MTN ESWATINI PACHIPANDA CHALLENGE 2026

Nature Meets Innovation: Unlocking Africa's Green Economy

The Green Innovation Accelerator

6-22/10/2026

Onboarding Session 6th October, 2026

Eswatini PachiPanda Challenge
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Likusasa Letfu

Why PachiPanda?

- Zambia 2024
- Cameroon, Eswatini, Nigeria, South Africa, Zambia - 2026
- Nature Meets Innovation: Unlocking Africa’s Green Economy



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The Challenges

- Reimagining Food and Farming
- Securing Eswatini's water future
- Restoring Nature
- Turning Waste and Energy Challenges into Opportunities



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The Team

- NLL
  - Penelope Matsebula - Logistics
  - Nathi Dlamini - Project Officer
  - Banele Nkambule - M&E, Mentoring
  - Yael Uzan-Tidhar - Training, mentoring
- Facilitators: UNDP, EEA, ENTC, Malanie Dlamini, Claudia Castellanos, Melusi Dlamini, Paula Marques, Sabelo Dlamini, Elizabeth Mzungu, ERS, ESWASA





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Yael Uzan-Tidhar

The Plan



- Challenge phases:
  - Applications - 18/9
  - Green Innovation Accelerator - 6-21/10
  - National Pitch Competition - 2/10
  - Incubator - Nov 2026-Jan 2027
  - Continental Pitch Competition - Feb 2027

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The Plan

Theme	Date	Format	Facilitators
Green Econoy	7 Oct 2026	Online	UNDP, EEA, ENTC
Ideation, Design Thinking and Marketing Tools	9 Oct 2026	LLYCC	Melani Dlamini, Yael Uzan-Tidhar
Pitching	13 Oct 2026	LLYCC	Claudia Castellanos
Marketing, Sales, customers	14 Oct 2026	LLYCC	Melusi Dlamini, Paula Marques
Business Model and refine solution	15 Oct 2026	LLYCC	Sabelo Dlamini, NLL
Finances	20 Oct 2026	Online	Yael Uzan-Tidhar, MTN
Standars, Tax and Regulations	21 Oct 2026	Online	Elizabeth Mzungu, ERS, ESWASA
National Pitch Day	22 Oct 2026	MTN	

Expectations



Innovators > Programme

- Structured mentorship and coaching
- Skills-building workshops
- Networking and partnership opportunities
- Visibility and exposure
- Post-competition support

Programme > Innovators

- Full commitment and attendance
- A viable green innovation idea or business
- Openness to feedback and coaching
- Timely delivery of milestones
- Professionalism and collaboration



Thubelihle.org

- https://thubelihle.org/pachipanda-challenge-eswatini-2026/
- Resource Centre -
  - Workshops presentations
  - usful links

MTN Ambassadors

- **Dos and Don’ts - You are representing MTN**

#PachiPanda2026

#NatureMeetsInnovation

#DoingForTomorrowToday

#DoingGoodTogether

#YouthInnovation

#Sustainability

#InnovationForImpact

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Where, when, and how

- Attendance - 100%
- Online and in person
- Communication - WhatApp
- MTN Number and Mobile Money Account



