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A WORD ON WHAT THIS RECOGNITION IS

The Carbon Positive Awards exist to illuminate leadership, not to rank it. Each year we recognise 100 organisations whose work helps move the world toward a net-zero future. We do this in a spirit of encouragement and shared purpose, and we want to be clear from the outset about what this recognition means.

This is not a league table. We do not claim that these are "the best of the best," nor that any organisation absent from the list is less worthy. The transition to net zero is vast, and much excellent work is necessarily beyond our view in any given year. What we offer is a considered, transparent and good-faith reading of public evidence — a way of pointing to examples that can light the path for others.

Our purpose is to build confidence and to celebrate progress. We believe that highlighting credible, measurable action — generously and without rivalry — helps accelerate decarbonisation everywhere. If this document encourages even one organisation to act, share, or persevere, it will have served its purpose.

Why the Name 'Carbon Positive'?

The name is chosen with intention. It does not suggest that we should emit more carbon. Rather, it recognises a deeper truth: carbon itself is not our enemy. It is the element of life, woven into every living being, part of the delicate balance that sustains our common home. The imbalance we face is not the fault of carbon, but a consequence of how we have acted — often without awareness of the whole.

This is why we speak of integral ecology: everything is connected. The health of the climate, the dignity of human communities, the integrity of ecosystems — they cannot be separated. Decarbonisation is not merely a technical adjustment; it is an act of restoration, of responsibility, of care for the world we share.

We choose to celebrate what is positive: the organisations that see the full picture, that act with conscience, that embrace shared responsibility. They do not wait for perfect solutions. They move. They collaborate. They understand that true leadership is not measured by avoiding harm alone, but by generating good — for the planet, for people, for future generations. That is the meaning of **Carbon Positive**. It is a commitment to integral ecology. And it is an invitation to all who believe we can still choose a different path.

Geopolitics: Context Is Everything

Decarbonisation is not a level playing field. It is shaped by the legacy of empires, by who holds green technology patents and who mines raw materials without industrialising them. The Awards assess leadership contextually — a small island state fighting for survival leads differently than a petro-state investing beyond oil. The selection asks: what does a just transition actually look like for this region?

Critical Lens: Questioning Easy Narratives

Decarbonisation is riddled with trade-offs. The Awards do not accept polished narratives that flatten complexity. Carbon markets are young and volatile; greenwashing remains rife; clean solutions carry their own contradictions. The methodology is explicit: we do not reward what we cannot scrutinise. Sources are named, hard questions are asked — who benefits, what is left out, whose labour underpins a given metric?

THE CRITERIA

The essence endures; the application evolves. The following general criteria are the enduring standards we look for in every laureate. The full 2026 Terms & Conditions remain published for reference.

- **Commitment & Leadership:** Leading by example on the path to decarbonisation.
- **Transparent Communication:** Clear communication, avoiding any form of “colour-washing.”
- **Strategic Contribution:** Alignment of the product, service or solution with its category’s objectives.
- **Measurable Impact & Sustainability:** Quantifiable benefits for society, environment and economy, with long-term viability and scalability.
- **Operational Excellence:** High standards and ethical practices integrated throughout the value chain.
- **A Positive, Collaborative Approach:** Building bridges and fostering an optimistic environment for solutions.
- **Strategic Vision:** A clear, long-term vision with concrete steps toward net zero.
- **Transformative Innovation:** Disruptive solutions that can redefine practice and generate scalable impact.

HOW THE 2026 LIST WAS BUILT

We are committed to traceability: anyone should be able to look back and understand why certain choices were made, under what rules, and with what focus. The 2026 cycle followed a structured, public-evidence methodology — powered by AI at the discovery stage and finalised through demanding human judgement.

Stage One — A universe of more than 3,000 candidates

We began with breadth. Working from our curated Essential Resources — the public library of data platforms, trackers and institutions that map the transition — we deployed large language models to scan, structure and cross-reference this evidence at scale, assembling an initial universe of candidate organisations across every category and geography.

To that AI-generated base we added two further streams. First, the nominations submitted by our 2025 laureates, who — as recognised leaders — are invited to nominate and to self-nominate for the following cycle. Second, candidates surfaced through the global Green Cross network of stakeholders, verifiers and technology partners. Together, these three streams produced a working universe of more than 3,000 candidates.

