

Terms and Conditions for Participation: WOMENPRENUR Pitch and Match Investment Event

Please read these Terms and Conditions ("T&Cs") carefully before participating in the Womenpreneur Pitch and Match Investment Event ("the Event"). By submitting an application, you ("the Participant" or "Contestant") agree to be bound by these T&Cs.

1. Event Overview

The Womenpreneur Pitch and Match Investment Event, hosted by the Regenesys School of Entrepreneurship in strategic partnership with Access Bank, aims to provide a platform for entrepreneurs with innovative and scalable business ideas to pitch to potential investors for financial injection. The Live Pitch Session will take place on **Thursday, 21 August 2025**.

2. Eligibility Criteria To be eligible to participate as a Contestant, you must:

- 2.1. Be a registered business or an individual with a clearly defined and scalable business idea.
- 2.2. Finalists must be **at least 51% women-owned**
- 2.3. The contesting organisation should be trading for 2–3 years with demonstrable traction,
- 2.4. Earlier-stage businesses demonstrating exceptional growth potential or founder expertise.
- 2.5. Comply with all applicable laws and regulations in South Africa.

3. Application Submission

- 3.1. All applications must be submitted through the official online portal by the stipulated deadline.
- 3.2. Application deadlines are in **South Africa Standard Time (SAST; UTC+2)**.
- 3.3. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- 3.4. Regenesys School of Entrepreneurship reserves the right to request additional information or documentation from Participants at any stage of the application process.

4. Selection Process

- 4.1. A panel of judges will review all eligible applications based on criteria including innovation, market potential, scalability, team capability, and social/economic impact.
- 4.2. A shortlist of finalists will be selected to participate in the Live Pitch Session.
- 4.3. Judges may request supporting documentation. **No appeals will be entertained.**
- 4.4. Finalists will be notified via email and may be required to attend preparatory sessions (e.g., pitch coaching).

5. Live Pitch Session (21 August 2025)

- 5.1. Finalists must be available to attend and present their pitch in person at the Regenesys Education, Sandton Campus on **Thursday, 21 August 2025**.
- 5.2. **All shortlisted finalists are solely responsible for their own costs associated with attending the Live Pitch Session, including but not limited to travel, accommodation, and any other personal expenses.** Regenesys School of Entrepreneurship and its partners will not cover these costs.
- 5.3. The shortlisted contestants will be granted 5 minutes to pitch including the Question & Answers from the panel.
- 5.4. Contestants agree to comply with **venue rules**, a **harassment-free code of conduct**, and all reasonable **health and safety** instructions.
- 5.5. Specific presentation requirements and time allocations for the live pitch will be communicated to finalists.

6. Funding & Offer Disclaimers

No Offer or Guarantee of Funding. Participation in the Event does not create any obligation on any investor, sponsor, or the Event organisers to provide financing, grants, or other support. Any investment, grant, or commercial arrangement discussed at or following the Event will be the subject of a separate agreement directly between the relevant parties. The Event organisers are not a party to, and assume no responsibility for, any such arrangements, including due diligence, negotiation, or performance. The Event does not constitute financial, legal, tax, or investment advice.

7. Anti-Bribery, AML & Sanctions

Contestants warrant compliance with applicable **anti-bribery, anti-corruption, Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Financial Information Centre Act (FICA), tax, and sanctions** laws. Any investment or grant may be conditional on successful **FICA** verification and documentary checks.

8. Intellectual Property (IP)

- 8.1. Participants retain all intellectual property rights to their business ideas and pitches.
- 8.2. Contestants warrant that their pitch materials do not infringe third-party rights and that they have obtained all necessary permissions for any third-party content used.
- 8.3. By participating, you grant Regenesys School of Entrepreneurship and its strategic partners a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use your business name, logo, and a summary of your pitch for promotional and marketing purposes related to the Event.
- 8.4. While the Event organisers and partners will take reasonable steps to maintain confidentiality, Participants acknowledge that pitching in a public forum inherently carries a risk of ideas being exposed. Participants are advised to protect their sensitive intellectual property independently (e.g., through patents, trademarks) prior to pitching.