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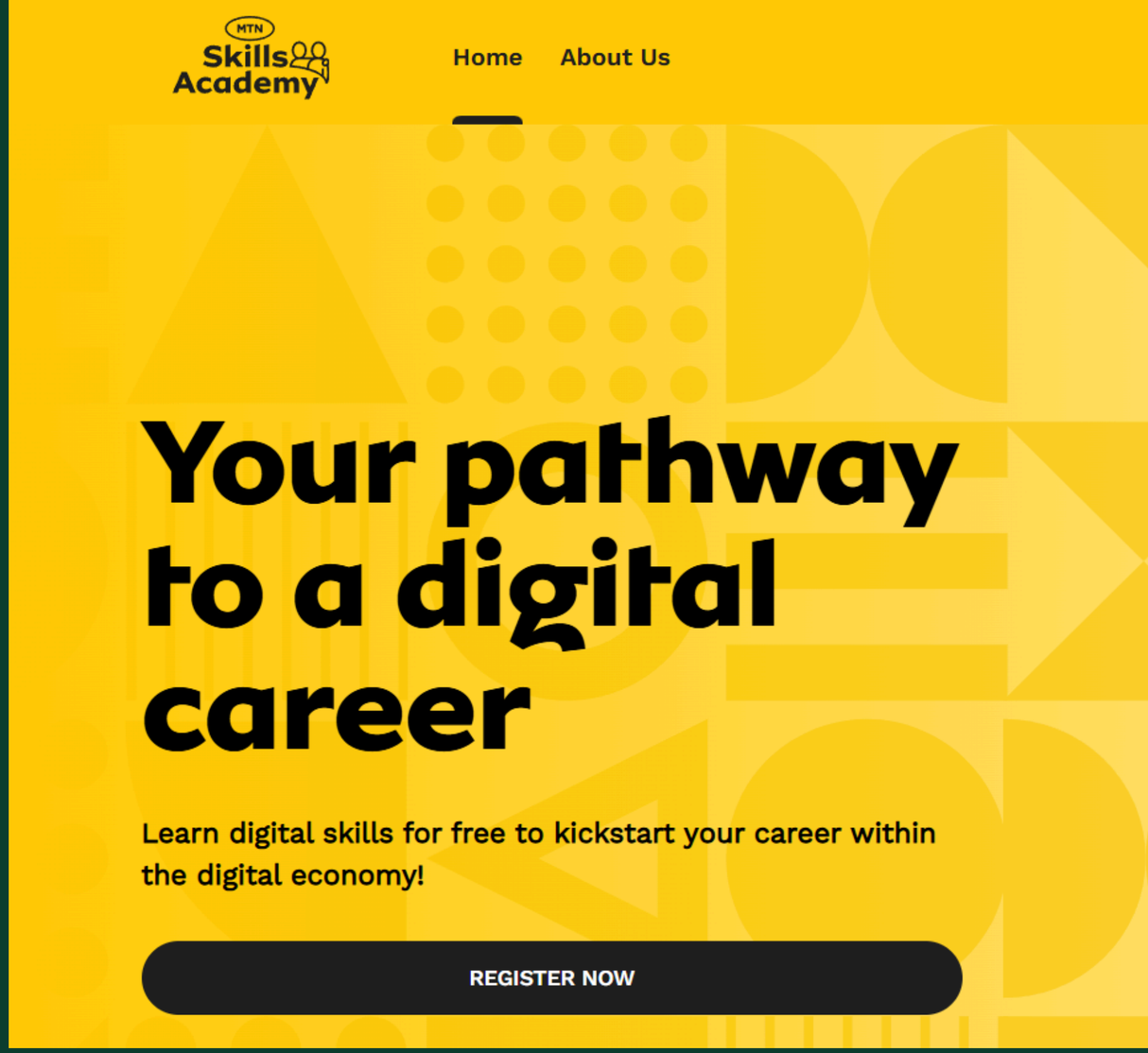
Nkosinathi Dlamini

MTN SKILLS ACADEMY

https://skillsacademy.mtn.com/



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Likusasa Letfu Youth Career Centre





- Internet Cafe
- Career Path Consultation
- Office Services
- Working/Study Space
- Library
- Khangisa Shop and Market
- Monthly workshops

