



Zayed Future Energy Prize

Inspiring Future Energy Innovators

The Zayed Future Energy Prize, established in 2008 by the United Arab Emirates Government, honours the vision of the late founding father and president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, who championed environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

The US\$4 million annual award invites innovators from around the world to be part of a growing community, committed to finding solutions that will meet the challenges of climate change, energy security and the environment. The award celebrates significant achievements in renewable energy and sustainability by recognising, rewarding and inspiring some of the most visionary and innovative leaders in these fields.

Our Award Winners

Collectively, our growing network of past winners and finalists are having a positive impact on the global environment, changing the lives of millions around the world. Since its establishment in 2008, winners of the Zayed Future Energy Prize have touched the lives of **150,585,000** people worldwide:

- Connecting **57 million people** to energy through solar power
- Enabling energy access for **2.5 million people** in rural Africa
- Reducing energy consumption of **50 million people**
- Impacting **15 million people** through biofuel programs
- Benefitting lives of over **37 million people** with solar lanterns
- Providing over **6 million people** with affordable safe drinking water daily
- Encouraging companies to regulate emissions, cleaning air for **1.5 million people**
- Generating **190,000 MWh** from renewables (**63,333 households** for a year)
- Preventing **800 million tonnes CO₂** entering the atmosphere
- Introducing **350,000 people** to sustainable solutions and management best practices
- Training over **5,000 women** as green technicians
- Supplying over **200,000 cleaner cooking stoves** to refugee camps

Our Award Categories

The Zayed Future Energy Prize awards individuals, organisations and schools with a share of US\$4 million. The Prize is awarded in the following categories:

- Large Corporation
- Small and Medium Enterprise (SME)
- Non-Profit Organisation (NPO/NGO)
- Lifetime Achievement
- Global High Schools

Our Award Process

The Zayed Future Energy Prize award process is a stringent four-stage evaluation. The first stage is due-diligence, conducted by a renowned research and analysis firm; ensuring submissions and nominations comply with the Prize regulations. A meeting of the Review Committee follows for the preparation of a shortlist using a scoring matrix for each category, based on the Prize criteria: impact, innovation, leadership and long-term vision.

The Selection Committee then meets to identify and compile a final shortlist for review by the Prize Jury, who selects the winners by unanimous decision. The Zayed Future Energy Prize only announces the winners at the Prize award ceremony during Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW).