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Third round of Young Champions of the Earth competition

Looking for big ideas for the world's future

Covestro and UN Environment call for young people to take part

Covestro and the United Nations are again calling for nominations for Young Champions of the Earth, the prestigious prize for environmental entrepreneurs aged between 18 and 30 with a big idea for the world's future.

Each of seven winners in the 2019 program, the third year of the global competition, will receive \$15,000 seed money to invest in their projects, invitations and funding to attend high-level UN meetings to share their ideas with the world, and training and mentorship.

Covestro CEO Dr. Markus Steilemann says: "Engaging with the Young Champions from the past two years has demonstrated the concern and commitment they have over the future of our planet. Their passion is very much shared by Covestro and I am delighted to help launch a further round of this global competition, which is a brilliant platform to help young professionals make their dreams become reality. Together we can make the world a brighter place."

Joyce Msuya, UN Environment Acting Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-General of the UN, adds: "The Young Champions of the Earth prize combines two ingredients that are critical to save our planet – innovation and the drive of young people. We need both in equal measures to address the planet's most pressing environmental challenges."

With climate change threatening the existence of our natural ecosystems and societies, the competition's organisers hope to find individuals who see beyond the crisis and have the courage to invent the future by carving their place in a new greener economy.



Following an open call for applications, a global jury will select the seven 2019 winners. Each winner will be expected to implement their idea and keep UN Environment and partners updated on their progress by producing videos and blogs.

For further information see <http://www.unep.org/youngchampions>

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