Stage Two — Refining 3,000+ candidates to 300 nominees

On this enlarged universe we applied successive filters, sharpening the field against a structured set of qualifying lenses, including:

- **Geopolitical context** — reading each candidate against the realities of the regions in which they operate.
- **Human rights & democracy** — weighting the institutional environment, governance quality and respect for civil liberties.
- **Decarbonisation trajectory & trends** — favouring credible, accelerating action over static or declining performance.

- **Geographic and sectoral balance** — ensuring the list reflects the breadth of the transition, not only its most visible centres.
- **Transparency & disclosure** — prioritising candidates whose claims are backed by public, verifiable evidence.
- **Integrity & greenwashing risk** — screening out narrative unsupported by deployment.

This phase narrowed the universe to approximately 300 nominees — the longlist on which the most demanding work would begin.

Stage Three — From 300 nominees to 100 laureates

Each of the 300 nominees was then examined individually in the hardest phase of the cycle: case-by-case verification of 2025 achievements, source-by-source integrity checks, and the scoring of every candidate against our Impact Index. From this arduous review, 100 organisations were recognised for the 2026 cycle — the Award recognises only 100 laureates — including, once again, one nation honoured with the Leadership for Peace recognition.

The work behind the list

More than **4,000 hours** were dedicated to the 2026 edition — to discovery, verification, case-by-case review and the drafting of individual rationales, across **more than 3,000 candidates** and **37 nominee countries**. We share this not to impress, but to be honest about the effort transparency requires, and about its limits: no process is perfect, and we welcome correction in good faith.

The 2026 cycle in numbers

3,000+	37	~4,000	300	100
Candidates assessed	Nominee countries	Hours of work	Nominees reviewed	Laureates recognised

HOW WE SCORE

The Impact Index (0–100)

Every nominee is assessed against an Impact Index scored from 0 to 100, built on a single guiding principle: deployment over narrative. The Index rewards measurable results and physical infrastructure over stated intentions, drawing on verifiable projects and milestones from the 2025–2026 period. We publish how it is constructed, but not a formula that could be reverse-engineered; the final judgement remains expert and qualitative.

Three pillars and a credibility check

- **Transformative Power** — the scale of systemic impact — the degree to which an entity’s action reshapes whole systems, such as transmission infrastructure critical to renewable integration or globally leading net-zero targets.
- **Carbon Integrity** — the quality of climate commitments, tested against integrity sources such as the Net Zero Tracker and Climate Action Tracker for genuine alignment with the 1.5°C limit.
- **Innovation & Execution** — tangible technological milestones delivered in 2025–2026: first-of-a-kind facilities, efficiency records and commercial-scale demonstrations that show ambition translated into delivery.

Within the 100-point framework, a defined share of the score — around one fifth — depends on transition credibility, cross-referenced against first-tier sources including IEA reporting (real clean-technology investment), the Science Based Targets initiative (scientific rigour of corporate plans), and IPCC and PIK Potsdam analysis (contribution to global carbon budgets).

The purpose of the Index is to generate certainty in a market too often characterised by uncertainty. A high score reflects not merely an ambitious target, but a demonstrated capacity to mobilise capital and technology toward real decarbonisation — turning raw data on investment, technology and policy into a single, defensible measure. The number opens the conversation; the rationale completes it.

THE SEVEN AWARD FAMILIES

The laureates are grouped into seven families of work, presented here in alphabetical order. These groupings are a lens for reading the list, not a hierarchy — each family matters equally to the whole.

1. **Carbon Removal** (15 laureates)

Organisations removing carbon already in the atmosphere — through nature-based, ocean-based, mineral and engineered pathways — and building the registries, standards and monitoring systems that make removals verifiable. This family spans direct air capture, enhanced weathering, soil and forest carbon, blue carbon and the marketplaces that finance them, recognising those proving that durable, measurable removal can scale with integrity.

2. **Communication & Influence** (10 laureates)

Journalists, broadcasters, educators, data communicators, scientists and advocates raising public literacy and ambition on decarbonisation. This family recognises those who translate complex climate science into accessible, trustworthy narratives — shaping public understanding, holding power to account, and sustaining the social licence on which the transition ultimately depends.

