful to their health.

Competitors

People who offer courses. And conventional farmers.

Founder Expertise

Certified in hydroponics. Certified in protected-environment farming and organic farming. From the National Institute of Learning (INA); 14 years of experience.

External Support

I have received support from the National Institute of Learning (INA), where I graduated and am continuing my studies. They also provide me with social media advertising to reach more people.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8939 Ingested: 2026-05-25

ImPAQ™ World - Wheels to Fit Your Life · Transportation

ImPAQ™ World - Wheels to Fit Your Life

Country: Costa Rica · Perez Zeledon **Category:** Transportation **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://www.impaqworld.com/

Elevator Pitch

ImPAQ™ Spyder is a revolutionary, efficient pedal-electric vehicle that folds in seconds to roll anywhere and park vertically. We are building the full-sized prototype to prove its advantages and launch global production through local micro-factories.

Climate Problem

We tackle pollution and resource waste in vehicle production, use, and disposal. By making clean transport comfortable and fun, plus super easy parking, we drive the shift toward sustainable mobility, reducing the carbon footprint of global land travel.

Solution

The ImPAQ is a folding micro-EV blending e-bike efficiency with car-like comfort. It uses significantly fewer materials to build, requires minimal parking space, and reduces energy consumption and waste while keeping you protected from the elements.

Revenue Model

We will generate revenue by direct online sales and U.S. trike dealers, pricing the ImPAQ well under $10,000. Our launch on Indiegogo.com will minimize costs and risks, with global expansion through a franchise model for local production and assembly.

Target Market

Initially, we target tech innovators on Indiegogo, primarily in the USA. We will then scale through U.S. recumbent trike dealers and reach city dwellers seeking comfortable, all-season transport that solves the challenge of limited storage space.

Social Impact

Migrants, Women

Demand Evidence

Similar non-folding vehicles have sold 1,000+ units, proving a solid niche. Our folding technology solves their primary barriers—parking and storage— leveraging existing demand while creating a new market for ultra-compact urban transit.

Competitors

Direct competitors include Envo’s Veemo and the ELF by Organic Transit, plus a few European models in development. Folding bikes exist, but no practical folding micro-EV with enhanced comfort, weather protection and safety has ever entered the market.

Founder Expertise

As an FAA-certified aircraft mechanic and vehicle designer for 11 global projects, I bridge the gap between theory and manufacturing. My experience building and optimizing systems ensures a patented, physical solution that others only theorize about.

External Support

We have secured non-reimbursable grants from the CATAL1.5°T Pre-Acceleration program (€15,000) and the BCIE DINAMICA II contest ($6,927)to refine our folding electric velocar as a high-impact "ClimateTech" solution for reducing emissions.

Interpreto · Efficiency

Interpreto

Country: Costa Rica · Alajuela **Category:** Efficiency **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 6 **Website:** https://www.interpreto.co

Elevator Pitch

Digital assistant to help companies implement and take advangent of sustainable and regenerative practices for tourism in short time and low investment of time and money.

Climate Problem

Drive the tourism industry impact, making sustainable practices integral part of guest loyalty

Solution

Digital assistant to help companies implement and take advangent of sustainable and regenerative practices for tourism in short time and low investment of time and money.

Revenue Model

Increasing guest's loyalty, optimizing operations and integrating local community respectfully.

Target Market

Regenerative Tourism

Social Impact

People of African Descent, Indigenous Peoples, Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic - Religious and Linguistic Minorities, Refugees - Asylum-seekers and Internally Displaced People, Women, LGBTQI+ People

Demand Evidence

I've been running market research since 08/2025, talking to several different actors

Competitors

Weeva, Greenview, BeCause, Con-serve

Founder Expertise

- Data Analytics Engineering
- Sustainable Tourism
- Software Engineering

External Support

None so far, just starting as business idea, a widely market validation was performed but we haven't received any external support

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Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8776 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Kalwak · Food & Agriculture

Kalwak

Country: Costa Rica · San José **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Adaptation **Stage:** Private Beta **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Kálwak produces sustainable cricket-based protein for human consumption, significantly reducing the environmental footprint compared to traditional sources. We transform insects into nutritious, affordable, and scalable food.

Climate Problem

Traditional livestock farming generates high levels of GHG emissions, water consumption, and land use. Kálwak offers cricket protein with a smaller environmental footprint, reducing emissions and pressure on natural resources.

Solution

We produce high-quality, affordable, and sustainable cricket protein. In practice, we raise crickets using minimal resources and process them into nutritious meal, thereby reducing costs and improving access to safe protein.

Revenue Model

The sale of cricket flour to retailers, macrobiotic shops, and direct to consumers

Target Market

People interested in consuming high-quality protein with a very low environmental impact, without compromising on the nutritional needs of each individual.

Social Impact

Women

Demand Evidence

There are products made from cricket flour on the market, which indicates growing interest, as this is a booming market internationally

Competitors

Rather than competitors, they could be allies, since they produce a byproduct and my goal is the raw material; currently, no one is selling cricket flour to the public.

Founder Expertise

I am an environmental management engineer, which is why I have always felt a strong connection to and commitment toward the environment—as well as the engineering tools I can apply in the

External Support

2 non-repayable seed capital

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8843 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Los Hijos del Monte CR · Food & Agriculture

Los Hijos del Monte CR

Country: Costa Rica · Sarapiqui, Heredia **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Nature-Based **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://instagram.com/loshijosdelmontecr

Elevator Pitch

A nature-based conservation and regenerative design initiative in Sarapiquí, Costa Rica. We restore biodiversity through habitat protection, native species conservation, regenerative agroforestry, and circular design using natural fibers & textile waste.

Climate Problem

Deforestation, biodiversity loss, textile waste, and intensive pineapple monoculture threaten Sarapiquí's ecosystems. Restoring regenerative landscapes supports biodiversity, climate resilience, and carbon sequestration.

Solution

We restore habitat through regenerative agroforestry, native species conservation, ecological education, and circular products made with natural dyes, local fibers, and reclaimed textile materials.

Revenue Model

Revenue will come from workshops, eco-tourism experiences, regenerative design products, conservation activities, grants, and biodiversity-focused partnerships.

Target Market

Environmentally conscious consumers, eco-tourists, educational institutions, regenerative design audiences, and organizations seeking biodiversity-focused and circular solutions.

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Global demand for ecotourism and regenerative experiences is rapidly growing, with the ecotourism market projected to reach USD 665B by 2030 (Grand View Research). Costa Rica’s ICT also identifies sustainability as a key tourism driver.

