

**INSPIRING FUTURE ENERGY INNOVATORS**





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The Zayed Future Energy Prize, launched in 2008 and managed by Masdar, represents the vision of the Late Founding Father and President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who championed environmental stewardship and sustainability as an integral part of UAE history and heritage. This annual award celebrates achievements that reflect impact, innovation, leadership, and long-term vision in renewable energy and sustainability.

The Zayed Future Energy Prize has recognised some of the most innovative, visionary leaders in global sustainability solutions. The participants have been finding innovative solutions to conserve energy, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and increase the production of clean, renewable energy. As they continue to make advances in energy over the coming years and decades, the Zayed Future Energy Prize will be here to recognise, reward, honour and motivate them.

For more information on the Prize, its past winners, runners up and finalists, please visit [www.ZayedFutureEnergyPrize.com](http://www.ZayedFutureEnergyPrize.com)



## The Categories and Criteria

A total prize fund of US\$4 million is distributed amongst the following categories:

- Large Corporation: Recognition award (no monetary value)
- Small and Medium Enterprise (SME): \$1.5 million
- Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO): \$1.5 million
- Lifetime Achievement Award: \$500,000
- Global High Schools: \$500,000 divided into \$100,000 across (up to) five regions (Africa, Asia, Americas, Oceania, and Europe)

Each category is evaluated based on the four core criteria of the prize;

- Impact
- Innovation
- Leadership
- Long-term Vision



**Category:**

## Large Corporation

This category is open to large corporations that have made a significant contribution to renewable energy and sustainability. A strong candidate in this category will demonstrate a clear vision for the long-term future of energy and a coherent, financially and ecologically sustainable strategy for its own role in bringing about this future. The large corporation candidate should have achieved significant revenues from clean energy and have experienced strong growth in its clean-energy related business areas. The company and its management should demonstrate strong thought leadership at the highest levels of the industry and should be active in promoting sustainable business practices.

To be eligible for this category, nominees must be corporations with revenues exceeding US\$100m per year. Enterprises with lower revenues may apply for the SME/NGO category.



**Category:**

## Small & Medium Enterprise (SME)

This category is open to small and medium-sized enterprises. As an applicant, the SME should have successfully introduced an innovative and distinctive solution to the renewable energy and sustainability industry. The SME should also have a clear plan for furthering that technology or solution. Should the business be in its early days, we would like to see that it is viable and supported by a clear vision for both the short and long-term future.

To be eligible for this category, candidates should be a profit-seeking enterprise with less than US\$100m in annual revenues. Companies with higher revenues may apply for the Large Corporation category. Alternatively, any company officially defined as an SME under national law in their country of origin may be included in this category.



**Category:**

## Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)

As a candidate, a Non-Governmental Organisation/Non-Profit Organisation (NGO/NPO) should have made a clear technical, organisational or social impact on the world of renewable energy or sustainability. This may include the dissemination of a particular solution, the furtherance of technical knowledge, awareness-raising or policy development. We want you to inspire us with the impact and innovation of your work.

This category is open to not-for-profit organisations. Any non-profit organisation, NGO, industry association, research organisation, or international body may apply, provided that its operations have a direct impact on the renewable energy and sustainability industries. Note that companies operating for a profit should apply to one of the business categories (Large Corporation or SME).



**Category:**

## Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominees may come from a variety of backgrounds, including academic, political, technical or business fields. A strong candidate will have made an exceptional impact on the industry or broader society with distinct personal achievements over at least a decade. The candidate for the Lifetime Achievement Award should be an inspirational individual, who has through leadership and the impact of their work improved the lives of many people.

This category is open to an individual with an outstanding record of achievement in the renewable energy and sustainability sectors. Only candidates who have been nominated by a third party are eligible for this prize: self-nominations will not be considered.



**Category:**

## Global High Schools

The primary aim of the Global High Schools category is to inspire future generations across the globe by instilling an ethos of sustainability from an early age, including an appreciation of issues in energy, and broader sustainability.

