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PRIZE

Climate Action

This category recognises organisations that can demonstrate innovative, impactful and inspirational sustainability solutions in the areas of climate action that include, but are not limited to:

- Climate Adaptation and resilience building
- Sustainable Land Use and Forest Conservation
- Nature-based solutions for conserving/restoring ecosystems and natural resources or carbon removal
- Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage

Organisations must also demonstrate a clear vision and long-term plan to further deploy their solution and scale up their impact, as well as inspiring others to follow suit by advancing sustainable and human development.

To be eligible for this category, organisations must be a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME) or a non-profit organisation (NPO).

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Category Selection

- Registered **organisations** (Small and Medium Sized Enterprises and Non-Profit Organisations) may apply to one of the following categories: **Health, Food, Energy, Water, or Climate Action**.
- **High Schools** or **Secondary Schools** should apply **only** under the **Global High Schools** category.
- Select the category that best reflects the primary challenge your solution addresses and the main beneficiaries you serve, even if your solution spans multiple sectors.
- If your solution spans categories, review where you can most convincingly demonstrate Impact, Innovation, and Inspiration.

Eligibility

- **Organisations:** Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs), with proven, implemented solutions aligned to Health, Food, Energy, Water, or Climate Action.
- **Schools:** High Schools or Secondary Schools with students aged 11–19, submitting a student-led, implementable sustainability project under the Global High Schools category.

Organisation Name

How many countries do you currently operate in?

List all the countries in which you operate. If global, be as specific as possible. If applicable, elaborate on any operations of your organisation in Least Development Countries (LDCs) or Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

How many full-time employees in your organisation?

Excluding contractors, part-time staff and volunteers

What is the annual income of your organisation in \$USD (including all revenue, grants, etc)?

- Under \$50,000
- \$50,000 - \$150,000
- \$150,000 - \$250,000
- Over \$250,000

Provide financial information of the last three fiscal years in \$USD.

	FY2025	FY2024	FY2023
1	Year Total Revenue (\$USD)		
2	Major sources of revenue		
3	Revenue Growth (%)		
4	Outgoings (\$USD)		

Provide the names and titles of your leadership team members, such as C-Level Executives, Chairman, Board of Directors.

	Name	Professional Title	Profile (Text, Web URL, LinkedIn)
1			
2			

In one sentence, describe your organisation's solution.

100 words

Example: "Cultivates giant kelp forests in deep seas to capture and permanently store CO2 and enhance ocean biodiversity. Harvests kelp three times a year to produce sustainable bio-products and materials"

Provide the year in which your solution was first launched in the market.

Select the **main areas** where your organisation is active:

Climate Domains (You may choose multiple options).

- Climate Mitigation (reducing emissions)
- Climate Adaptation & Community Resilience
- Carbon Removal / Sequestration
- Nature-Based Solutions (forests, wetlands, mangroves, etc.)
- Circular Economy & Waste Reduction
- Natural Resource Conservation (e.g., land, soil, ecosystems)
- Other

Delivery & Service models (You may choose multiple options).

- Reforestation & Afforestation
- Ecosystem & Habitat Restoration
- Climate Risk Assessment / Early Warning Systems
- Community-Based Climate Resilience Programmes
- Carbon Capture, Utilization & Storage (CCUS)
- Low-Carbon Technologies & Tools
- Circular Economy Activities (composting, recycling, waste-to-energy)
- Monitoring, Reporting & Verification (MRV) Tools
- Investment / Climate Finance Models
- Other

Technology & Product / Model Innovation (You may choose multiple options).

- GHG Emissions Reduced or Avoided
- Carbon Sequestered (short- or long-term)
- Improved Community Resilience & Preparedness
- Improved Ecosystem Health & Biodiversity
- Reduced Waste & Increased Circularity
- Reduced Climate-Related Losses (economic or physical)
- Reduced Climate Risks (heat, flooding, drought impacts)
- Other

Provide a concise overview of your solution. Describe the problem it addresses, your approach, and key achievements or results to date.

299 words

What is the cost of your solution, product, or service (in \$USD) for the end user or beneficiary?

Please specify:

- Amount (in \$USD)
- Cost Model (e.g., one-time purchase, subscription, lease, pay-per-use etc.)

Briefly outline the cost structure of your solution or model for your organisation.

Indicate internal costs such as capital or equipment costs, operating costs and service delivery costs.

Please define the cost per unit of impact delivered by your solution.

E.g., Cost per tonne of CO₂e reduced or avoided, Cost per tonne of CO₂e sequestered via nature-based solutions, Cost per hectare of land restored or reforested, Cost per tonne of waste diverted from landfill or recycled etc.

Indicate if your organisation has ever received or been a finalist for a major international sustainability award. (optional)

Name of the Award	Year	Winner or Finalist	Link to the award or media feature
1			
2			
3			

Have you applied to the Zayed Sustainability Prize before?