Competitors

Competitors include eco-lodges, conservation projects, sustainable craft brands, and environmental education initiatives in Costa Rica. Our integration of biodiversity restoration and circular design is highly differentiated.

Founder Expertise

The team combines expertise in regenerative design, biodiversity restoration, native plant cultivation, wildlife observation, photography, communication, community building, project management, agile methodologies, consulting, and advertising design.

External Support

Support has been limited to training, mentorship, self-funded experimentation, and participation in artisan and environmental learning networks. No grants, NGO funding, or external investment received.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9343 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Manantial Ecotours · Air & Environment

Manantial Ecotours

Country: Costa Rica · San Carlos **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Nature-Based **Stage:** Private Beta **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://www.instagram.com/manantial.ecotours

Elevator Pitch

We are a regenerative tourism project in rural Costa Rica offering nature-based and educational experiences. It supports local livelihoods while promoting conservation, low-impact travel, and climate awareness through immersive, community-driven activitie

Climate Problem

Manantial addresses environmental degradation and emissions from mass tourism by promoting low-impact, regenerative travel. It matters because tourism can either harm ecosystems or become a tool for conservation and climate awareness.

Solution

We deliver eco tourism through guided agro-tours, reforestation, and astronomy experiences. It limits resource use, educates visitors on ecosystems, and generates local income tied to conservation, aligning economic incentives with environmental protectio

Revenue Model

Manantial generates revenue through guided tours, workshops, and immersive events. Additional income comes from lodging, food experiences, and partnerships with local producers, creating diversified, community-based revenue streams.

Target Market

Our target market includes eco-conscious travelers, students, and small groups seeking authentic, educational experiences. We also target schools and organizations interested in sustainability, nature-based learning, and community engagement.

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples, Women, LGBTQI+ People

Demand Evidence

Demand is validated through paid tours, event attendance, and repeat visitors. Positive feedback and growing interest in eco-tourism and experiential travel confirm market need, supported by global trends toward sustainable and community-based tourism.

Competitors

Competitors include eco-lodges and tour operators in the Northern Zone of Costa Rica. However, few combine regenerative tourism, education, and community-based experiences like Manantial, offering a more integrated and impactful model.

Founder Expertise

Hands-on experience in tourism, event organization, and technical problem-solving. I have led nature-based activities, cultural events, and astronomy experiences, combining practical skills with a strong focus on sustainability and community engagement

External Support

Manantial has received early community support, local partnerships, and initial traction through events and tours. It is currently in a self-driven stage, seeking mentorship and structured support to scale its impact and business model.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8911 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Mystic Mountain Project · Food & Agriculture

Mystic Mountain Project

Country: Costa Rica · Puntarenas, Puerto Jiménez **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 5 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

A decentralized model for climate-resilient communities that combines regenerative land use, local economies, and fractal governance. The system is designed to be replicated globally, enabling territories to transition from dependency to self sufficiency

Climate Problem

We address land degradation and dependence on external food, water, and energy systems. This matters because it weakens local resilience, increases environmental pressure, and leaves communities vulnerable to climate and resource instability.

Solution

We develop a regenerative, self-sufficient community on forest land by implementing local food systems, water management, and off-grid energy, supported by decentralized governance and local economies to build resilient, low-impact territories.

Revenue Model

Revenue comes from founding contributions for land access, eco-lodge and immersive stays, regenerative product sales, and experience-based programs. Additional income from tokenized environmental assets (trees, carbon, biodiversity) aligned with conservat

Target Market

Our target market includes environmentally conscious individuals, families, and remote professionals seeking sustainable living, as well as eco-tourists and impact-driven investors interested in regenerative projects and long-term environmental value.

Social Impact

Migrants

Demand Evidence

Demand is evidenced by growing interest in intentional communities, regenerative tourism, and sustainable living. We've received direct inquiries, community engagement, and market validation from similar models globally showing increasing adoption.

Competitors

We don't view others as competitors but as part of a broader ecosystem. Similar models include eco-communities and regenerative retreats in Costa Rica and globally; locally there are eco-lodges and intentional communities, though none integrate governance

Founder Expertise

We bring hands-on experience in land management, construction, and self-sufficiency, combined with a clear vision and commitment to build a functional regenerative community. Our strength is execution on the ground and the ability to learn and adapt fast.

External Support

None so far.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8793 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Nortico Cacao Farm · Food & Agriculture

Nortico Cacao Farm

Country: Costa Rica · Cartago, Turrialba **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 14 **Website:** https://norticofarm.com/es

Elevator Pitch

Nortico is a sustainable cacao farm and agritourism project located in a rural area of Costa Rica, combining regenerative cacao production, environmental education, and community development. Through immersive experiences and products made from c

Climate Problem

Climate change and unsustainable agricultural practices are affecting biodiversity, soil health, and rural livelihoods in Costa Rica. We face risks such as deforestation, changes in rainfall patterns, and economic instability

Solution

Nortico combines sustainable cocoa farming with educational tourism experiences and local chocolate production. Agroforestry practices that protect biodiversity, improve soil health, and create economic opportunities for the local community.

Revenue Model

These include traditional cocoa tour operators and commercial chocolate experiences. However, Nortico stands out for its focus on regenerative agriculture and authentic experiences that combine environmental education and community-based tourism.

Target Market

Domestic and international tourists interested in sustainable experiences, as well as travel agencies. Also, consumers of artisanal chocolate who prioritize local and sustainable products.

Social Impact

Women

Demand Evidence

We meet this demand through consistent tour bookings, partnerships with travel agencies, and the distribution of our chocolates at more than 70 retail locations, reflecting a growing interest in sustainable products and experiences.

Competitors

There are chocolate brands and cacao tours in Costa Rica; however, very few competitors combine tourism, production, regenerative agriculture, and community involvement into a single sustainable model.

Founder Expertise

Experience in tour operations, cocoa and chocolate production, administrative management, and customer service, with a focus on sustainability, agritourism, and the development of regenerative experiences.

External Support

We have received support from an initiative in Pfaffenhofen, Germany, and from Costa Rica’s Development Banking Program. This support has been key to strengthening our operations and advancing the project.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9205 Ingested: 2026-05-25

ONCA · Clean Industry

ONCA

Country: Costa Rica · San Jose **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 1 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

ONCA transforms plastic waste into high-performance skateboard decks made from 100% recycled HIPS, creating social and environmental impact through sustainable design, local production, and a growing rider sponsorship program.

