



DAY1: Tuesday 8th July 2025 (Onsite).

Venue: Marcellina Centre Along Radisson Hotel, Ikeja GRA, Lagos, Nigeria.

DAY2: Thursday 20th November 2025 (Virtual).

Venue: Webcast. Time: 12.30-5.00pm WAT.

3rd TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS STUDENT ENERGY PITCH CONTEST

(Call for Pitch Decks - open to tertiary institution student teams in Nigeria only)

Background:

Tertiary Institutions Student Energy Pitch Challenge (TIEC) aims to promote student-led clean energy innovations, awareness, and investments across higher education institutions in Nigeria. Since 2023, **the TIEC was co-created by NEF and All On, an impact investment firm. The 3rd TIEC cohort will accelerate high-impact energy innovations, foster job creation and boost youth employment** across student-led team from tertiary institutions in Nigeria. Shortlisted teams will be invited to pitch ideas, present a poster and attend energy transition knowledge building and network events in-person at the 10th Nigeria Energy Forum at Marcellina Centre, Along Radisson Hotel, Ikeja GRA, Lagos, Nigeria. Winning teams will be awarded a share of 4.5M naira in grants and more in business support and mentorship. The 2025 TIEC3.0 **key themes are: (i) Powering Youth Employment & Jobs; (ii) Energizing Agri-business; (iii) Green Manufacturing & Value Addition; (iv) Electrified Mobility & CNG for Transport.**

Eligibility:

- Teams must be formed by undergraduate/masters students, registered in tertiary institutions in Nigeria, including universities, polytechnics, technical colleges & other degree-awarding institutions;
- Teams may be formed across different departments/faculty within an institution to foster collaboration and innovation;
- A faculty/institutional staff member **MUST** mentor student teams. Student chapters of professional institutions including, IEEE/NiMechE/NSE and others are also encouraged to apply; and
- Gender equity/balance in team composition is strongly encouraged & **MUST** be implemented across all stages of the project from ideation to delivery.
- Past TIEC Winners are strongly encouraged to serve as ambassadors, by promoting the opportunity across their region, and mentoring upcoming teams rather than re-submitting previous entries.

Prizes and Opportunities:

- A share of 4.5 million Naira** grants to be awarded to winning teams to pilot/upscale project prototype. **2 million First Prize; 1.5 million Naira 2nd Prize & 1 million Naira 3rd Prize.**
- At least 2 student representatives (comprising at least 1 woman and 1man) of each shortlisted teams **MUST** be accompanied by 1 faculty staff member; and will be offered complimentary registration,
- Hotel accommodation & travel/logistics support; to fully participate at the 10th NEF2025 technical, training, networking, capacity building sessions and Live Pitch Finals to be held on Tues. 8th July 2025 in Lagos.

How to Apply: Pitch Decks will be reviewed on a first-come first-served basis, early submission is encouraged.

- First, all teams MUST** complete the online form at: www.theneforg.org/tiec2025, including a 50-word abstract of the proposed innovation/project, with **attachment of 7-slides Pitch Deck** using pdf version by **7th May 2025**.
- Next**, Proof of submission of the online form, **MUST be forwarded by email** to no-reply@thenef.org,

Evaluation Criteria: The entries will be evaluated by an independent expert panel using the following attributes:

- Local Content: utilize local resources, demonstrate use of local expertise, to address global challenges;
- Originality and creativity: present solutions that are original and creative in areas of energy application;
- Commercial Viability: proposed solution must be cost efficient and commercially viable;
- Youth Employment: ideas must link young people to quality employment or entrepreneurship opportunity;
- Teamship: including gender balance; team capabilities; composition & motivation of shortlisted teams.

Key Dates:

- 7th May 2025** – Stage 1: Submit Pitch Deck (with maximum 7 slides) to outline idea, problem statement, proposed innovation solution; cost-benefit analysis; team composition and impact.
- 9th June 2025** – Notification of Shortlist entries to proceed to Stage 2 & Stage 3;
- 17th June 2025** – Stage 2: Shortlisted entries submit 1-page Poster to illustrate the concept, technical design, delivery plan, & cost/benefit analysis. Upload 1-minute Pitch video by team on social media.
- 7th-8th July, 2025** – Stage 3: Arrival in Lagos; Poster Presentation; Live Pitch Finals & Awards at NEF2025.
- 20th Nov. 2025** – Winners submit 2-minutes video, present progress & grant impact to global audience at webcast.