



PROJECT PROPOSAL - AFRICAN CLIMATE FOUNDATION

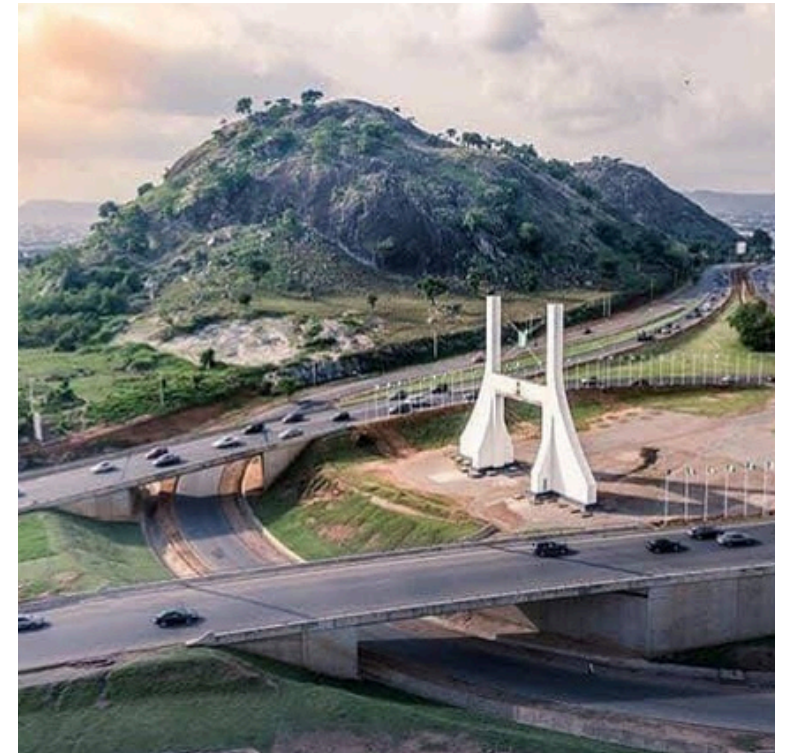
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Project Overview

Climate change is a critical issue globally, and Nigeria is particularly vulnerable due to its diverse climate and socio-economic challenges. To combat these challenges and harness the potential of Nigerian youth, we propose the establishment of an initiative focused on climate innovation and capacity building for youth. This initiative aims to empower young Nigerians with the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to develop innovative solutions to climate change.

Objectives

1. Establish a dedicated center to support climate-focused startups and projects, providing mentorship, resources, and a collaborative workspace.
2. Design and implement educational programs and curricula to empower youth in climate science, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
3. Organize programs and events to attract and engage youth organizations, fostering a network of climate-aware and proactive young leaders.
4. Create spaces and mechanisms for collaboration among various climate organizations to enhance collective impact and innovation.





The Importance of Engaging Youth in Nigeria

Nigeria has a significant youth population, with over 60% of its 200 million people under the age of 25. This demographic is crucial for the country's future, and engaging them early in climate action is essential. Young people are more open to new ideas, technology-savvy, and highly motivated to drive change. By capturing this demographic early, we can harness their energy and creativity to develop innovative solutions to climate challenges. However, many youth organizations in Nigeria lack the fundraising capacity and resources needed to scale their initiatives. They often require support from more established organizations to access funding and build their capabilities. This proposed initiative aims to bridge this gap by providing the necessary support, mentorship, and resources to these youth organizations.

Project Components

1. Staffing and Administration (\$50,000)

- Hire a team of experts and administrative staff to manage the center and programs.
- Provide training for staff on climate innovation and youth engagement.
- Develop operational policies and procedures to ensure effective management and sustainability.

2. Program Design and Curricula Development (\$30,000)

- Engage experts to design educational programs focused on climate science, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
- Develop training materials, workshops, and online courses tailored to the needs of young Nigerians.
- Ensure programs are inclusive and accessible to youth from diverse backgrounds.

3. Incubation Spaces (\$40,000)

- Create a conducive environment for innovation, including meeting rooms, workstations, and brainstorming areas.
- Implement sustainable practices within the incubation center to serve as a model for green infrastructure.

4. Youth Programs and Events (\$30,000)

- Provide platforms for young innovators to pitch their ideas, receive feedback, and connect with potential mentors and investors.
- Develop outreach strategies to engage schools, universities, and community groups in climate innovation activities.

Track Record

River Plate Associates, based in Abuja, Nigeria, has a **proven track record** in managing and developing sustainable projects. Their recent initiatives include the development of Park 174, a recreation park in the central business area of Abuja. The park has been designed with minimal environmental impact, encompassing only 3.99 percent of built-up area within its 20.72 hectares.

