



## International Net Zero Awards 2026

### Why These Categories & Prerequisites Matter

The path to carbon Net Zero and a sustainable planet calls for bold action, innovative thinking, and a willingness to embrace change. These awards are designed to recognize and celebrate organizations that are setting benchmarks, redefining possibilities, and driving impact in Net Zero and Sustainability.

To ensure fairness, credibility, and alignment with global standards, each award category comes with clear application prerequisites. These guidelines help identify organizations that have demonstrated real commitment, measurable progress, and authentic impact in their sustainability journey.

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#### ◆ Category 1: Core Net Zero Categories (aligned with SBTi, GHG Protocol, TCFD/CDP)

##### 1. Net Zero Leadership Award – Overall best performer across all criteria.

*Application prerequisite:*

- Registered company with minimum 5 years of operations
- Demonstrated successful initiatives implementing decarbonisation
- Proactive Net Zero initiatives defined for every vertical in the company

##### 2. Best Net Zero Strategy – Large Enterprises – Comprehensive roadmap by large corporations.

*Application prerequisite:*

- Registered company with minimum 5 years of operations
- Demonstrated successful initiatives implementing decarbonisation
- Proactive Net Zero initiatives defined for every vertical in the company
- Publicly listed company

**3. Best Net Zero Strategy – SMEs & Startups – Scalable and innovative approaches by smaller companies.**

*Application prerequisite:*

- Registered company with minimum 5 years of operations
- Demonstrated successful initiatives implementing decarbonisation
- If an MSME, Udyog certificate; if a start-up company, then Start-up India certificate

**4. Excellence in Scope 3 Engagement – Transforming value chains and supplier/customer ecosystems.**

*Application prerequisite:*

- Registered company with minimum 5 years of operations
- Demonstrated successful initiatives implementing decarbonisation
- Proactive Net Zero initiatives defined for every vendor

**5. Innovation in Net Zero Technologies – Deploying climate tech, AI, CCUS, hydrogen, etc.**

*Application prerequisite:*

- Registered company with minimum 5 years of operations
- Demonstrated successful initiatives implementing decarbonisation
- If an MSME, Udyog certificate; if a start-up company, then Start-up India certificate; or a publicly listed company

**6. Transparency & Reporting Excellence – Outstanding disclosure (CDP, TCFD, ISSB, GRI).**

*Application prerequisite:*

- Registered company with minimum 5 years of operations
- Demonstrated successful initiatives implementing decarbonisation
- All reports available for review and audited

**7. Renewable Energy Transition Champion – Achieving 100% renewable energy/RE100 leadership.**

*Application prerequisite:*

- Registered company with minimum 5 years of operations
- Demonstrated successful initiatives implementing decarbonisation
- Utilizing renewable energy for 40%+ or majority of its requirements

## **8. Offsets & Removals Integrity Award – Responsible, high-quality offset/removal usage.**

*Application prerequisite:*

- Registered company with minimum 5 years of operations
- Demonstrated successful initiatives implementing decarbonisation
- Conducting offsets/carbon removal activities with Gold or Vera certificates
- NGOs or social enterprises are applicable

## **9. Just Transition & Inclusive Net Zero Award – Ensuring social equity, community well-being.**

*Application prerequisite:*

- Registered company with minimum 5 years of operations
- Demonstrated successful initiatives implementing decarbonisation
- Proactive Net Zero initiatives defined for every vertical in the company

## **10. Net Zero Trailblazer Award – Bold, pioneering initiatives with systemic impact.**

*Application prerequisite:*

- Registered company with minimum 5 years of operations
- Demonstrated successful initiatives implementing decarbonisation

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### **♦ Category 2: Circular Economy & Resource Efficiency Categories**

#### **11. Circular Economy Leadership Award**

For companies that embed circularity across product design, operations, and business models, reducing resource use and waste while supporting Net Zero goals.

#### **12. Circular Supply Chain Champion**

Recognizing organizations actively engaging suppliers in material reuse, recycling, take-back systems, and closed-loop logistics.

#### **13. Circular Innovation Award**

Highlighting innovative technologies, platforms, or models that enable waste-to-resource solutions, product-as-a-service, or circular marketplaces.

#### **14. Waste-to-Value Transformation Award**

For organizations that have successfully converted waste streams (industrial, plastic, e-waste, food waste, etc.) into valuable secondary resources or renewable energy.

**15. Product Life Cycle Excellence Award**

Recognizing leadership in life cycle thinking (design for reuse, repair, refurbishment, remanufacturing) to extend product/service lifespan and reduce emissions.

**16. Water & Resource Circularity Award**

For companies pioneering circular water systems, industrial symbiosis, and sustainable resource loops contributing to both Net Zero and resilience.