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Call for Applications: \$5-Million Seed Fund to Bolster Asia–Pacific Fight against Climate Change

Nonprofit organizations with innovative solutions that harness technology for climate adaptation and mitigation are invited to apply for grants under the seed fund launched by social investor network AVPN, with Google.org and the Asian Development Bank. Deadline to express interest to participate is on 15 December 2023.

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How Universities Can Spearhead the Net-Zero Revolution

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