

Do you have an idea for reducing plastic pollution through local recycling?



Winner will be announced at the end of September

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines is issuing an incentivized challenge to inventors within academia and private enterprise to explore the potential of using plastics and volcanic ash as raw materials in the production of useful products.

The challenge is open to:

- Vincentians
- other OECS national
- The wider Caribbean and further field.

Judging criteria:

- creative use(s)
- novel ideas and solutions
- potential to reduce social impacts of plastic, and if possible volcanic ash for diversification of agricultural input products with export potential
- possible contribution to economic growth
- creation of livelihoods, and the involvement of communities

Proposals should support research that addresses the problems caused as a result of plastic waste and offer solution suitable to the context of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), such that they can make an important contribution in reducing plastic waste, at a local, national and regional level. Proposals can also seek to build on existing relevant research to bridge any knowledge gaps and provide workable solutions. [Download the complete challenge brief.](#)

The deadline for submission of proposals: September 30th 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Email Proposals to: emdsvg@gmail.com

Winner will have a four-month timeline to demonstrate the proposed solution which will be unveiled on January 31, 2022. The winner's grant of US\$20,000 will fund the development of the selected proposal for demonstration purposes.



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