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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 as an integral part of UAE history and heritage. This annual award celebrates achievements that reflect impact, innovation, long-term vision and leadership in renewable energy and sustainability.

The Zayed Future Energy Prize has recognised some of the most innovative, visionary leaders in global environmental solutions. Our winners, finalists, and other entrants have already made a significant positive impact on the world's environment with their multitude of 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 and honour 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

For 2013, the Zayed Future Energy Prize has evolved its categories and will now award a total prize fund of US\$4 million to include:

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

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

- Leadership
- Innovation
- Long-term Vision
- Impact

## Evaluation Committee and Jury

The Evaluation Committee, comprised of the Review and Selection Committees, is a panel of international experts that span the globe geographically and bring to the selection process a wide range of expertise and experience. Members 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.



## Evaluation Process

1. Open for Nominations and Submissions
2. Submissions Close
3. Due Diligence and Research & Analysis Conducted by an External Agency
4. Review Committee (RC) Evaluates and Shortlists Top Entries
5. Selection Committee (SC) Evaluates and Shortlists Finalists
6. Jury Meets to Select the Winners
7. Awards Ceremony Takes Place in January

### Category:

## Large Corporation

This category is open to large corporations that have demonstrated strong leadership, a clear vision and a coherent, sustainable strategy for the long-term future of renewable energy and sustainability. Candidates should have significant revenues as well as growth potential in their clean-energy related business areas, with investments in the development of renewable and clean energy and driving innovation in the industry. The company and its management will have strong thought leadership at the highest levels in their industry, and a proven record of corporate responsibility.

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

**Category:**

## Small & Medium Enterprise (SME)

This category is open to small and medium enterprises. Nominees should be SMEs that have successfully introduced a truly innovative solution to the renewable energy or sustainability industry and possess a clear plan to furthering that technology, or solution.

To be eligible for this category, candidates should be a profit-seeking enterprise with less than \$100m in annual revenues. Companies with higher revenues may apply for the Large Corporation category.

**Category:**

## Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO)

This category is open to not-for-profit organisations, including non-profits, NGOs, industry associations, research organisations, and international entities that have a direct impact on the renewable energy and sustainability industries. Candidates may be not-for-profit organisations that have made a clear impact, either through disseminating a particular solution, or through furthering knowledge, awareness, policy development or technology. The organisation must have a strong track record of bringing innovative solutions to the industry and a demonstrated ability to apply these innovations effectively in the field.

To be eligible for this category, nominees must be either non-profit / non-governmental organisations. Companies with revenues may apply for the SME or Large Corporation category.



**Category:**

## Lifetime Achievement (Individual)

This category is open to an individual with an outstanding record of achievement in the renewable energy or sustainability sectors. Nominees may come from a variety of backgrounds, including academic, political, technological, business or other fields. A strong candidate is expected to have made an exceptional impact on the industry with distinct personal achievements over a prolonged period of involvement.

This prize applies to candidates, who in their career lifespan have contributed to the renewable energy and sustainability sectors. Candidates must be nominated by a third party to be eligible for this prize as self-nominations will not be considered.

**Category:**

## Global High School

The category is open to educational institutions with students in High School (grades 9 and above), with one winning recipient in each of five major regions: The Americas, Europe, Africa, Oceania, and Asia. Each region's winner will be allocated up to \$100,000, with the actual granted amount based on submitted financial information pertaining to the requirements of a proposed project. In response to, and as a commitment to the United Nations Secretary General's Year of Sustainable Energy for All, the Global High School Prize aims to encourage innovation amongst youth in developed and developing nations alike.

For the purposes of the Prize, a High School has been defined as an educational institution with enrolled students in grades 9 and above.



## Process timelines

### **Close of Nominations and Submissions**

16th July, 2012

### **Review Committee Meeting**

9th / 10th September, 2012

### **Selection Committee Meeting**

26th / 27th September, 2012

### **Jury Deliberations**

17th October, 2012

### **Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner**

15th January, 2013

For more information, please log on to our website:

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## Innovators Hub

In 2011, the Zayed Future Energy Prize announced the launch of an online Innovators Hub. This online directory showcases the technology innovations in renewable energy and sustainability from the various company entries the prize has received over the years. Importantly, the site was launched to provide a networking platform for the renewable energy industry worldwide – becoming an important hub for the world’s greatest innovators and further enabling a dialogue that could ultimately lead to long standing and lucrative partnerships and industry collaboration.

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’s brand is a distinct blend of innovation, entrepreneurial mindset, and collaboration.

The first group of innovators is derived from the 2010 shortlisted candidates. With 40 entities featured, the new hub provides 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 serves primarily as an information and reference resource for the renewable energy community by providing a comprehensive directory of SMEs, NGOs, corporations and entrepreneurs around the world that have participated in the Zayed Future Energy Prize.

The Innovators Hub can be viewed through this link:

[www.ZayedFutureEnergyPrize.com/en/meet-the-innovators](http://www.ZayedFutureEnergyPrize.com/en/meet-the-innovators)



## How you can help

The Zayed Future Energy Prize prides itself on being a collaborative effort –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 globally – ensuring that we receive nominees and submitters from around the world.

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

In 2013, the Zayed Future Energy Prize has expanded and evolved its categories and now 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.