Climate Problem

ONCA addresses circularity in design, specifically plastic waste management; through an actively stimulating product such as surfskating which supports a growing community of young athletes along Costa Rica coastal communities.

Solution

ONCA approaches recycling through a hands on, and sponsorship model that educates the younger generations through real life solutions to plastic waste. By converting waste into professional surfskates kids in the community value circularity and recycling.

Revenue Model

ONCA counts on its own lifestyle brand and merch to support R&D of its recycling processes. Currently ONCA sells its apparel in various established stores throughout Costa Rica’s touristic regions.

Target Market

ONCA has reached SurfSkaters from ages 3-60 threading an impressive generational spectrum through a unique sport and its radical lifestyle.

Social Impact

Migrants, Refugees - Asylum-seekers and Internally Displaced People, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Costa Rica has been on the tourism spotlight for surfers for the last 50 years. Local and coastal communities have grown under the surf style umbrella and more recently and popularly, SurfSkate has become a parallel activity for the surf community.

Competitors

ONCA competes with industrial / international SurfSkate brands such as Carver (USA), YOW (Basque Country) and SmoothStar (Australia)

Founder Expertise

My background in Advertising Design (BA) and in Sustainable Design (MA) have held the backbone of design and production of the SurfSkates and Apparel

External Support

ONCA has received Santander Universities Start up Grant 2020 Museo de Arte y Diseño Costarricense fondo de salvamento 2024

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8768 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Oyster SeaFarm S.A. · Food & Agriculture

Oyster SeaFarm S.A.

Country: Costa Rica · Puntarenas, Paquera **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Private Beta **Team Size:** 6 **Website:** http://oysterseafarm.mozello.com

Elevator Pitch

We are an educational farm dedicated to oyster production, providing our entrepreneurs with best practices for resource management to ensure proper stewardship while maintaining a commitment to quality and environmental sustainability.

Climate Problem

Water warming and radiation affect marine survival, and in our case, they affect feeding by displacing their food within the water column. We aim to cultivate seaweed in oyster farms to mitigate climate change.

Solution

We will develop a polyculture system combining oysters with edible seaweed to mitigate water heating and radiation in marine aquaculture areas

Revenue Model

We generate revenue through the capital contributions of each partner and the sale of oysters at local markets

Target Market

Foodservice for Hotels and Restaurants

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

We have conducted market research and have a base of direct and indirect buyers

Competitors

Imported product

Founder Expertise

We are a group of marine biologists specializing in aquaculture, with over 15 years of experience in oyster farming at marine farms

External Support

None

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9175 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Perdomoarts · Air & Environment

Perdomoarts

Country: Costa Rica · San Jose **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Adaptation **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 1 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

art made from recycled materials

Climate Problem

The impact of the materials used and discarded by society is causing significant environmental pollution. My business aims to raise public awareness about the importance of recycling and reducing waste through artistic expression.

Solution

The message the artist aims to convey through a critique of excessive consumerism and global pollution. Recycled art is a way to create art sustainably. By transforming an object into art, we are reducing pollution.

Revenue Model

Through the sale of works centered on the theme of upcycling art, we have generated the revenue needed to continue spreading the message that we must reduce the amount of waste on the planet.

Target Market

art buyers and collectors

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples

Demand Evidence

For more than 25 years, I have been selling the art I create

Competitors

Some artists have also turned to the theme of recycled art

Founder Expertise

I am a visual artist and architect; through these two fields of art, I have gained knowledge of artistic trends and the reuse of materials

External Support

I haven't received any kind of support; I've done everything on my own

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Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9069 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Plant one three to save the world · Food & Agriculture

Plant one three to save the world

Country: Costa Rica · Turrialba **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Unknown **Team Size:** 7 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

The main goal of this startup is to raise awarness of protecting the environment among indigenous community. It will target on young indigenous students from a remote population located in Costa Rica without access and opportunity.

Climate Problem

There is necessity creating awarness to protect the environment. Therefore, this project main goal is to create a seed bank of trees that is unique in the community that can be planted in areas lacking of trees.

Solution

Trees are important resources for the community and it has multiple purpose such as for construction, and environmental protection and creating a space for wildlife. The project will create its own trees seed bank as a research center for the community.

Revenue Model

This seed bank will also collect indanger trees in small bags that can be transplanted to grow in areas where is necessary.

Target Market

Education, environmental protection in local communities.

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples

Demand Evidence

The environmental issues is a demand issues and the future depends on natural resources such as water, trees and environment.

Competitors

There might be different organizations but this one works and target the local community working with school and local NGOs that want to create an impact in the community with a small budget.

Founder Expertise

This project will bring unique opportunity opportunity to students and local members to learn and create impacto in the community.

External Support

The local community organizer, and local government targetted in the invironmental issues. The project will also serve as an example to promote other local inniatives to expand environmental protection.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9097 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Plastic Free Planet · Air & Environment

Plastic Free Planet

Country: Costa Rica · Puerto Viejo **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Private Beta **Team Size:** 5 **Website:** — **Founder:** Beate Heycke

Elevator Pitch

Plastic Free Planet promotes sustainability through environmental education, beach cleanups, and recycling to reduce ocean plastic pollution while creating local jobs and community development.

Climate Problem

We address plastic pollution and deforestation in Caribbean coastal regions by recycling plastic waste into durable plastic wood for construction, reducing ocean pollution and lowering demand for timber, helping protect ecosystems and biodiversity.

Solution

We recycle plastic bottle caps into crafts, and our main solution is scaling production of plastic wood from mixed plastic waste. This reduces ocean pollution and deforestation by replacing timber in construction with a sustainable alternative material.

Revenue Model

We generate revenue by selling plastic wood as a sustainable building material to the fast-growing construction sector, replacing timber. We also sell upcycled crafts from bottle caps, creating income streams from both recycled materials.

Target Market

Our target market is the local and regional construction sector in the Caribbean, including builders, contractors, and developers seeking affordable, sustainable alternatives to timber. We also sell upcycled crafts to eco-conscious consumers and tourists.

Social Impact

People of African Descent, Indigenous Peoples, Women

Demand Evidence

We confirmed demand through outreach to local businesses, which have shown interest in buying locally produced plastic wood. Demand for affordable building materials continues to grow in the region.

Competitors

In Costa Rica, plastic wood competitors are limited and mostly small regional initiatives such as Eco Tárcoles and Ecowood. This creates a strong opportunity for us to scale and meet growing demand for sustainable construction materials in the region.

Founder Expertise

We bring 15+ years in environmental education and recycling, building community recycling centers, supporting sorting facilities, and supporting Blue Flag and CST certifications.