9. Confidentiality

- 9.1. Information shared during the application process will be treated with reasonable confidentiality by the Event organisers. However, Participants acknowledge that judges, investors, and other attendees at the Live Pitch Session may be exposed to their ideas.
- 9.2. Regenesys School of Entrepreneurship and its partners do not sign Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) for general participation in the Event.

10. POPIA Privacy

- 10.1. **Data Control:** Regenesys School of Entrepreneurship (“RSE”) is the Responsible Party for personal information collected in connection with the Event.
- 10.2. **Data Retention:** We retain personal information for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes above and comply with legal obligations.
- 10.3. **What We Collect:** Identifiers and contact info; professional and company details; application content; images/audio/video captured at the Event; and engagement analytics for marketing.
- 10.4. **Purpose & Lawful Basis:** Application assessment; event administration; safety and security; publicity and marketing related to the Event; and post-event reporting. Processing is based on consent and/or legitimate interests.
- 10.5. **Data Sharing & Cross-Border Transfers:** We may share with judges, sponsors, service providers (e.g., event production, media hosting), and regulatory authorities as required. Media hosting may involve **cross-border** transfers subject to appropriate safeguards.
- 10.6. **Your Rights:** Under POPIA you may request access, correction, deletion, or objection to processing, and withdraw consent (prospectively). Contact: HaminaM@regenesys.net.
- 10.7. **Marketing Preferences:** You may opt out of marketing at any time via provided links or by contacting us.

11. Recording & Publicity Release

By attending the Event, you consent to photography, audio, and video recording, and you grant RSE and its partners a perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, adapt, edit, publish, distribute, and display your name, image, likeness, voice, company name, and pitch content in any media for

Event-related editorial, promotional, and educational purposes. RSE (or its designee) owns all rights in Event recordings.

12. Indemnification

12.1. By participating in the Event, the Contestant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Regenesys Education, the Regenesys School of Entrepreneurship, Access Bank, the Small Enterprise Development Funding Agency (SEDEFA), BrandSA, the National Empowerment Fund (NEF), Huawei, and their respective affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives (collectively, "the Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) arising out of or in any way connected with:

- The Contestant's participation in the Event.
- Any breach by the Contestant of these T&Cs.
- Any claims related to the Contestant's business idea, products, services, or intellectual property.

12.2. Any injury, loss, or damage to person or property incurred by the Contestant during their participation in the Event.

12.3. The Indemnified Parties shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, or exemplary damages, including but not limited to, damages for loss of profits, goodwill, data, or other intangible losses, resulting from participation in the Event.

13. Disqualification

Regenesys School of Entrepreneurship reserves the right to disqualify any Participant who:

- 13.1. Fails to comply with these T&Cs.
- 13.2. Provides false or misleading information.
- 13.3. Engages in any disruptive or inappropriate behaviour.
- 13.4. Attempts to tamper with the integrity of the Event.

14. General Provisions

14.1. These T&Cs shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of South Africa.

14.2. Regenesys School of Entrepreneurship reserves the right to amend these T&Cs at any time without prior notice. Any changes will be published on the official Event website.

14.3. The decision of the judges and Event organisers is final and binding in all matters related to the Event.

15. Force Majeure & Format Changes

RSE may **postpone, cancel, or change the Event format (including moving to hybrid or virtual)** due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control (e.g., power outages, public emergencies). RSE will use reasonable efforts to notify participants. RSE shall not be liable for any costs incurred by Contestants as a result of such changes.

16. Consent

By submitting an application, you consent to:

- 16.1. The collection, processing, and storage of your personal information for the purpose of organizing and promoting the Event.
- 16.2. The use of your name, likeness, business name, and pitch summary in Event-related promotional materials, including but not limited to website content, social media, press releases, and future marketing efforts.
- 16.3. By proceeding with your application, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to these Terms and Conditions.