



GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK



A VIRTUAL STARTUP HUDDLE

November 10, 2021 | 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (EST)

THE EVOLVING GUYANESE STARTUP ECOSYSTEM: INNOVATION AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY BUSINESS SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

Why Participate in the Virtual Startup Huddle?

Guyana's entrepreneurial ecosystem is evolving; diverse players are making it easier for startups to access resources and thrive. Civil society business support organizations (BSOs) and innovative corporations now enable startup founders to actualize their ideas and contribute to the economic betterment of Guyana.

The GEN Guyana Virtual Startup Huddle will place the spotlight on these [Guyanese Civil Society BSOs](#), forward-looking corporations supporting innovation, and startup founders that are evolving Guyana's startup ecosystem. Join us and hear from standout innovators and the BSOs and companies facilitating their growth.

Virtual Startup Huddle | Program

10:05 to 10:10 am	Welcome in Carol Webster, GEN Guyana
10:10 to 10:20 am	Keynote Corporate Sponsored Startup Innovation in Guyana Corporate Sponsored Startup Innovation in Guyana Damian Blackburn, CEO, Guyana Telephone & Telegraph Company (GTT)
10:20 to 10:55 am	Business Pitches in Oslene Carrington, GEN Guyana 2021-22 Guyana Innovation Prize Venture Fellow Vickacy Williams, Founder, Aurora 2021-22 Guyana Innovation Prize Venture Fellow Jubilante Cutting, Founder, Guyana Animation Network 2021 Nestle Vision-to-Reality Startup Competition Awardee Crystal Charles, Founder, Enbio - A Sisal Production Business Together We Win Business Network Stephanie Noble, Member; Co-Founder, Daughter of Zion Hair and Skincare Products
10:55 to 11:05 am	Remarks Sarah-Ann Lynch, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana
11:05 to 11:55 am	Panel Discussion The Evolving Guyanese Startup Ecosystem: Innovation and the Role of Civil Society Business Support Organizations in Lyndell Danzie-Black, GEN Guyana Together We Win Business Network in Sancha Halley, CEO of Ready Set Grow Consultancy Linden Fund USA LFU Guyana Inc. in Onika Stellingburg, Director of Economic Development Academy of Women Entrepreneurs in Abbigale Loncke, Founder Innovate Guyana in Renatha Exeter, VP of Business Development
11:55 am to 12:00 pm	Closing Remarks in Carol Webster, GEN Guyana

Guyana Startup Innovators



2021 - 2022 Guyana Innovation Prize Venture Fellow

Vickacy William, Founder, Aurora

With a background in Pharmacology, Medicine, Economics, the Social Sciences and, of recent, Environmental Science and Green Energy, Vickacy is the brainchild of Aurora. Aurora transforms plastic waste into industrial elements such as decorative floor and wall tiles, countertops, and, separately, bricks that are being tested for use in construction.

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[in](#) Jubilante Cutting, Founder, Guyana Animation Network

Jubilante is Founder and CEO of the Guyana Animation Network (GAN) Inc., which provides digital and creative skills training and employment opportunities for artists and technologists in Guyana, thereby enabling them to participate in the graphic design and animation industry in the Guyana, the Caribbean and North America.

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2021 Nestle Vision-to-Reality Startup Competition Awardee

[in](#) Crystal Charles, Enbio, A Sisal Production Business

Crystal is a Senior at the University of Guyana pursuing a Bachelor Science Degree in Agriculture. Previously, she earned an Associate's Degree in Natural Science. Crystal is inspired to give back to her community and the planet; she has vowed to make all her productions carbon-neutral and sustainable to the environment.



2021 Nestle Vision-to-Reality Startup Competition Awardee

[in](#) Stephanie Noble, Daughter of Zion Hair and Skincare Products

Stephanie is the Founder and CEO of Daughter of Zion Hair and Skincare Products. Twenty-five-year-old Stephanie is a final year student at the University of Guyana pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Tourism. Stephanie is a Rotaract and VP of the Rotary Club of Georgetown. She is also employed with the Supreme Court of Judicature.

Business Support Organizations



The **Linden Fund**, founded in 1999, was envisioned as an umbrella organization that mobilizes the overseas diaspora and residents of the Linden community in the economic and social redevelopment of the town of Linden, Guyana. The Linden Fund USA (LFU) was launched in 1999 in the state of New York. LFU maintains a Linden Fund Office in Guyana.



The **Academy of Women Entrepreneurs** was a part of the U.S. Embassy's ongoing effort to empower women in Guyana to fulfill their economic potential, create conditions for increased stability, security, and prosperity for all Guyanese people. The Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) Guyana was launched in April 2021 and committed to train 25 women entrepreneurs in Region Two.



The **Together We Win Business Network** is a collection of businesses across various sectors and regions of Guyana with the primary objective to establish a strong professional network through collaborative interactions, forging a support system that will engender economic development.



Innovate Guyana (IG) is a platform and programs that showcase Guyanese inventiveness, exposing the brightest and high potential nature of Guyana's startup founders. IG provides access to resources, training, coaching and capital, thereby incubating and accelerating startups in science, technology and agro-processing in Guyana.