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# Outstanding Achievement (Global South)

The **2026 Ashden Award for Outstanding Achievement** will spotlight innovation in the Global South addressing barriers to rapid and inclusive progress in one or more of our three priority areas:

1. Increasing access to clean, affordable electricity and/or cooking services.
2. Livelihoods-based approaches that empower Indigenous peoples and local communities as protectors of natural ecosystems.
3. Transformative approaches which make finance more accessible for SMEs, local organisations, and/or Indigenous communities delivering clean energy and nature protection.

Please note that, to be eligible for one of our Outstanding Achievement Awards, your organisation must have already won an Ashden Award or placed as a finalist in any previous year.

Welcome to the Ashden Awards. We are thrilled you have chosen to apply!

This form will start to save automatically as soon as you complete this first page.

Good luck! We can't wait to hear about your climate solution!

Entry name

By completing an application, you consent to Ashden's data privacy policy. Please check this box to show you understand.

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At Ashden we know you are busy solving the climate crisis and improving lives, so we want to be kind to your time. We know you might already have material that answers our questions. You might have existing funding bids, videos, or other media. If you would rather use these and refer to them in the remainder of the form please use this page to upload them. We will watch them or read them in support of your application.

Some guidance:

1. Please try to limit your uploads to a maximum of 5.
2. Video attachments may be hosted on a video site such as YouTube or Vimeo.
3. Provide website URLs that are publicly accessible.

Name of your organisation



Has your organisation merged with or been acquired by another organisation?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

You are applying for the **Award for Outstanding Achievement (Global South)**.

The questions in this form will help us match what you are doing to the award criteria. Please check the box to show you can see the criteria for this award. Don't worry if you meet some more than others.

### Criteria

We are seeking examples of organisations that spotlight innovation in the Global South addressing barriers to rapid and inclusive progress in one or more of our three priority areas:

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How have you grown or scaled your organisation's impact since winning or placing as a finalist for an Ashden Award? 250 words

For example, have you increased your number of beneficiaries, scaled carbon reduction, expanded to new geographies, or designed new technologies?

In what ways did winning or placing as a finalist for an Ashden Award impact your organisation? 250 words

How do you plan to grow your work in future and inspire others to do good climate or energy-related work? 250 words

How would winning an Ashden Award for Outstanding Achievement accelerate or expand your future impact? 150 words

Well done! Please answer the below questions and hit 'submit'. You will not be able to edit your application after submitting, so be sure to check your answers carefully.

We will review applications on a rolling basis. Applications officially close on 8th December at 23:59 GMT. After that, our team may be in touch with short follow-up questions. All entrants will know if they have been shortlisted for an award by 20th December 2025.

Finalists will be selected and notified by 15th January 2026. Finalists must be available for 1-day in-person assessments between 21st January-11th February 2026 for all categories except the Outstanding Achievement Award, which will be a virtual assessment.

Finalist judging will take place in March, and winners will join us for the 2026 Ashden Awards Ceremony week commencing 15th June.

#### Photojournalist and film visit

If you win an award, we will send a professional photojournalist and filmmaker to visit you for one day. They will take some beautiful photos and videos of your work, your team, and the impact you have had in your community, as well as gathering some recorded interview case studies from service users, staff, or participants in your programme. You will receive these professional photos and case studies free to use in your own communications (e.g. on your website and on social media).

Will you be able to host a photojournalist for a day between 5th March February and 15th May 2026?

Yes

No

#### Data protection

We would love to stay in touch with applicants that do not become finalists. If you are happy for Ashden to retain your application and data we will be able to 'fast-track' future applications for the Ashden Awards up to 2029, and contact you about new opportunities, partnerships and collaborations. Please indicate below if you are happy for Ashden to retain your information to be used in this way.

Yes

No

#### Finalist assessment

If you become a finalist (final x 2 organisations) are you able to commit to helping us arrange 3-4 interviews with your team, partners, and potentially service users between the 5th January and 16th February 2026?

Yes

No

It is a condition of your entry to the 2026 Ashden Awards that Ashden has the right to publicise your involvement through its communications channels (including but not limited to its website, social media platforms, press releases and ceremony programme). All shortlisted applicants, finalists and particularly winners may be required by Ashden to participate in publicity opportunities such as media interviews.

To maximise the impact of our Awards, we may announce our shortlist, finalists and winners on specific dates. If you reach the shortlisting stage, or win an Ashden Award, we ask you not to publicise this fact until the date set by us. Our communications team will work closely with you on this.

Please tick the box to show you understand.