External Support

We received a Change X grant in 2025, which helped us purchase two mini injection machines and new molds for our workshop and to secure production of our crafts program.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9118 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Protección de bosques · Food & Agriculture

Protección de bosques

Country: Costa Rica · Guapiles **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 4 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Our main goal is to protect and restore the 3 hectares of forest on our property located in San Antonio, Guapiles, Limón, Costa Rica. We aim to care for the timber and fruit trees to support the local bird species.

Climate Problem

Carbon sequestration and the protection of microorganisms

Solution

Do not cut down trees or use herbicides near forested areas

Revenue Model

Tours are available to the wooded area for birdwatching

Target Market

Rural tourism

Social Impact

Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic - Religious and Linguistic Minorities, Women

Demand Evidence

Because many forested areas were cleared for the cultivation of pineapples, cassava, and bananas

Competitors

As far as I know, there's no one else in our area who does the same thing

Founder Expertise

For the past 10 years, we have been protecting the forest area and taking care of the animals that live there

External Support

The Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources has helped us obtain a tax exemption for the 3 hectares of forest

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Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9385 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Providencia Regenera · Food & Agriculture

Providencia Regenera

Country: Costa Rica · San Jose **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 4 **Website:** — **Founder:** Camila Chacón / Andres Segura

Elevator Pitch

Providencia Regenera trains farmers in syntropic agriculture, supports rural entrepreneurship, develops local products, and creates biodiversity and community projects that strengthen regenerative and resilient rural communities in Costa Rica

Climate Problem

Rural communities are facing soil degradation, biodiversity loss, economic vulnerability, and the loss of local agricultural knowledge caused by extractive systems. This weakens climate resilience and threatens both ecosystems and community wellbeing.

Solution

Providencia Regenera builds community-led educational ecosystems inspired by syntropic agriculture and ecoversity principles, combining farmer education, entrepreneurship, biodiversity projects, youth engagement, and regenerative local development.

Revenue Model

Revenue will come from workshops, regenerative education programs, local branded products, partnerships, eco-cultural experiences, sponsorships, and community events that reinvest into restoration and local development projects.

Target Market

Our target market includes environmentally conscious consumers, regenerative tourism visitors, organizations supporting climate resilience

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

We have already seen strong participation in community festivals, regenerative education activities, and biodiversity initiatives. Farmers, residents, and visitors are actively seeking more connected, ecological, and locally rooted alternatives.

Competitors

While there are regenerative farms and sustainability projects in Costa Rica, few integrate education, entrepreneurship, biodiversity conservation, and community development into one collaborative territorial model.

Founder Expertise

Our team combines local farming knowledge, regenerative agriculture training, conservation experience, medicine, branding, fundraising, and community organizing. We have organized festivals with 250+ attendees, educational programs, and local development

External Support

We have received support through partnerships with UACO, which opened scholarships for local residents to study regenerative agronomy, as well as sponsors and allies who have helped fund access to educational and regenerative agriculture programs.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9032 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Puentes aéreos para paso seguro de animales sobre carretera · Air & Environment

Puentes aéreos para paso seguro de animales sobre carretera

Country: Costa Rica · Heredia **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Innovative, durable, and functional

Climate Problem

If we lose many animals to power lines, we are losing the forest’s gene pool; consequently, the genetic diversity of both the animals and the forest will decline, as will that of predators, since their food supply is reduced—so they will either change their diet or die as well

Solution

I offer aerial bridges for animals made from recycled fiber-optic cables, which promotes a circular economy

Revenue Model

Selling my bridges to municipalities and environmental organizations

Target Market

Electric utilities

Social Impact

Women

Demand Evidence

In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of animals killed by power lines, so the government issued a decree requiring electric utility companies and municipalities to install overhead animal crossings.

Competitors

I don't have one right now because potential competitors are putting up roadblocks, and it's not a very practical system

Founder Expertise

An innovative project featuring a new design to improve the transport of animals between forests while ensuring their safety when crossing roads

External Support

None of them has managed to sell six bridges to an electricity provider in Costa Rica

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Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9342 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Red Colaborativa Ubuntu · Food & Agriculture

Red Colaborativa Ubuntu

Country: Costa Rica · San Mateo **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 5 **Website:** https://colectivavallemachuca.org/

Elevator Pitch

Ubuntu collaborative network connects people and resources for the common good. It uses surplus from sustainable farms, transforming it into longer-lasting products. It generates income through collaboration, sales, and barter.

Climate Problem

We address food waste and related emissions in local agricultural systems. Surplus from sustainable farms is lost due to lack of processing and market access. Reducing this is key to lowering emissions and strengthening resilience and local economies.

Solution

We offer a collaborative network that rescues agricultural surplus and turns it into higher-value, longer-lasting products. We connect producers, processors, and markets, reducing waste and emissions while generating local income through sales and barter.

Revenue Model

It generates income through sales of value-added products made from surplus, partnerships with local shops and markets, and barter systems. It also includes memberships, processing services, and alliances with regenerative initiatives.

Target Market

Our target market is Valle Machuca, a growing region with increasing population driven by people arriving from around the world and the development of ecovillages, creating demand for local and sustainable products.

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples, Migrants, Women

Demand Evidence

We are a nonprofit association operating a community market for 3 years, with steady growth in attendance. Additionally, other bioregions in Costa Rica have shown interest in replicating and participating in the project.

Competitors

As a collective project, there is nothing at this moment.

Founder Expertise

I bring experience in community building, regenerative project development, and local network management. We are also supported by 10 founding women with diverse, multicultural profiles, strengthening collaboration and on-the-ground implementation.

