



ARE YOU MAKING THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE & INCLUSIVE CITIES?

**NEXT
GENERATION
CITY ACTION**

Inviting early-stage startups from diverse sectors to join a programme in Copenhagen, bringing holistic solutions and perspectives on our sustainable future cities, leaving no one behind.

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Next Generation is a flagship initiative by **DTU Skylab**, the innovation hub of the Technical University of Denmark. At its core, it revolves around **youth involvement** in the sustainability agenda through **global high-level congresses**. This year, the initiative is joining forces with the **UIA World Congress** of Architects Copenhagen 2023 to create Next Generation City Action (NGCA).

The **Young Entrepreneurs Track** of NGCA focuses on accelerating early-stage technology startups into the UIA World Congress. We do so by offering an acceleration journey from the 1st of June, focused on building a strong **congress strategy** and preparing the teams to **exhibit, pitch**, and creating new international **partnerships**. We will select a total of 15 startups to join our programme.

WHAT WE OFFER

- ✓ Accelerate the **outreach** of your business.
- ✓ Grow your **international network** with leading experts, business mentors, and like-minded startups and innovators.
- ✓ **Expose** your solution on a **global stage** in front of relevant partners.
- ✓ Opportunity to connect with new **end-users**.
- ✓ Get concrete **tools** and **sparring** on how to work with **inclusion and universal design** as an innovation- and market opportunity.
- ✓ **Social events** with the startup and student entrepreneurial **community**.
- ✓ **Fully covered travel, accommodation and participation** at the UIA World Congress of Architects Copenhagen 2023 for two team members (min. one founder).

24 APR ● **DEADLINE APPLICATION**

1 MAY ● **ANNOUNCEMENT OF PARTICIPATION**

31 MAY ● **KICK-OFF**

1-26 JUN ● **ACCELERATION - VIRTUAL**

28 JUN ● **ARRIVAL TO COPENHAGEN**

2-6 JUL ● **UIA WORLDCONGRESS**

SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) A **registered company** in one of our partnering countries (*listed on application page*).
- b) Your technology or service is relevant to one or more of the themes of the congress: Climate adaptation, rethinking resources, resilient communities, health, inclusivity, partnerships for change.
- c) Sustainability and inclusion are focus areas of interest within your startup.
- d) Started the business within the last **2-5 years**.
- e) Minimum one founder is a **young professional** with a max-age of 35 years.
- f) Ideally coming out of university/academia (but not a requirement)
- g) Two members (minimum one founder) are able to participate in selected **virtual meetings/session in June** and **physically in Copenhagen** from the **28th of June to the 6th of July**.
- h) Able to bring **material that showcases the solution** (e.g. small prototype/model or tech solution, and video/website).
- i) English proficiency.

Each applicant must fulfil these criteria to be considered into the program. Selection between applicants is based on how well they meet the program criteria.

WHAT YOU COMMIT TO

- ✓ Participating in an **acceleration journey** over the month of June, including joint Bootcamp sessions, Keynotes and individual mentoring sessions. Approximately **5 hours a week**.
- ✓ Participating in the **UIA World Congress** and our preparation program leading up to it. **Full-time from the 28th of June to the 6th of July**.
- ✓ **Openly engage in the program**, supporting the other participants with your unique insights and knowledge.



“The Young Entrepreneurs Track was a huge boost to our team’s journey ... the entire initiative was a great experience for our team!”

Founders of AgroMorph,
2021 Participants from India



“The networks created a broad perspective on how the water sector is interlinked and how collaborations within the sector will enhance success and sustainability”

2021 participant from Kenya