3. **Energy Transition** (19 laureates)

Developers, manufacturers, utilities and technology providers accelerating the shift to clean power, storage, green hydrogen and the digital platforms that modernise the grid. This family spans utility-scale renewables, transmission, hybrid generation and integrated national transitions, recognising those deploying clean infrastructure at the speed and scale the moment demands. This year, the family also hosts our Leadership for Peace recognition.

4. **Finance & Capital** (12 laureates)

Banks, funds, exchanges, rating agencies, insurers and data providers directing capital toward the transition and making climate risk measurable. This family recognises those building the financial architecture of net zero — mobilising green capital, pricing carbon, structuring climate funds and giving markets the transparency they need to allocate capital responsibly.

5. **Food & Land Systems** (12 laureates)

Agriculture, food retail, livestock, fertiliser and land-use leaders reducing emissions across the value chain while strengthening food and water security. This family recognises those decarbonising one of the hardest and most vital systems on Earth — from regenerative soil practices and water-efficient farming to supply-chain transformation and bio-based food innovation.

6. **Industrial Decarbonisation** (16 laureates)

Heavy industry, chemicals, cement, steel, aluminium and carbon-capture innovators proving that the hardest-to-abate sectors can cut emissions at commercial scale. This family recognises those re-engineering the material basis of the modern economy — through process innovation, electrification, circular carbon and industrial capture — where abatement is most difficult and most consequential.

7. **Systems & Policy** (16 laureates)

Standards bodies, research institutions, government actors operationalising natural asset governance with measurable carbon outcomes, think tanks, data agencies and multilateral initiatives — building the accountability architecture of net zero by setting rules, modelling pathways, measuring progress and translating policy into verified ecosystem action.

NEW THIS YEAR: THE LEADERSHIP FOR PEACE RECOGNITION

Among this year's 100 laureates, we are proud to continue a recognition unlike any other we give.

Leadership for Peace

Awarded to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay

The Carbon Positive Awards recognise a nation that has chosen to prioritise decarbonisation over militarisation — investing in a clean energy transition while keeping military spending modest, under a full democracy with a strong human-rights record. It is awarded not to any government of the day, but to the nation and its people, in recognition of a policy of state sustained across successive administrations of different political colours.

Why this recognition, and why now.

In a year when global military expenditure rose to its highest level since 2009, we wanted to honour the opposite instinct: the deliberate choice to invest in the future rather than in arms. The Leadership for Peace recognition celebrates a country whose public priorities reflect a rare and intentional balance between climate action, democratic governance and peace.

How it is assessed — in full public view.

Consistent with all our work, this recognition rests on a transparent, public-evidence framework. We consider a nation's balance of clean-energy transition versus military expenditure, adjusted by three corrective factors:

- **Clean electricity matrix** — the share of national electricity from non-fossil sources.
- **Quality of democracy** — drawing on recognised indices such as the Democracy Index.
- **Human and civil rights** — the respect for rights and freedoms within the country.

A nation only rises in this assessment if it performs strongly on every dimension at once: a clean grid alone is not enough, nor is democracy alone. Uruguay stands out because it combines all of them.

The full rationale.

This special award recognises the Oriental Republic of Uruguay for choosing decarbonisation over militarisation, and for doing so within one of the most stable democracies in the world. Our assessment applies a transparent, public-evidence framework — the ratio of transition investment to defence spending, adjusted by the cleanliness of the national electricity matrix, the quality of democracy, and the respect for human and civil rights. On every one of these dimensions, Uruguay stands out. Roughly 98% of its electricity now comes from renewable sources — hydropower, wind, biomass and solar — a transformation achieved in under two decades through sustained public policy and private investment, not inherited from geography alone. Its military burden remains low and stable, in a year when military spending across much of the world rose to its highest level since 2009.

Crucially, Uruguay achieves this without sacrificing the institutional values this award seeks to honour. It is classified among the small group of full democracies worldwide, with civil liberties and electoral integrity rated among the strongest of any nation outside the traditional Nordic leaders, and it maintains a long tradition of peaceful, constitutional transfers of power. This combination — a near-fully decarbonised grid, restrained military spending, and a robust democracy with a clean human-rights record — is exactly what the Leadership for Peace award was created to illuminate. It is awarded not to any individual or government of the day, but to the nation and its people, in recognition of a policy of state sustained across successive administrations of different political colours.

