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## INFORMATION NOTE

### Launch of the UNIDO ONE World Sustainability Awards

The Secretariat has the honour to inform Permanent Missions about the UNIDO ONE World Sustainability Awards, which recognize groundbreaking contributions to sustainable industrialization. The awards honour businesses and individuals demonstrating excellence and innovation across three categories: sustainable supply chains, innovative startups and women in industry.

These awards will serve as the foundation for a lasting global platform between UNIDO, Member States and industry leaders. They aim to build long-term partnerships, enhance market access for innovative solutions and support sustainable global growth.

The inaugural ceremony will take place during the twenty-first session of the General Conference of UNIDO, to be held as the Global Industry Summit 2025, from 23 to 27 November, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Applications are open until 30 September 2025, and submissions are encouraged from all regions across the three categories. An information flyer is enclosed for reference.

For further information, please visit: [www.unido.org/oneworld-sustainability-awards](http://www.unido.org/oneworld-sustainability-awards) or contact the Awards team by email at: [award@unido.org](mailto:award@unido.org).

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**ONE WORLD**  
**SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS**  
Making a **lasting** impact

**Are you driving innovation and excellence?**

# **APPLY FOR THE ONE WORLD SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS 2025 – FOR THE FUTURE OF INDUSTRIES!**

## **OUR MISSION**

Everyone dreams of a prosperous future. Modern industry can be the engine – by bringing together **economic, social and environmental sustainability**.

Around the world, a new generation of leaders is reshaping industries with their passion, breakthrough innovations and commitment to transformation across borders.

To promote these solutions for the industries of the future, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) introduces 2025 the **ONE World Sustainability Awards**.



## THE AWARDS

The **Awards** are the **first business awards of their kind** – demonstrating how profitability can go hand in hand with responsibility, sustainability, and impact.

They celebrate **outstanding contributions** to innovative and sustainable industries, honouring businesses and individuals who demonstrate excellence.

The first-ever award ceremony takes place at UNIDO's **Global Industry Summit 2025**, hosted by the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** with high-level participants from 173 countries.

The Awards will be the start of a lasting **global platform** to build long-term partnerships.

Open to **businesses, start-ups, institutions** and **individuals** shaping tomorrow's solutions.

## APPLY NOW!



## AWARD CATEGORIES

### Sustainable Supply Chains

Are you transforming supply chains to be more sustainable, and resilient? Show the world how you are reducing emissions, ensuring fair labour standards, driving responsible sourcing, enhancing local value addition or more!

### Innovative Start-Ups

Are you developing breakthrough technologies or business models that shape the industry of the future? If you are an innovative Start-Up creating scalable solutions, we want to hear from you!

### Women in Industry

Do you place women's empowerment at the heart of your operations? If you are boosting women's employment, promoting women into higher technical and managerial roles, or championing women entrepreneurs, apply to share your impact.

## WHY APPLY?

**Global reach:** Showcase your innovations at the Global Industry Summit 2025 to a worldwide audience, including leaders from 173 states.

**Long-Term Partnerships:** Gain access to global platforms with 170+ states, offering collaboration opportunities, networking, and exposure to new markets.

## DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE!

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