Key achievements of River Plate Associates include:

- **Erosion Management:** Implementing green landscapes that prevent soil erosion during peak rainfall periods.
- **Traffic Circulation:** Enhancing traffic flow and reducing congestion through well-designed internal road networks.
- **Temperature Regulation:** Utilizing green spaces to regulate urban temperatures, offsetting up to 50% of solar heat.
- **Renewable Energy Initiatives:** Commitment to integrating eco-friendly energy sources within park infrastructure.

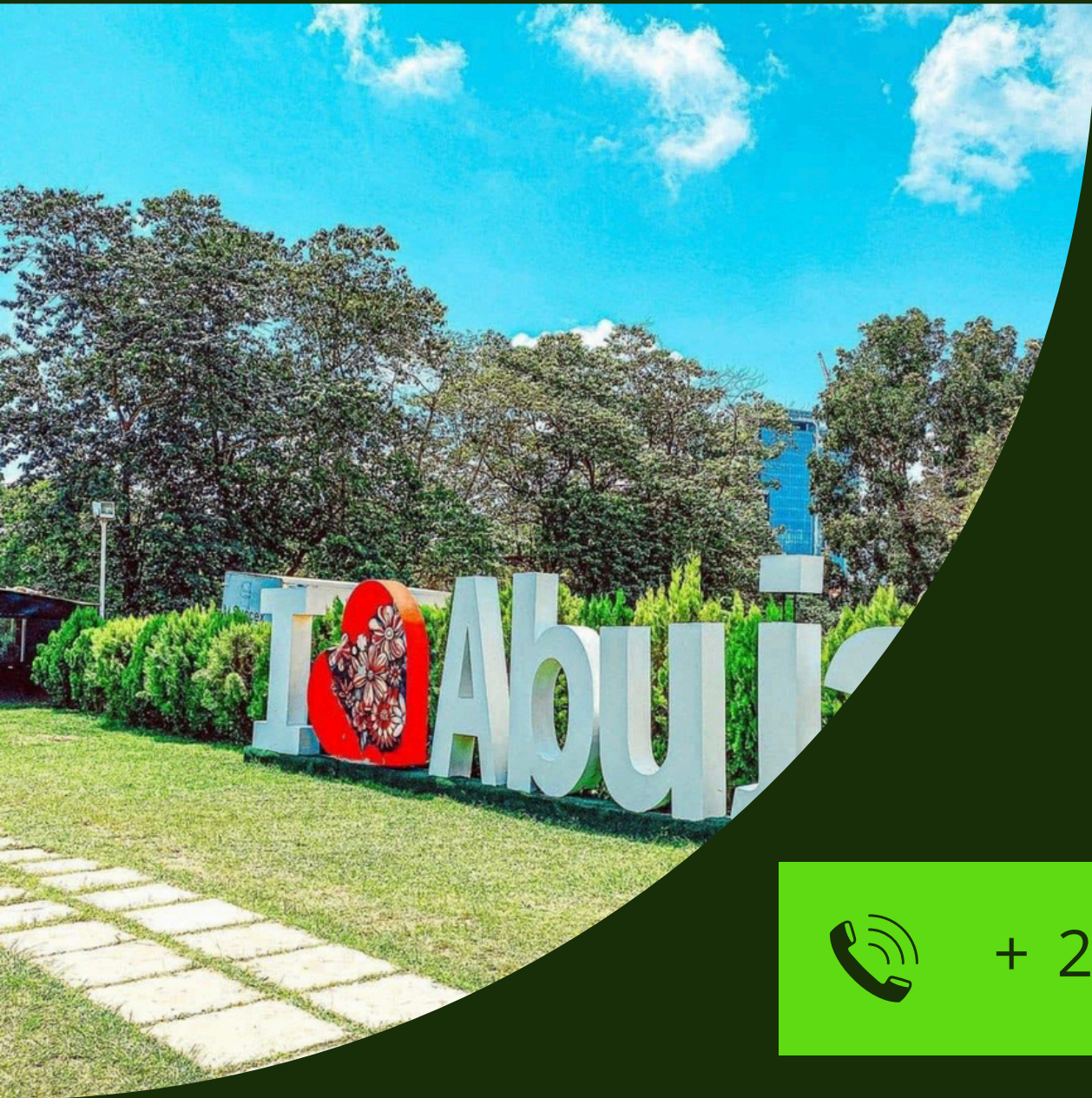


Conclusion

Investing in the proposed climate innovation and capacity-building initiative will create a ripple effect of positive change, empowering Nigerian youth to become leaders in the fight against climate change. The requested \$150,000 in grant funding will provide the necessary resources to establish and sustain this transformative initiative, driving progress towards a sustainable and resilient future for Nigeria and the world.

We are excited about the potential of this project and look forward to your support in making it a reality. Thank you for considering our proposal.





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