

Miller Center & Chevron Launch Climate Resilience Accelerator in Asia Pacific

Social entrepreneurship leaders focused on solutions addressing vulnerable populations chosen for a climate resilience accelerator designed to help them scale

SANTA CLARA, CA, UNITED STATES, June 17, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Social entrepreneurship leaders from India, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam who are focused on solutions that address vulnerable populations suffering disproportionately from climate change in the areas of energy, water, and climate-smart agriculture, have been selected to participate in a program designed to help scale their organizations.



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The [2021 Miller Center Climate Resilience Asia Pacific Accelerator](#), supported by Chevron, launched today with 11 social enterprises that are focused on one or more of the following:

- Energy, by providing access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy
- Water, ensuring availability and sustainable

management of water and sanitation

- Climate-smart agriculture, implementing sustainable food production systems and resilient agricultural practices to increase productivity and production

According to the World Bank, climate change has not slowed down and its connection with human wellbeing and poverty is increasingly visible. Unchecked, it will push 132 million people into poverty over the next 10 years, undoing hard-won development gains.

Chevron is supporting the program through a \$250k grant. The six-month, online accelerator provides practical tools, proven curriculum, online workshops and "best practices" based on Miller Center's deep experience helping social enterprises attain operational excellence and prepare for investment. Each of the social enterprise leaders also benefits from global executive business leaders who mentor the entrepreneurs.

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sustainable world,” said Nigel Hearne, president, Chevron Eurasia Pacific Exploration and Production.

The social enterprises selected for Miller Center’s Climate Resilience Asia Pacific Accelerator range from supporting underserved areas with access to clean energy and food security; bringing breakthrough technologies to impact marginalized farmers and increase food production; and, delivering water to people who previously had no access to it. There is no charge to participate.

Participating social entrepreneurs lead for-profit, non-profit, or hybrid organizations with a clear commitment to and pathway toward an earned revenue model with the potential to scale. Each is focused on creating social impact for people living in poverty, has been in operation for one or more years, and has a minimum of US\$50K in revenue. The complete list of social enterprises can be found [here](#).

About Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship

Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship is the foremost university-based social enterprise accelerator in the world. With an emphasis on climate resilience and women’s economic empowerment, we accelerate social entrepreneurship to eliminate global poverty. Located at Santa Clara University (SCU), we have served more than 1,200 social entrepreneurs, engaged 162 SCU students in field research, and currently work with 370 business leaders from around the world who participate as mentors in our programs.

About Chevron

As a leading energy company in the Asia-Pacific region, Chevron provides affordable, reliable, and ever-cleaner energy for millions of people. We create local economic opportunity, contribute to the energy security of the region’s nations, and strive to empower people to meet their full potential. We are active in Australia, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Myanmar and Thailand. With some of the most productive and long-established energy basins in the world, we are applying human ingenuity and advanced technology to develop major capital projects, increase production from mature fields and explore for new energy resources.

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