External Support

Nothing

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8830 Ingested: 2026-05-25

SABÓ by vanessa · Food & Agriculture

SABÓ by vanessa

Country: Costa Rica · San José **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Nature-Based **Stage:** Private Beta **Team Size:** 8 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Healthy Foods Gravy but made with fresh vegetables, healthy and delicious, cultivate and then eat

Climate Problem

El problema es que el suelo donde se cultiva está enfermo , y nosotros nos alimentamos de él necesitamos tener alimentos sanos libres de agroquímicos y ayudar a que nuestros suelos dejen de tener polución

Solution

La solución es primeramente tomar conciencia de la importancia de nuestros suelos , que se mantengan sanos , y de igual manera los ríos etc , por lo tanto es bueno la hidroponías y la acuicultura, producir nuestros alimentos de forma artesanal natural

Revenue Model

Sales , working , making other see the important to helps one and other ,

Target Market

For all the ones what cooks sales and has to see with nutrition

Social Impact

People of African Descent, Indigenous Peoples, Women

Demand Evidence

Because is a need it’s not an option

Competitors

Five

Founder Expertise

I made it , i always wanted to help other does some thing for generation help

External Support

Yo no he recibido ayuda externa , por ese mismo motivo es importante para mí que ustedes sepan de este proyecto y aporten para su crecimiento

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Sandra's Craft · Clean Industry

Sandra's Craft

Country: Costa Rica · Santa Cruz, Guanacaste **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** https://sites.google.com/view/sandrascraft?fbclid=iwdGRjcARmBftqvaDJu3LJqR6e7G6aH3rB-zF-KG23r71p97mOZqv-zb7ODLCmKxpui_Gerg&pli=1

Elevator Pitch

Sandra’s Craft creates reusable jicaro tableware rooted in Chorotega culture. Our eco-tableware replaces single-use plastics, reducing waste and pollution while promoting sustainable consumption and cultural preservation.

Climate Problem

Single-use plastic waste from food service drives pollution, emissions, and ecosystem damage. In tourist regions like Costa Rica, it threatens biodiversity, oceans, and local livelihoods, making urgent alternatives essential.

Solution

We produce reusable, biodegradable jicaro tableware that replaces single-use plastics. We work with artisans, supply hotels and restaurants, and promote circular use through durable products that reduce waste at the source.

Revenue Model

We sell eco-tableware to hotels, restaurants, and conscious consumers, offer customized products, and run cultural workshops. Our B2B model ensures recurring orders, while storytelling adds value and market differentiation.

Target Market

Our target market includes hotels, restaurants, and eco-lodges in tourist regions, especially those committed to sustainability. We also target conscious consumers seeking reusable, culturally rooted alternatives to single-use plastics.

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples, Women

Demand Evidence

We have active sales with hotels and restaurants, repeat orders, and growing interest in sustainable alternatives. Global trends and plastic bans also validate strong and increasing market demand.

Competitors

Competitors include disposable plastic suppliers and alternatives like bamboo or bioplastics. In our area, few offer reusable, culturally rooted products like ours, giving us a strong differentiation.

Founder Expertise

Over 30 years in cultural entrepreneurship and artisan production, continuing a family legacy started by my mother 3 years ago. Expertise in jicaro craftsmanship, sustainable design, and community-based training with women and youth artisans.

External Support

We have received support through national entrepreneurship programs, mentorship in sustainable business development, and recognition as a finalist in international competitions. We also collaborate with local artisan communities.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8802 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Secret EcoBliss - Cicular Coconut Platform · Clean Energy

Secret EcoBliss - Cicular Coconut Platform

Country: Costa Rica · Cartago **Category:** Clean Energy **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 6 **Website:** http://www.secretocaribe.com

Elevator Pitch

Secret EcoBliss is a circular platform transforming coconut waste into valuable resources at national scale. We connect the value chain to collect and valorize residues, reducing emissions and building a regenerative coconut industry in Costa Rica.

Climate Problem

Tons of unmanaged coconut waste releases methane and CO? through decomposition and burning. This overlooked issue drives emissions, pollution, and resource loss, making circular, scalable solutions urgently needed.

Solution

We build a circular platform that collects coconut waste, processes it in hubs, and transforms it into substrates, bio-inputs, and biomass. By connecting the value chain, we reduce emissions and turn waste into scalable economic value.

Revenue Model

We generate value by converting coconut waste into high-value products like substrates, bio-inputs, and biomass, while offering waste collection services. By scaling this circular model, we create new revenue streams and reduce environmental costs.

Target Market

We serve coconut producers and agro-industrial companies in Costa Rica, while targeting export markets with high demand for substrates and fiber for nurseries and industrial use. Few competitors offer a circular, scalable supply system.

Social Impact

People of African Descent, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Global demand for sustainable substrates and bio-based materials is rising. Coconut fiber is widely used in nurseries and industry, while unmanaged local waste creates a clear opportunity to meet both supply and demand needs.

Competitors

Some small-scale processors exist, but in Limón (we are located in Matina) there are no large-scale coconut waste management systems. Current solutions are fragmented, leaving a clear gap for an integrated circular platform.

Founder Expertise

We combine agro-industrial, operational, and value chain development experience, supported by strategic partners in sustainability and production. Our work in the coconut sector positions us to execute a scalable circular platform.

External Support

We have received early-stage support through grants, training programs, and internal investment, focused on building our agro-industrial base and circular model. We are also supported by advisors and strategic partners in sustainability and operations.

Sempiternal Honey · Food & Agriculture

Sempiternal Honey

Country: Costa Rica · Alajuela **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched
Team Size: 10 **Website:** — **Founder:** Jhonny Castro Granados

Elevator Pitch

We are an organization focus in the conservation, education & investigation of the really endangered native bees, for achieve our goal we sell products and services, like coffee, honey and tours, with that income we develop our conservation proyects

Climate Problem

I take care of the bees that just pollinates the 75% of all the existing plants, and from the 111 crops more consume by humans 75% are also pollinate by bees, so no bees no ecosystem no food no nothing

Solution

We are opening sanctuarys where we don't apply quemicals, full of flowers and resources that provides of resources and shelter to countless species, we obtain bee products and crops from these lands that help us fund the project

Revenue Model

I am already selling honey and other products in more than 10 stores, we have land for grow cacao and coffee for sell final product cause actually we resell, we offer guided tours in our fields the visitors pays and the students enter for free

Target Market

Almost everyone can be our market anyone with 5$ for a bottle of honey can be our customers, but the ones that are going to help us to achieve a bigger impact would be bigger sales, like online and also big distributors

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples

Demand Evidence

Productive land have better revenue than the SP500, and you don't produce anything without pollinators, we can look also at the graphics coffee, chocolate and honey production doesn't stop to decrease and demand don't stop to increase easy math

Competitors

There are also other coffee producers, there are also other chocolate producers in the area I receive at my location around 40 k persons during the year so if I place there only my products no competition, no many bee keepers in the area so no competition

Founder Expertise

More than 5 years working with previous products mentioned and a team of diferent experts who guide me in each specific area

External Support

None, everything have been done by ourselves, and what makes me more happy is that is working already so with some support I know we are going far

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Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8988 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Siloe Garden · Eco Sanctuary · Food & Agriculture

Siloe Garden · Eco Sanctuary

Country: Costa Rica · Cartago **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Adaptation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 3 **Website:** — **Founder:** Rosa Haydee Gavidia

Elevator Pitch

An organic nursery in La Cangreja (1,600 meters above sea level), run by a female head of household. We grow medicinal, ornamental, and fruit plants without agrochemicals and protect 1 hectare of cloud forest. We combine sustainable production with rural ecotourism.