As with every recognition, this is an illumination, not a ranking. It names one example of a balance we hope many nations will pursue — and it is offered in the same spirit of encouragement as the rest of these Awards.

A PROFILE OF THE 100 LAUREATES

Taken together, the 100 laureates of 2026 offer a portrait of where credible decarbonisation leadership sits today — across sectors, geographies and kinds of institution. The picture is deliberately broad: the transition is not the work of one industry or one region, and the list reflects that.

The largest concentration falls in Energy Transition (19) and the hard-to-abate frontier of Industrial Decarbonisation (16), the two families where physical deployment is most decisive. Systems & Policy (16) and Carbon Removal (15) follow, reflecting the growing weight of measurement, standards and durable removal in any serious net-zero pathway. Finance & Capital (12) and Food & Land Systems (12) anchor the capital and land dimensions of the transition, while Communication & Influence (10) recognises those who sustain public understanding and ambition.

Geographically, the list spans 23 countries across every inhabited region. Europe is the single largest base, led by the United Kingdom (17) and Germany (7). The Middle East is strongly represented with 18 laureates, led by the UAE and Saudi Arabia, followed closely by North America (17, principally the United States) and Asia-Pacific (16, led by India and China). Latin America and Africa are present but thinner — an honest reflection of where verifiable public evidence is currently easiest to find, and a gap we aim to close in future cycles rather than disguise.

The laureates are also diverse in kind. They include listed multinationals and state-owned majors; sovereign and multilateral institutions; banks, exchanges and funds; standards bodies and research institutes; specialist climate technology firms; and journalists, broadcasters and individual communicators. One laureate is a nation — the Oriental Republic of Uruguay — recognised under the Leadership for Peace banner. What unites them is not their form but their evidence: each earned recognition on demonstrable 2025–2026 performance, not on profile or scale alone.

Impact Index scores across the cohort range from 84 to 96, with most laureates clustered between 85 and 94 — a band that reflects sustained, verifiable leadership rather than isolated announcement. The tables below summarise the composition.

By award family

Award Family	Laureates	Share
Energy Transition	19	19%
Industrial Decarbonisation	16	16%
Systems & Policy	16	16%
Carbon Removal	15	15%
Finance & Capital	12	12%
Food & Land Systems	12	12%
Communication & Influence	10	10%

By region

Region	Laureates	Share
Europe	41	41%
Middle East	18	18%
North America	17	17%
Asia-Pacific	16	16%
Latin America	6	6%
Africa	1	1%
Cross-border (USA & DEU)	1	1%

By Impact Index band

Score band	Laureates	Share
95–100	7	7%
90–94	48	48%
85–89	42	42%
84	3	3%

NO SPONSORSHIP, NO FEES

A Note on Independence

The integrity of this recognition rests on a single, non-negotiable principle: it cannot be bought.

No organisation pays to be considered, nominated or recognised. There are no application fees, no entry costs, and no commercial sponsorship of any laureate, category or outcome. Recognition is never sold, exchanged, or influenced by any financial relationship — direct or indirect.

The Carbon Positive Awards are fully funded by Green Cross UK and its mission-aligned partners, structured deliberately so that no funder can shape who is recognised or why. Inclusion in this list does not imply that the recognised organisation endorses Green Cross UK, nor that Green Cross UK has any commercial tie to them.

We make this explicit because the field we work in is crowded with paid placements, pay-to-enter awards and sponsored “rankings.” This is none of those. It is an independent, non-profit act of recognition grounded in public evidence — and its only currency is credibility.

THE 100 LAUREATES OF 2026

Listed by Award Family

The laureates are listed below by award family (macro sector), in alphabetical order, and within each family alphabetically by organisation. For each we note the country and the specific recognition. Each reflects verifiable 2025–2026 work, summarised in full in the individual rationales issued to each organisation. A complete index by country appears in the Annex. Listing implies no order of merit.