The High Schools category will therefore not focus on past activities of the school. Instead, each school will submit a detailed proposal for a project, and the prize will become a grant that enables the project's completion. While the main objective is to promote sustainability in schools, special emphasis of the proposed project should be on energy measures or projects that the school would undertake. The project should demonstrate that it has the potential to directly result in measurable energy reduction or efficiency through a sustainable and innovative means.

The category is open to all schools that teach students under the age of 19 years. This application must have the support of the organisation and its management. There will be one recipient in (up to) each of five regions: the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania. Each regional winner will be allocated up to US\$100,000, with the final prize amounts decided based on financial information submitted in the project proposals.



## Evaluation Process

The assessment of submissions will be performed according to the highest standards, with special emphasis on transparency and a stringent adherence to the Zayed Future Energy Prize by-laws.

The evaluation consists of a four-stage procedure.

**The first stage:** A reputed international research & analysis firm conducts due diligence on all submissions to ensure that they meet the criteria of the Zayed Future Energy Prize: To advance renewable energy and sustainability through impact, innovation, leadership, and long-term vision.

**Second stage:** The Review Committee meets to evaluate and score the short-listed entries following the first stage.

**Third stage:** The Selection Committee further reviews entries shortlisted by the Review committee and prepares the final list for Jury deliberations.

**Fourth stage:** The Jury meets in person to discuss the final list of shortlisted candidates and selects the winners for each category. The final decision is unanimous.



## Evaluation Committee and Jury

The Evaluation Committees, comprised of the Review and Selection Committees, are a panel of international experts that span the globe geographically and bring to the selection process a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. They come from the fields of energy, government, business and academia.

The esteemed Jury of the Zayed Future Energy Prize is comprised of distinguished world leaders, corporate and academic presidents and exceptional entrepreneurs who share the vision of the Zayed Future Energy Prize to advance renewable energy and sustainability around the world.



## Process timelines

**Launch of Nominations and Submissions:**

4th March, 2013

**Close of Nominations and Submissions:**

5th August, 2013

**Launch of Evaluations Process:**

**Review Committee:**

29th and 30th September, 2013

**Selection Committee:**

27th and 28th October, 2013

**Jury Deliberations:**

17th November, 2013

**Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner:**

20th January, 2014



## Innovators Hub

In 2011, the Zayed Future Energy Prize announced the launch of its online Innovators Hub. This online directory showcases the technology innovations in renewable energy and sustainability the prize has received over the past 5 years. More importantly, the site was also launched to provide a networking platform for the renewable energy industry worldwide – becoming a center of gravity for the world’s innovators and enabling a dialogue that could ultimately lead to long standing and lucrative partnerships.

The innovators hub builds on the assets of the prize by bringing past participants together, and fosters a healthy sustainable community centered on the prize. The Zayed Future Energy Prize has a distinct blend of innovation, entrepreneurial mindset, and collaboration.

The new hub can provide a fantastic opportunity for innovators and entrepreneurs to connect around new technologies, projects and big ideas, and engage directly with the marketplace.

Peer-to-peer communication opens the door to close collaboration and partnership opportunities which leads to a robust ecosystem for innovation.

The hub will serve primarily as an information and reference resource for the renewable energy community by providing a comprehensive directory of SMEs, NGOs, Academics, corporations and entrepreneurs all over the world that participated in the prize.

The innovators hub can be viewed through this link:

**<https://www.ZayedFutureEnergyPrize.com/en/meet-the-innovators>**



## How you can help

The Zayed Future Energy Prize prides itself on being a collaborative effort – be it through our committee members, present and past, our past winners and finalists or through our ever-growing network.

With that in mind, we are always looking for ways in which to engage with the world – ensuring that we receive nominees and submitters from around the world.

Annually, we announce our submissions opening to our various networks; these include ministries, ministers, members of the diplomatic corps, private sector, academia and more.

Through its categories, the Zayed Future Energy Prize encompasses the varied facets of the industry. We look to you, as partners, to help us find these innovators from around the world – to recognise them and honour them for their great achievements.

Please contact us at [info@ZayedFutureEnergyPrize.com](mailto:info@ZayedFutureEnergyPrize.com) if you wish to become one of our outreach partners or for any additional enquiries.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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