Climate Problem

Deforestation of cloud forests in Costa Rica due to a lack of economic value. Without incentives, landowners destroy the forest. Siloe Garden demonstrates that conserving 1 hectare generates more income than clearing the forest.

Solution

Ecotourism center + organic nursery on 1 hectare of cloud forest in El Guarco, Cartago. Interpretive trails, pesticide-free plants grown in our own handmade potting mix, and home delivery. Conservation becomes a profitable business.

Revenue Model

Ecotourism tickets (?2,500 for adults / ?1,500 for seniors), sale of medicinal and ornamental plants, gazebo rentals, and home delivery in Cartago and the Greater Antioquia Metropolitan Area (GAM). Year 1 goal: ? 7,696,00

Target Market

Costa Rican families with gardens (income: ?350,000–?2.5 million/month) in Cartago and the Greater Antigua Metropolitan Area (GAM). 605,000 residents in the catchment area. Interested in affordable family ecotourism and organic medicinal plants.

Social Impact

Women

Demand Evidence

Actual sales via Facebook and WhatsApp before the official opening. In-house survey (n=10): 100% interest, 80% have a garden, 9 out of 10 use Facebook to shop. Tourism in Cartago grew by 8% per year (2020–2024).

Competitors

No direct competitors offering an ecotourism + organic nursery model in El Guarco. Indirect competitors: Jardín Lankester (orchids, ?3,500, no nursery), Irazú Volcano (?1,000, no picnic area). Siloe is the only hybrid model.

Founder Expertise

Certified in Naturopathy, Hotel Management (Penn Foster, USA), TSU Data Center, and INA training in Agricultural Project Development and Rural Entrepreneurship. Active digital channel with actual plant sales.

External Support

I have received training from INA Costa Rica in the evaluation and development of agricultural projects and rural entrepreneurship, including both theoretical instruction and hands-on fieldwork, during which I visited established ecological models.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8896 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Founder

Rosa Haydee Gavidia

Solano Forest Reserve · Food & Agriculture

Solano Forest Reserve

Country: Costa Rica · San Jose **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Nature-Based **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 1 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Solano Regenerative Forest Experiences is a Costa Rica-based conservation and regenerative tourism initiative protecting biodiversity through low-impact ecotourism. It promotes climate resilience and sustainable development through forest stewardship.

Climate Problem

Solano Forest Reserve addresses biodiversity loss, forest degradation, and climate vulnerability by protecting ecosystems through regenerative tourism and forest stewardship. This matters because healthy forests are essential for climate resilience, water

Solution

Solano Forest Reserve combines forest conservation, regenerative tourism, and sustainable land stewardship to protect biodiversity and critical ecosystems. The project creates sustainable economic opportunities while strengthening climate resilience, wate

Revenue Model

Solano Forest Reserve will generate revenue through regenerative tourism experiences, eco-lodging, conservation partnerships, and sustainable nature-based activities that support biodiversity protection and long-term forest stewardship.

Target Market

Solano Forest Reserve targets environmentally conscious travelers, eco-tourists, and strategic partners seeking nature-based experiences that support biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable tourism.

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples

Demand Evidence

Growing global demand for sustainable tourism, biodiversity conservation, and nature-based experiences supports our model. Costa Rica’s international leadership in ecotourism creates strong opportunities for regenerative tourism initiatives.

Competitors

In our area, we do not identify direct competitors, as the region is mainly focused on cattle farming. Solano Forest Reserve is one of the few local initiatives dedicated to biodiversity conservation and regenerative tourism.

Founder Expertise

I bring experience in sustainability, strategic partnerships, forest stewardship, and international business development. My background includes conservation initiatives, stakeholder engagement, and sustainable tourism projects in Costa Rica.

External Support

Solano Forest Reserve has received limited support through Costa Rica’s FONAFIFO forest conservation program. The reserve protects water sources, endemic species, and critical ecosystems through long-term forest stewardship and conservation efforts.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9100 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Soluciones Ecológicas Mundo Verde · Transportation

Soluciones Ecológicas Mundo Verde

Country: Costa Rica · Pérez Zeledón **Category:** Transportation **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Adaptation, Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 6 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Environmental sustainability and compostability

Climate Problem

Replacing plastic with biodegradable cleaning products and providing environmental consulting services for mangroves and wetlands, while encouraging companies to join in by launching a plastic-free campaign across the country

Solution

This would involve replacing plastics in packaging and providing awareness-raising consultations

Revenue Model

Through consulting services and the sale of supplies

Target Market

Tourism and commerce

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

We are already replacing products such as plastics

Competitors

Manufacturers of conventional plastics and chemicals

Founder Expertise

I am an environmental consultant and auditor

External Support

None

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9105 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Targua Naturals · Food & Agriculture

Targua Naturals

Country: Costa Rica · San José **Category:** Food & Agriculture **Impact Areas:** Adaptation, Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://linktr.ee/targuaCR

Elevator Pitch

We create hair care products (shampoo and tonic) made from the sap of the "Croton Draco" tree (without harming the tree), using a collaborative and regenerative agriculture model, and reviving traditional medicine.

Climate Problem

We address the issue that environmental conservation costs money and that it is necessary to generate passive income from the forest to help communities earn a living while protecting the forests. Additionally, we aim to promote traditional medicine.

Solution

This harvesting method is environmentally friendly, as it does not damage the tree like traditional methods do. We use leaf pruning, and this method is compatible with environmental service payment programs.

Revenue Model

We extract the latex from the tree and use it to make shampoo and hair tonic, which are sold in some macrobiotic stores in Costa Rica. We have been in business for two years and currently have 15 retail locations.

Target Market

People interested in natural hair care who enjoy using natural products.

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

There is demand, as we currently produce about 150 bottles a month.

Competitors

There are several domestic and international hair care brands and treatments, some of which use natural ingredients. However, I haven't seen any other cosmetic products made from Croton Draco in Costa Rica.

Founder Expertise

I am an agricultural engineer specializing in process innovation. I have over 15 years of experience in commercial sales. I am passionate about regenerative agriculture and rural entrepreneurship.

