



## Efficiency for Access Design Challenge Download: May

**Hello!** Welcome to the May edition of the Efficiency for Access Design Challenge Download, where Efficiency for Access will take you through all things energy access, solar power and responsible engineering! If you have content suggestions or would like to get in touch, please email [eforachallenge@est.org.uk](mailto:eforachallenge@est.org.uk).

### The Design Challenge Grand Final

The Efficiency for Access Design Challenge Grand Final will take place on Thursday 15 June at 10:00am to 11:30am BST. We'd love to see you there! The event is a culmination of the hard work of students who took part in this year's competition. The event will showcase some of the amazing submissions received, with awards presented for the most innovative designs. [Click here](#) to register for the event and to watch last year's highlights [click here](#).

### What are Students Saying About the Challenge?

*"It was quite interesting to know that this challenge is an international challenge and in the knowledge space learning from other people is a great thing. We're very happy that we'll be having opportunities to interact with other people from different parts of the world. To share ideas together and during the interactive sessions. It has been wonderful."* Benneth Oyinna, University of Port Harcourt.

### Final Submission Summaries

In this fourth year of the Design Challenge, over 100 students from 14 universities in Bangladesh, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Senegal, Sweden, Uganda, the UK, and Zimbabwe participated in the Challenge and were supported by over 20 industry partners. These students have spent the year

creating innovative designs for off-grid settings. The final submissions are summarised in [this document](#).

## Efficiency for Access Design Challenge Internship programme

Efficiency for Access and Shortlist have partnered together to launch the Efficiency for Access Design Challenge Internship Programme for the Challenge participants in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Challenge's Internship Program is an opportunity for students or recent graduates seeking experience in the clean energy sector, to have the opportunity to work on real-world projects, under the guidance of experienced professionals. We are organising an information session with potential employer partners in mid-May and with the Challenge's participants in early June.

If your company is interested in learning more about this programme and the benefits of hosting an internship opportunity, please get in touch on [jacqueline.garcia@est.org.uk](mailto:jacqueline.garcia@est.org.uk).

## Interview with Amanda from the Cold Chain Alliance – International Women's Day

Wednesday 8 March marked International Women's Day. As part of the event, we interviewed Amanda Brondy, Vice President of International Projects at the Global Cold Chain Alliance. We interviewed her about her career, advice she would give to women who want to be in the energy access sector and how her work positively contributes to the lives of women. [Read it here](#).

## News from Our Network

### Engineers Without Borders

Engineers Without Borders are delighted to be heading to the 2023 Manufacturing & Engineering Week to celebrate the very best in UK manufacturing and engineering excellence and innovation. Featuring a series of co-located events covering the entire product lifecycle, from design to engineering, manufacturing and maintenance, the festival seeks to share successes, raise critical discussions, and provide a destination for professionals

to source products and services to keep them competitive. [Join them by securing your free pass!](#)

## The Ashden Awards

The shortlists for the 2023 Ashden Awards - which boost pioneering climate innovation - have been announced. [Click here](#) to view them. The 32 organisations shortlisted include a scheme bringing clean energy to 2 million people in Nigeria, and others empowering refugees, energising agriculture and building skills and jobs in the energy access sector.

## Virtual Empowering Managers Programme

AMI (African Management Institute) is currently enrolling companies for Empowering Managers, a fully virtual programme for middle managers in the off-grid energy sector from across Africa. This highly practical programme empowers team leaders with effective tools in key areas like supervision, project management, and team building, as well as strategies to address sector-specific challenges and manage geographically dispersed teams. The programme is offered in English and French with scholarships available from the UK Department for International Development. For more information [follow this link.](#)

## UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

The [SDSN](#) Networks Program hosted four virtual meetings in 2022 with university Presidents to discuss the role of their universities in supporting sustainable development. The meetings included 400 university Presidents from 140 countries. [This](#) video showcases highlights from those meetings.

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