



# ZAYED SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE

2019 - 2020



## BACKGROUND

In 2008, the UAE leadership launched the Zayed Future Energy Prize. The Prize was created in order to encourage and empower innovation in renewable energy and to honour the legacy of our Founding Father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who was a life-long advocate of the importance of global sustainability and humanitarian development.

Over the past 11 years, the Prize has directly and indirectly impacted over 318 million lives and, together with its 76 winners, driven the adoption of sustainable solutions and technologies for people across the globe.

## EVOLUTION OF THE PRIZE

In 2018, inspired by the Year of Zayed, the Prize adopted a new strategic direction to meet rapidly evolving global sustainability priorities.

Drawing on 10 years of success as the Zayed Future Energy Prize, the evolution into the Zayed Sustainability Prize created

a closer alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the UAE National Agenda 2021.

Going beyond its initial focus on energy solutions, the Zayed Sustainability Prize's five categories are: Health, Food, Energy, Water, and Global High Schools.

## THE CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

The total prize fund of US\$ 3 million is distributed amongst five categories:



**Health**  
US\$ 600,000



**Food**  
US\$ 600,000



**Energy**  
US\$ 600,000



**Water**  
US\$ 600,000



**Global High Schools\***  
US\$ 600,000

**\*The Global High Schools** category awards six schools from six world regions up to US \$100,000 each. Those regions are: The Americas, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East & North Africa, Europe & Central Asia, South Asia, and East Asia & Pacific.

Health, Food, Energy, and Water categories are evaluated based on three criteria:

- **Impact:**  
Significant and tangible outcomes on the quality of people's lives.
- **Innovation:**  
Distinctive characteristics to change the "status quo" and potential to catalyse opportunities that will have a disruptive positive impact and transformative change.
- **Inspiration:**  
The potential to scale up project outcomes in the next decade and the ability to inspire others.

The Global High Schools category criteria require projects to deliver positive educational impact, including access to quality education and upskilling students' abilities, so as to achieve their goals. Ideally, projects should also demonstrate elements of innovation and be inspirational to others.



## HEALTH

This category is open to organisations that empower people by giving them access to affordable healthcare.

Organisations participating in the Prize could be active in one or more of the following areas:

- Improving maternal and newborn health
- Tackling epidemics and illness from pollution and hazardous chemicals

There needs to be a clear vision and long-term plan to further deploy solutions, scale up impact and inspire others to follow suit by furthering that technology or solution.

Even if an organisation is in its start-up phase, it needs to demonstrate that its solution is viable and supported by a clear vision for both the short and long-term future.

To be eligible for this category, you should be a small or medium-sized enterprise, non-profit organisation (NPO) or a similar type of organisation.



## FOOD

This category is open to organisations that empower people by giving them access to safe and affordable food.

Organisations participating in the Prize could be active in one or more of the following areas:

- Ending hunger and malnutrition
- Ensuring the sustainability of food production systems
- Increasing agricultural productivity
- Promoting seed type and animal population diversity

There also needs to be a clear vision and long-term plan to further deploy solutions, scale up impact and inspire others to follow suit by furthering that technology or solution. Even if an organisation is in its start-up phase, it needs to demonstrate that it has a viable solution, supported by a clear vision for both the short and long-term future.

To be eligible for this category, you should be a small or medium-sized enterprise, non-profit organisation (NPO) or a similar type of organisation.



## ENERGY

This category is open to organisations that empower people by providing access to energy and energy efficiency solutions.

Organisations participating in the Prize could be active in one or more of the following areas:

- Ensuring energy security
- Universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services
- Improving energy efficiency
- Expanding infrastructure
- Upgrading technology that supply energy for all

There needs to be a clear vision and long-term plan to further deploy solutions, scale up impact, and inspire others to follow suit by furthering that technology or solution.

Even if an organisation is in its start-up phase, it needs to demonstrate that it has a viable solution, supported by a clear vision for both the short and long-term future.

To be eligible for this category, you should be a small or medium-sized enterprise, non-profit organisation (NPO) or a similar type of organisation.



## WATER

This category is open to organisations that empower people by providing access to safe and affordable drinking water.

Organisations participating in the Prize could be active in one or more of the following areas:

- Improving water quality
- Sanitation, water use efficiency
- Protection of water-related ecosystems
- Community participation

There needs to be a clear vision and long-term plan to further deploy your solutions, scale up your impact and inspire others to follow suit by furthering that technology or solution. Even though an organisation is in its start-up phase, it needs to demonstrate that it has a viable solution, supported by a clear vision for both the short and long-term future.

To be eligible for this category, you should be a small or medium-sized enterprise, non-profit organisation (NPO) or a similar type of organisation.



## GLOBAL HIGH SCHOOLS

This category is open to high schools globally that have an idea for a project in the areas of health, food, energy or water. Schools participating in the Prize need to showcase how the sustainability project can improve the school and its surrounding community.

There needs to be a clear vision of what will be implemented within 12-24 months. Schools need to showcase tangible outcomes in the areas of health, food, energy or water.

The projects need to be designed to deliver positive educational impact including access to quality education and ensure that students are given key skills and enhanced abilities to achieve their goals. Ideally, projects should demonstrate new and innovative approaches and be inspirational for others.

