



Introduction To GreenWorks 4 Africa

The GreenWorks 4 Africa (GW4A) Forum is a unique continental co-designing forum led by Jacob's Ladder Africa among various partners that convenes stakeholders to drive tangible change towards Africa's green and just transitions. Unlike a traditional conference or summit, GreenWorks 4 Africa is designed as a holistic co-creation and workshopping platform, a space for practitioners, policymakers, investors, young innovators and African governments to collaborate on identifying actionable solutions and reforms for the entire ecosystem of skills, policies and financing needed to advance Africa's green economy. Grounded in practical case studies and real-world experiences from across the continent, the Forum emphasises implementation, scale, and measurable impact.

The 2026 GW4A Forum, scheduled for the **11th-13th of August 2026** in Nairobi, Kenya, will focus on sector-specific deep dives, collaborative problem-solving, and the co-design of practical models for green jobs, skills development, financing, and policy reform. The Forum supports the alignment of national priorities with continental strategies, advancing a coordinated and unified African voice at COP32.

The overarching objectives of the Forum are to:

1. Showcase best practices, effective models and scalable, innovative African solutions to youth unemployment through green jobs and enterprises.
2. Develop an actionable knowledge product linking job creators and skills developers to inform program design and policy reform.
3. Identify sustainable financing models for green skills development and job creation.
4. Build momentum behind an Africa-wide coalition of actors and a lasting community of practice committed to shared standards for inclusive green growth and decent work.
5. Adopt practical tools for measuring green job creation and workforce readiness.
6. Articulate a unified African position on integrating green jobs development into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), with consolidated reporting at COP32 in Addis Ababa.

GreenWorks 4 Africa (GW4A) is calling for high-impact case studies from across the continent that demonstrate measurable progress and practical learning within the six thematic sectoral pillars:

1. Renewable Energy and Productive Use of Energy
2. E-mobility, Green Infrastructure & Urbanization
3. Climate Resilient Agriculture and Smart Food Systems
4. Circularity & Waste Systems
5. Natural Capital and Nature Based Enterprises



6. Industrial Decarbonisation, Green Manufacturing & Mining

From the lens of the following cross cutting enabling pillars:

- Finance, Technology, Innovation & Market Systems
- Social Systems
- Policy, Regulation & Governance Systems

GW4A Case Study Template & Guidelines

1. The case study content should be in English
2. The maximum word count should be 2,000 words
3. If your title includes scientific notation, Greek letters, bold, italics, or other special characters or symbols, do make sure they appear correctly.
4. The corresponding author's details should be accurate, as they will be used for all further communication.
5. The case study should highlight the major points of your project or research and should include tables, figures and references where necessary.
6. The case study selection criteria is based on broad thematic and systemic alignment, as well as fair regional representation across Africa's five sub-regions. For example, three case studies will focus on Circularity and Waste Management across Finance, Technology/Innovation, and Market Systems; one will examine Policy, Regulatory, and Governance Systems; and one will focus on Social Systems.
7. The Deadline of Submission of the case studies will be **30th June, 2026** Midnight EAT and may be presented during any Pre-Convenings of the Forum from March - June 2026.

****By submitting a case study, contributors grant Jacob's Ladder Africa and the GreenWorks 4 Africa Forum the right to review, edit, publish, and disseminate the material across Forum platforms and related knowledge products, with full attribution to the authors and their organisations.***



Case Study Format

Biographical Details

- 1. Corresponding Author name:**
- 2. Organization:**
- 3. Phone. No:**
- 4. Email ID's:**
- 5. WhatsApp No: For conference updates only**
- 6. Any alternative number:**
- 7. Additional authors (if applicable):**
- 8. Project Partners (if applicable):**

Proposed Case Study Structure Format

Case Study Title: *(Type your case study title here)*

Case Study Category: *(Select the relevant thematic area from the following: Renewable Energy & Productive Use of Energy; Climate Resilient Agriculture and Smart Food Systems; E-Mobility, Green Infrastructure and Urbanization; Circularity & Waste Systems; Natural Capital & Nature-Based Enterprises; Industrial Decarbonization, Green Manufacturing and Mining)*

Presentation Style: *Please share your initial case study in doc/doc.x/ word format. Following the initial submission in DOC/DOCX format, a PowerPoint presentation is to be submitted by 30 June 2026, Midnight EAT, should your presentation be selected.*

Please Submit Your Case Study with:

- 1. Case Study Abstract (2000 words):** To be Submitted by 30 June, 2026, Midnight EAT
- 2. Biography (200 words):** To be submitted by 30 June, 2026, Midnight EAT

Format Your Case Study Abstract Outline as follows:

- 1. Project Timeline in Years: e.g., 2022-2025 (project start)**
- 2. Project Country:**
- 3. Project Scope:** One of the thematic sectoral groupings and any systemic frame
- 4. Project Background:** Context and overview of the project or program (including local and sector focus e.g., Good practice related to circular economy)
- 5. Project Assumptions & Approach:** The initial assumptions, strategies, or models the initiative employed.



6. **Project Financial Model:** How the project is financed or revenue is generated, and any financial innovations or challenges.
7. **Project Outcomes to Date and Success Factors:** Results achieved (e.g. verified number of jobs created, people trained, disaggregated (gender, youth, geography) inclusion metrics) and progress made.
8. **Project Risks/Constraints/Challenges:** Difficulties encountered, risks taken, and aspects that didn't go as planned.
9. **Project Replicability and/or up-scaling potential:** An assessment of whether and how the approach could be scaled or replicated across different contexts or countries.
10. **Lessons Learned:** Insights gained, including what worked well and where things went wrong.
11. **Definitions:** How your organisation defines key terms used in the case study.
12. If applicable **add links** to:
 - Detailed information of the project: e.g., project website/report
 - Timelapse video of the project
 - Video presenting project concept (alternative videos)
 - Article(s) about the project

How to Submit: The GreenWorks 4 Africa Submission Portal

To upload your case study and biographical details, please visit the official GreenWorks 4 Africa website: (<https://greenworks.jacobsladder.africa/case-study-submission>).

For any questions or support, please reach out to greenworks@jacobsladder.africa.