Yes

No

Provide links to media coverage (articles, features, or videos that highlight your organisation or solution). (optional)

Innovation

Innovation refers to a novel solution or a transformation of an existing solution that solves a challenge or a need, generates value and brings significant positive impact. A solution can be a technology, a service or a business model. The innovation criterion requires organisations to demonstrate that their solution:

- has a unique value proposition;
- is disruptive or transformative;
- is technically and commercially viable; and
- is adopted by the market.

The Prize does not award early stage start-ups, inventions, prototypes or solutions that have not demonstrated any impact on the ground.

Select which of the following statements applies to your solution.

A new or original approach – A completely new solution, model, or technology that has not been implemented elsewhere.

An improved or adapted approach – A solution that enhances, builds on, or applies an existing idea, model, or technology in a new or more effective way.

Other – Please specify below.

Select the stage that best describes the maturity of your solution.

Development phase – The solution or model is being developed, with prototypes or limited trials in progress.

- Pilot Stage – Initial testing or pilot projects have been completed, and the solution or model is being refined based on results.
- Implementation Stage – The solution or model has been deployed within target markets or communities and is actively in use.
- Scale-Up Stage – The solution or model has been expanded or replicated and is widely adopted by end users or beneficiaries.

Does your solution include proprietary technology?

- Yes
- No

Provide data that demonstrates the maturity of your solution. Please include the following for the past three years (or as many years as available).

	FY2025	FY2024	FY2023	FY2022	FY2021
1	Number of end users / customers / clients				
2	Region(s) where the solution was implemented				

What is the unique value proposition of your solution, and how does it create disruption or drive transformation in your sector or community?

Focus on the big picture: What change are you driving? Why does it matter?

Please highlight:

- How your solution is different or better (e.g., more affordable, scalable, innovative, inclusive).
- Any unique features or advantages that strengthen your position in the market or community.

Provide a list of your main competitors.

How does your solution differ from existing competitors or alternatives? Please explain in terms of technology, approach, business model, pricing, replicability, or other relevant factors.

Focus on practical differences: Why should someone choose your solution over others?

Please highlight: (a) How your solution is different or better (e.g., more affordable, scalable, innovative, inclusive). (b) Any unique features or advantages that strengthen your position in the market or community.

Do you have measures in place to protect your innovations from being replicated by competitors?

- Yes
- No, but I intend to
- No, I intend for it to be easily replicated by others

Please describe the key operational requirements needed for your solution to function.

Including energy requirements (e.g., electricity, solar irradiance, wind input, steam/thermal input), water requirements and typical operating availability (e.g., hours per day or % uptime).

Please provide quantities with units where possible.

Impact

Impact refers to a positive change that addresses social, economic, technological and/or environmental challenge(s) and has proven to make the world a better place by improving the well-being of humanity. The impact criterion requires organisations to demonstrate that:

- their solution has a positive impact on the quality of peoples' lives;
- they are resilient to potential social, economic, technological, and environmental challenges;
- they have good governance by employing skilled people and establishing fair policies;
- they have a detailed plan of how the Prize money would be used to further increase their impact.

Describe how your solution is delivered and who benefits.

Please include:

- Your **delivery model** (e.g., direct-to-consumer, through schools, via government, mobile distribution, partnerships),
- Who your **direct beneficiaries** are
- Who your **indirect beneficiaries** are (if applicable).

Describe the impact of your solution to date and how it addresses the **challenge(s) selected above**.

Please include **how people's lives have improved** (e.g., access to energy, health, food, water, education, livelihoods, cost savings), the **regions and/or communities impacted** (be as specific as possible) and any **measurable outcomes** achieved.

How many people have **directly benefited** from your solution?

In addition to the above, how many more people have **indirectly benefited** from your solution? (if applicable) (optional)

Please **provide evidence** to support the **number of beneficiaries** reported:

Please **describe your calculation methodology**.

Please provide any documentation you may have to support your beneficiary calculation. (optional)



You may attach **up to 3 supporting documents** such as survey results, usage data, sales or distribution records, community reports, or independent evaluations.

Has your solution led to measurable improvements in key outcomes related to your selected category?

Yes

No

Examples include lower carbon emissions, greater resilience, resources restored or conserved

Please **provide evidence** to support the **metrics reported above**. (optional)



You may attach **up to 3 supporting documents**.

Beyond your selected category, has your solution created impact in other areas? (Select all that apply)

Health

Food

Energy

Water

None of the above

Explain how your solution has improved people's lives in the other areas selected above

Quantify the impact in these other areas. (optional)

Impact Area	Impact Description	Impact Metric (including unit)
1		

Describe how your solution promotes diversity, inclusion, and equity. Please explain any contributions to gender equality, geographic reach, or the empowerment of disadvantaged or marginalised communities.

How many jobs have been created as a result of your solution? (including full time, part time, voluntary, contracting etc.)

Provide a 2-year plan for how you will use the Prize fund.