External Support

We were selected for the ACTIVA-CATIE program two years ago, receiving non-repayable grants that helped us develop the prototype and fund the scientific analyses that formed the basis of the extraction process.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9163 Ingested: 2026-05-25

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Country: Costa Rica · Grecia, Alajuela **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Mitigation, Adaptation, Circular Economy **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 2 **Website:**

https://www.instagram.com/wisteria.cr?igsh=dzB3MXVoM2hqd3U0

Elevator Pitch

Innovation Education Recycling Strategies

Climate Problem

Properly managing waste

Solution

Raising awareness through practical recycling strategies

Revenue Model

Selling handmade products that we make ourselves

Target Market

Jewelry

Social Impact

People of African Descent, Indigenous Peoples, Roma - Sinti and Travelers, Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic - Religious and Linguistic Minorities, Migrants, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women, LGBTQI+ People

Demand Evidence

There's too much demand because we see trash every day

Competitors

There isn't any

Founder Expertise

Manage each of the areas

External Support

None

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9289 Ingested: 2026-05-25

The Living Garden at El Escobón · Air & Environment

The Living Garden at El Escobón

Country: Costa Rica · Chires, Puriscal, San Jose **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Nature-Based **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 5 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Is a pollinator-friendly native garden beside a cattle corral that blends biodiversity, education, and tourism. Differentiator: women-led model turning livestock spaces into living classrooms and sustainable income sources.

Climate Problem

Our startup addresses biodiversity loss and land degradation from conventional cattle farming. It matters because restoring habitats improves climate resilience, captures carbon, and sustains ecosystem services vital for rural livelihoods.

Solution

We create pollinator gardens with native plants beside cattle corrals, integrating conservation into farming. Through women-led nurseries, training, and services, we restore habitats, boost biodiversity, and create sustainable income.

Revenue Model

We generate revenue by selling native plants, providing garden design and installation services, offering training workshops, producing stingless bee honey, and developing eco-tourism experiences on the farm.

Target Market

Our target market includes cattle farmers, rural landowners, eco-tourism operators, NGOs, and public programs seeking nature-based solutions, biodiversity restoration, and sustainable, women-led climate initiatives.

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women, LGBTQI+ People

Demand Evidence

We have validated demand through farmer interest, pilot results, and growing demand for sustainable practices, eco-tourism, and biodiversity solutions, supported by national incentives and increasing climate awareness.

Competitors

Competitors include nurseries, eco-tourism farms, and sustainability consultants. Few integrate livestock, biodiversity, and women-led models, giving us a differentiated, locally grounded solution.

Founder Expertise

We bring experience in sustainable livestock management, rural project design, biodiversity conservation, and community work, with a strong focus on women-led initiatives, environmental education, and nature-based solutions

External Support

We have received local technical guidance, community support, and early validation through pilot actions on the farm. We are building alliances with environmental organizations and exploring partnerships for scaling and impact.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8968 Ingested: 2026-05-25

ToyCycles · Air & Environment

ToyCycles

Country: Costa Rica · San josé **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Prototype **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://thetoycyclelab.com/ **Founder:** Sofia Gutierrez Bohorquez

Elevator Pitch

From waste to play This project investigates how recycled plastic bottles can be transformed into early-stimulation toys designed to support children’s development, particularly within vulnerable communities.

Climate Problem

The project addresses two areas: environmentally, high levels of plastic (PET) pollution; socially, vulnerability in communities near landfills, as well as play and early childhood development.

Solution

In order to mitigate the effects of pollution, the project aims to repurpose waste, turning it into a primary development tool for children aged 3 to 12 in vulnerable communities, enabling children to foster their cognitive, and emotional development.

Revenue Model

We will establish various communities to collect materials. We hope to attract the attention of various foundations and NGOs that share our vision and wish to join the initiative. In addition, we aim to develop a bigger business model.

Target Market

Children aged 0 to 6, vulnerable families, foundations, NGOs, environmental organizations, preschools, stores specializing in toys and others.

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty

Demand Evidence

Play is an inherent part of being human and should be encouraged as a key component of development. Furthermore, plastic pollution must be addressed from every possible angle, and it would be even better if this effort benefited the most vulnerable.

Competitors

Despite numerous initiatives to address plastic pollution, there is a gap in this specific market. Furthermore, our project goes beyond the material aspect and also aims to benefit early childhood by using play as a catalyst for development.

Founder Expertise

We are Sofia Gutierrez and Susana Colorado, senior industrial design students. We are united by our passion for design. Our experiences complement each other perfectly; we blend functionality, sustainability, and aesthetics.

External Support

During the product development phase, the LCI Veritas community participated in the material recollection process. The project also received the award for best project from the School of Product Design 2026-1.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9791 Ingested: 2026-05-25

VIBRA+ · Clean Industry

VIBRA+

Country: Costa Rica · San Ramón Alajuela **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Nature-Based **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 1 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

Natural cosmetics for humans and pets, crafted with essential oils and natural ingredients only. Chemical-free, artisanal, and designed with reusable or refillable packaging for a more sustainable lifestyle.

Climate Problem

We reduce plastic waste, water contamination, and chemical pollution by creating natural cosmetics for humans and pets with reusable or refillable packaging. This matters because healthier products and less waste protect people, animals, and the planet.

Solution

We create natural, chemical-free cosmetics for humans and pets using biodegradable ingredients and reusable packaging. Through refill systems and eco-conscious production, we reduce plastic waste, water contamination, and toxic chemicals in daily life.

Revenue Model

We generate revenue through direct sales of natural cosmetics for humans and pets, refill programs, workshops, online sales, artisan fairs, and partnerships with eco-conscious stores and wellness businesses.

Target Market

Eco-conscious consumers, families, pet owners, and wellness-focused customers seeking natural, chemical-free products with sustainable packaging and refill options for a healthier lifestyle.

Social Impact

Women

Demand Evidence

We have validated demand through repeat customers, growing sales at artisan fairs, social media engagement, workshops, and increasing consumer interest in sustainable, chemical-free products for humans and pets.

Competitors

Our competitors include traditional cosmetic brands and some natural product businesses. However, we differentiate ourselves through chemical-free formulations for humans and pets, reusable packaging, and a strong sustainability mission.

Founder Expertise

I bring expertise in aromatherapy, training in natural cosmetics, and ongoing specialization studies in natural formulation. I also hold an MBA and have years of professional experience managing operations, people, and business processes.