The award in this category will be given to global high schools from six geographic regions that can demonstrate impact, innovation and inspiration to enable inclusive and equitable access to quality education.

To be eligible for this category, you should be a high school with full-time enrolled students between 11-19 years old. The application must be supported by the school and its management and benefit the school community for several years.

The six world regions are: The Americas, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East & North Africa, Europe & Central Asia, South Asia, and East Asia & Pacific. Each regional winner will receive up to US\$100,000. The final amount will depend on the project cost information, contained in the proposal.

## EVALUATION PROCESS

The evaluation of each submission to the Prize consists of a rigorous, three-stage process. Each category is evaluated according to our three core criteria: Impact, Innovation, and Inspiration.

**First stage:** A reputed international research and analysis firm conducts due diligence on all submissions to ensure that they meet the evaluation criteria of the Zayed Sustainability Prize.

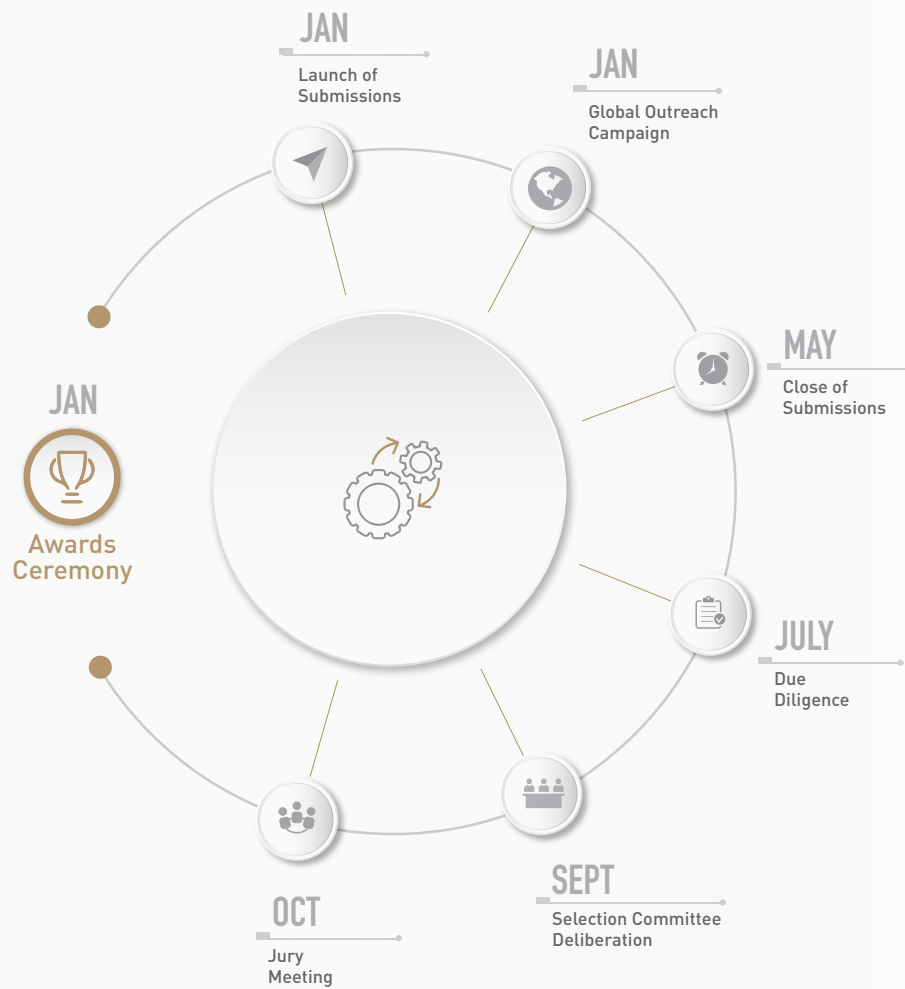
**Second stage:** The Selection Committee evaluates and scores entries in order to create a shortlist of finalists to pass on to the last stage of the process – the Jury.

**Third stage:** The Jury meets, in person, to deliberate on the finalists and select the winner(s), in each category. Final decisions must be unanimous.

The winners of the Zayed Sustainability Prize are announced in January at an annual awards ceremony during Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week.



# PROCESS MILESTONES



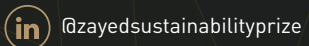
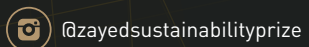
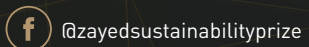
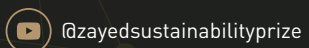
## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

If you are an organisation with a sustainability innovation or a high school with a sustainability project idea, in the areas of health, food, energy or water, you can enter your submission by visiting [www.ZayedSustainabilityPrize.com](http://www.ZayedSustainabilityPrize.com)

If you are a sustainability advocate and wish to make a difference, feel free to support us by creating awareness about the Prize on social media.

To recommend a deserving enterprise, organisation or school, we welcome you reaching out to us to let us know.

Should you wish to partner with us on our outreach efforts, please contact us here: [info@ZayedSustainabilityPrize.com](mailto:info@ZayedSustainabilityPrize.com)





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