Please include:

- Expected growth in impact (e.g., number of people reached, production capacity enhanced, CO₂e abated etc.).
- Scale-up of the solution (e.g., expansion into new regions, locations, or service lines).
- Improvements in affordability and/or reliability of your solution.
- Any additional plans you may have for the Prize fund.
- How much of the Prize fund will be allocated to each activity (please specify amounts or percentages).

Inspiration

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founding father of the UAE, was a pioneering advocate of global sustainability and human development. Leading by example, he placed great value in the pursuit of socio-economic development that meets the needs of both current and future generations. Continued through the Prize, Sheikh Zayed's legacy is a

source of inspiration for the entire world. The inspiration criterion requires organisations to demonstrate that their solution:

- reflects Sheikh Zayed's core values – tolerance, sustainability and human development that were central to his own approach and actions;
- has inspired and influenced other organisations to advance sustainable and human development; and
- has further inspired sustainable actions from the wider community by instigating behavioural changes.

What inspired your organisation to develop this solution?

Please describe the background, challenges, or market/contextual needs that motivated the founders/organisation and explain why this approach was chosen.

What core values guide your organisation's approach to sustainability and human development? Where relevant, share how they align with the legacy of Sheikh Zayed.

What are your organisation's long-term goals for sustainable growth and impact over the next 5-10 years?

Please describe the key priorities, milestones, or expansions you plan to achieve

Video Pitch

Submit a short video pitch (maximum 2 minutes) that visually demonstrates your solution.

We encourage you to show your solution in action. Please cover:

1. The challenge or need you are addressing.
2. Demonstrate your solution in practice (equipment, people, delivery model, interaction with beneficiaries etc.)
3. Highlight what is innovative and unique about your solution.
4. Evidence of impact
5. Your long-term vision and how the Prize fund would support this.
6. Why your organisation should win the Prize.

Videos should ideally be in English. If filmed in another language, please include English subtitles. We strongly encourage real-life footage showing your solution in action, including its users, operating environment, and key processes.

- Accepted formats: **MP4 (recommended), MOV, AVI**
- File name format: **Organisation Name_Date.mp4**



If any access instructions are required, please share them here. (optional)

Business License

Upload your **Trade / Business Licence** (proof of legal registration in your country of operation).



Photos

Upload high-resolution images of **your technology or solution in action** with beneficiaries (up to 4 files).



Supporting Attachments

Please upload any relevant documentation to further support your application. Note, this section is optional.

1. Upload JPEG or PDF files. Maximum file size is 5MB per piece. A maximum of 10 pieces can be uploaded with your application.
2. Video attachments may be hosted on a video site such as YouTube or Vimeo.
3. Provide website URLs to the publicly accessible campaign or active URL of a landing page. Please ensure any applicable usernames and passwords are provided and active.
4. Please do not upload any further written material as the reviewers will not consider these. The written component of your application should be fully explained within the provided form fields.

Examples of supporting documentation include:

- Audited financial statements (last 2–3 years);
- Intellectual Property (IP) documentation (patents, trademarks, copyrights — if relevant);
- Impact reports or third-party evaluations;
- Organisation profiles or corporate brochures;
- Technology specification sheets or Technical studies;
- Certifications or accreditations;
- Partnership agreements or MOUs;
- Case studies, testimonials, or letters of support.



Please select the relevant document type

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Audited Financial Statements

Intellectual Property (IP) documentation

Impact Report

Organisation Profile / Corporate Brochure

Technical Specification or Study

Certification or Accreditation

Partnership Agreement or MoU

Case studies, testimonials, or letters of support

Other Document

Networking

Responses in this section are not part of the evaluation/scoring process.

Information provided in this section will be used to help increase networking and engagement across the network of Zayed Sustainability Prize winners.

Please respond to all questions that apply to you.

Provide list of the organisations, institutions, or individuals your organisation partners with to advance its goals and initiatives.

What types of partners or collaborators would be most valuable to your organisation at this stage?

Examples: investors, distributors, government agencies, NGOs, research partners, technology providers

Have you been in contact with any previous Zayed Sustainability Prize winners or finalists?

Yes

No

Are you open to partnerships with other Prize applicants, finalists, or winners?

Yes

No

Do you currently have any operations in the UAE?

Yes

No

Are you seeking to raise Project Equity Investment for a future project?

Yes

No

Submit

Please review your application before you submit your entry. If you have finished your submission, please **agree to the terms and conditions by clicking the tick boxes** and **select the "Submit Application" button below**.

You will not be able to edit your submission once submitted.

- I confirm that I am an authorised representative of the organisation and have been given permissions by the executive management to submit this application for the Zayed Sustainability Prize.
- If the organisation is shortlisted as a finalist, I confirm that the Prize team will have permission to create a short promotional video about the organisation, including interviews with top executives and beneficiaries impacted.
- I AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND PRIVACY POLICY THAT GOVERN THE ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE.**

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