External Support

We have received support through artisan fairs, community programs, training in natural cosmetics, social media promotion, and collaboration opportunities with local cultural and entrepreneurial organizations. The San Ramon Municipality and Banco Popular.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9090 Ingested: 2026-05-25

ViaPsico · Not Assigned/ Unknown

ViaPsico

Country: Costa Rica · Heredia **Category:** Not Assigned/ Unknown **Impact Areas:** Adaptation **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 2 **Website:** https://viapsico.com

Elevator Pitch

We help reduce the emotional burden on people ranging from those experiencing eco-anxiety and illnesses associated with climate change to cancer patients and their caregivers, as well as climate migrants, among others.

Climate Problem

Migration and diseases associated with climate change. Its primary significance lies in the fact that it directly affects human beings.

Solution

To provide therapy and training to help lower patients' cortisol levels, offer solutions, encourage open-mindedness, and provide support during this time of uncertainty.

Revenue Model

Through psychological therapy Training sessions

Target Market

Employees of multinational companies and the general public who are concerned about climate change

Social Impact

Women

Demand Evidence

We are all concerned about climate change, which has been recognized by the WHO as a disease; it is an issue that receives little attention, yet there are many people who are unaware of this solution.

Competitors

From

Founder Expertise

Experience as a Climate Reality Leader I work for a human resources firm where we track health statistics for employees aged 18 to 55.

External Support

Business plan development by INCAE Business School

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8831 Ingested: 2026-05-25

Zero Waste Technology · Air & Environment

Zero Waste Technology

Country: Costa Rica · San José **Category:** Air & Environment **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy **Stage:** Launched **Team Size:** 4 **Website:** https://zerowastetechnology.kinsta.cloud/

Elevator Pitch

An innovative company committed to providing sustainable solutions that create synergy between profitability, the circular economy, and environmental responsibility

Climate Problem

Our startup addresses the problem of improper organic waste management, which generates methane emissions as the waste decomposes in landfills. We do this through composting and waste treatment technologies.

Solution

We offer technological solutions for the treatment of organic waste using specialized composting equipment. Our startup efficiently and sustainably transforms waste into usable compost.

Revenue Model

We will generate revenue by marketing and installing composting equipment, providing organic waste management services, and offering sustainable solutions to businesses, industries, and communities.

Target Market

Businesses, industries, municipalities, and communities that need sustainable solutions for the management and utilization of organic waste.

Social Impact

People Living in Extreme Poverty

Demand Evidence

We have identified a growing demand among businesses, industries, and communities seeking to reduce organic waste, lower disposal costs, and meet sustainability and circular economy goals.

Competitors

There are companies and suppliers involved in composting and organic waste management; however, many solutions are still limited in terms of technology, automation, and scalability.

Founder Expertise

Our team combines expertise in sustainability, environmental management, and the development of technological solutions for the treatment of organic waste.

External Support

To date, the project has been carried out using the team’s own resources and internal efforts, without having received any external support or additional funding.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 9656 Ingested: 2026-05-25

auto-sustainable farming school · Clean Energy

auto-sustainable farming school

Country: Costa Rica · Perez Zeledón **Category:** Clean Energy **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Ideation **Team Size:** 1 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

This project establishes a specialized educational center dedicated to teaching circular agricultural systems and a local recreational business

Climate Problem

strial farming depletes soil and wastes 70% of freshwater. We teach closed-loop systems to restore land fertility and secure food water-efficiently, ensuring communities thrive despite climate volatility and resource scarcity

Solution

We provide a hands-on training model focused on closed-loop agroecology. Students implement resource-recovery systems, renewable energy, and water recycling to transform depleted land into high-yield, self-sufficient food ecosystems

Revenue Model

Revenue flows through tuition for hands on certification programs, the sale of high-yield organic produce, and professional consulting services for landowners seeking to implement self-sufficient, closed-loop infrastructure.

Target Market

Families, farmers and students.

Social Impact

Indigenous Peoples, Refugees - Asylum-seekers and Internally Displaced People, People Living in Extreme Poverty, Women

Demand Evidence

Rising global food costs and climate instability have spiked interest in self-sufficiency. We see this through growing waitlists for regenerative workshops, increasing demand for eco-tourism, and local markets seeking reliable, organic food sources.

Competitors

Primary competitors include EARTH University, which offers formal degrees in sustainable agriculture, and Rancho Mastatal, known for intensive permaculture workshops. Locally, eco-communities like RISE Costa Rica also integrate organic farming

Founder Expertise

Economist developer

External Support

None

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8976 Ingested: 2026-05-25

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“GypsySoul transforms discarded materials into intentional pieces and ritual objects. Through our Spotify transmissions, we expand this world into sound—creating a sensory universe that reconnects women with their

identity and nature.”

Country: Costa Rica · Guanacaste **Category:** Clean Industry **Impact Areas:** Circular Economy, Nature-Based **Stage:** Pre-orders **Team Size:** 1 **Website:** —

Elevator Pitch

GypsySoul is a conscious design brand that transforms reclaimed materials into wearable pieces and ritual objects, rooted in circular design. Through our Spotify podcast, we expand this into a sonic universe that connects sustainability and identity.

Climate Problem

GypsySoul addresses textile waste by transforming discarded materials into new products through circular design. This matters because fashion is one of the most polluting industries, and reducing waste is key to a more sustainable system.

Solution

GypsySoul upcycles discarded materials into wearable pieces and ritual objects using small-batch production. Combined with our Spotify platform, we create a circular system that connects sustainability, identity, and conscious consumption.

Revenue Model

GypsySoul generates revenue through direct sales of wearable pieces, retail partnerships, and limited drops. We will expand into workshops and digital experiences through our Spotify platform, creating both physical and sonic value.

Target Market

GypsySoul targets conscious women aged 25–45 with medium to high income who value sustainability, identity, and intentional living. They seek unique, design-led products and meaningful alternatives to fast fashion.

Social Impact

Women

Demand Evidence

We have validated demand through early sales, customer feedback, and strong audience engagement. Our community actively seeks sustainable, small-batch products, confirming a growing market for circular and design-driven alternatives.

Competitors

Competitors include local and global sustainable fashion and upcycling brands. GypsySoul stands out by integrating circular design with a unique narrative and sonic platform, creating a deeper emotional and cultural connection.

Founder Expertise

I bring experience in design, storytelling, and brand building, developing GypsySoul as a cohesive universe across products and digital platforms. My work combines upcycling, identity-driven design, and audience connection.

External Support

GypsySoul is currently self-funded, with early validation through product sales and audience growth across social media and Spotify. We have built a strong brand identity and engaged community without external funding.

Source: ClimateLaunchpad 2026 Application · App ID: 8764 Ingested: 2026-05-25