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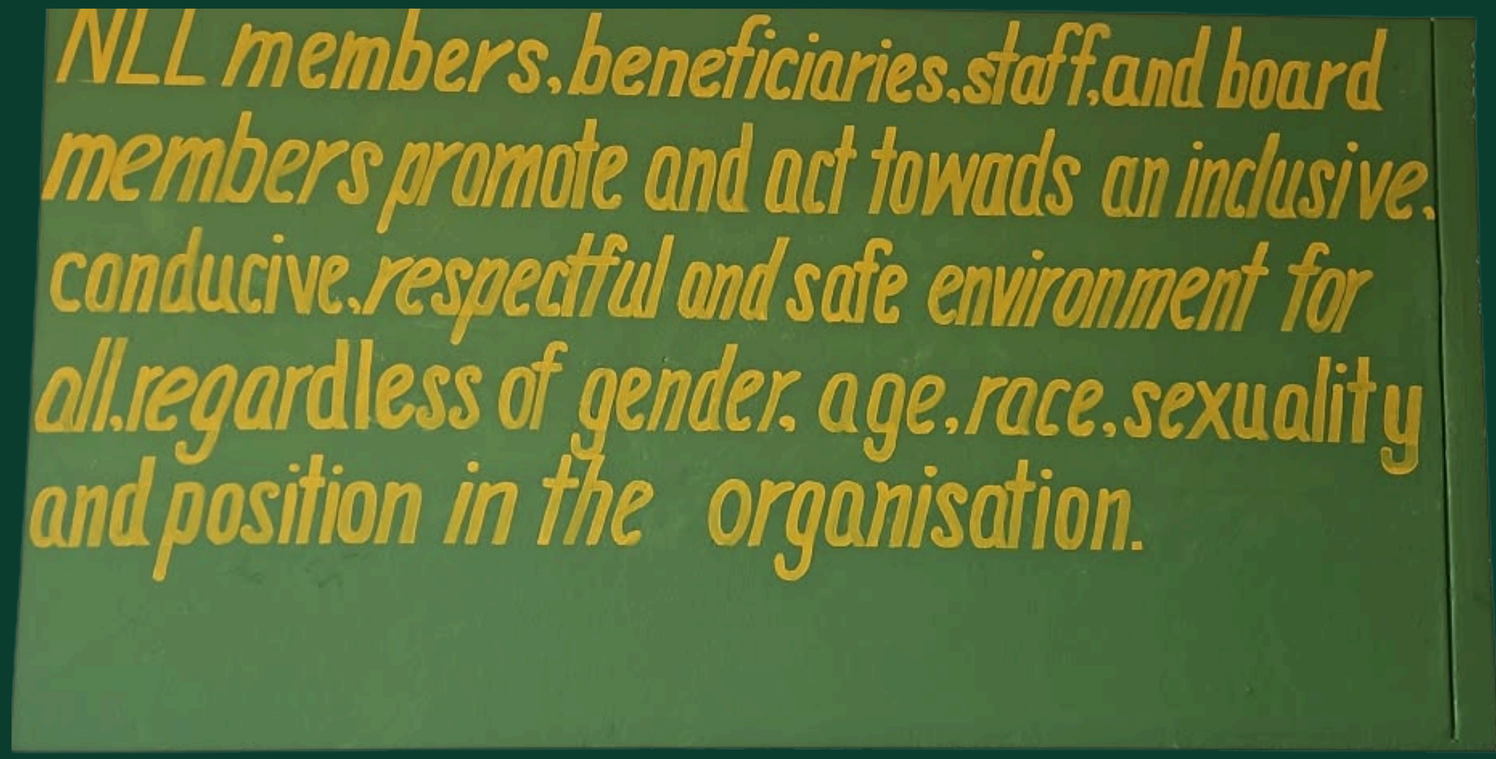
PSEA & Reporting



- Inclusive and respectful
- Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
- Sign the Code of Conduct
- Whom to report to

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Protecting People, Protecting Ideas



- Pesonal Data
- Media Consent
- Intellectual Property
- Confidentiality

COLLECT
only what you need

USE
for the stated purpose

PROTECT
from misuse

STORE
with limited access

DISPOSE
responsibly

Banele Nkambule

Mentorship

- One-on-One Mentorship
- Practical Business Guidance
- Access to Experts & Industry Networks
- Regular Check-ins & Accountability
- Continued Support Beyond the Accelerator



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Code Of Conduct

See You Tomorrow!

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