Carbon Removal (15)

Organisation	Country	Recognised for Leadership in
Agreena	Denmark	Soil Carbon Platforms
Aquadelle Technologies (A Dellepere Ent. Co.)	USA	Aquatic Carbon Sink Restoration & Methane Mitigation
BIOFIN (UNDP Biodiversity Finance Initiative)	Switzerland	Biodiversity Carbon Systems
Charm Industrial	USA	Bio-oil Sequestration
Climeworks	Switzerland	Direct Air Capture
Eden Reforestation Projects	USA	Reforestation NGOs
Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) – Methane AIR Programme	USA	Methane Reduction Systems
Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	Germany	Forestry Certification
NASA Earth Observatory / Earth Science Division	USA	Nature Data Monitoring
Planetary Technologies	Canada	Ocean Carbon Capture
Puro.earth	Finland	Carbon Removal Marketplaces
The Nature Conservancy (TNC) & Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	USA & DEU	Ecosystem Restoration Funds
UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment	UAE	Blue Carbon Systems
UNDO	UK	Enhanced Weathering
World Resources Institute (WRI) / Global Forest Watch	USA	Land Restoration Platforms

Communication & Influence (10)

Organisation	Country	Recognised for Leadership in
2050 Pictures	USA	Climate Documentary & Film
Carbon Brief	UK	Climate Newsletters
Climate Town	USA	Climate Social Media Channels
Down To Earth (CSE India)	India	Climate Journalism Outlets
Farhana Yamin	UK	Climate Activist Voices
Joeri Rogelj	UK	Climate Science Communicators
Our World in Data	UK	Climate Data Storytelling
Puthiyathalaimurai TV	India	Mainstream Climate Desks
TED Countdown	USA	Climate Education Platforms
The Climate Question (BBC World Service)	UK	Climate Podcasts

Energy Transition (19)

Organisation	Country	Recognised for Leadership in
ACWA Power	Saudi Arabia	Utility-Scale Solar Deployment
CATL (Contemporary Amperex Technology)	China	Battery Manufacturing
DEWA (Dubai Electricity & Water Authority)	UAE	Utility / Renewable Procurement
Elia Group	Belgium	Transmission System Operators
Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC)	UAE	Nuclear Low Carbon Systems
Goldwind	China	Onshore Wind
Hitachi Energy	Switzerland	Smart Grids
John Cockerill	Belgium	Hydrogen Electrolysis
Kraken (Octopus Energy)	UK	Energy Software Systems
LONGi Green Energy Technology Co. Ltd.	China	Solar Manufacturing
Masdar (Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company)	UAE	Clean Energy Developers
NEOM Green Hydrogen Company (NGHC)	Saudi Arabia	Green Hydrogen Production
NLC India Limited	India	Wind-Solar Hybrid
NTPC Limited	India	Utility Transition Majors
Oriental Republic of Uruguay	Uruguay	Leadership for Peace (Special Award)

Organisation	Country	Recognised for Leadership in
Ørsted	Denmark	Renewable Utilities
State Grid Corporation of China	China	Grid Operators
Waaree Energies Ltd.	India	Hydrogen Infrastructure
X-NOOR	UAE	Integrated Energy Transition

Finance & Capital (12)

Organisation	Country	Recognised for Leadership in
AirCarbon Exchange (ACX)	UAE	Carbon Pricing Platforms
British International Investment (BII)	UK	Infrastructure Finance
Brookfield Renewable Partners	Canada	Private Equity Climate
Climate Bonds Initiative	UK	Green Bonds Platforms
Climate Impact X (CIX)	Singapore	Carbon Markets Exchanges
Climate Investment Funds (CIF)	USA	Climate Funds
Intercontinental Exchange (ICE)	USA	Climate Risk Data Providers
MSCI ESG	USA	ESG Rating Agencies
Mubadala Investment Company	UAE	Sovereign Wealth Funds
Munich Re	Germany	Insurance Climate Risk
Saudi National Bank (SNB)	Saudi Arabia	Green Capital Mobilisation
Standard Chartered	UK	Global Banks

Food & Land Systems (12)

Organisation	Country	Recognised for Leadership in
Cropin	India	AgriTech Platforms
DSM-Firmenich	Switzerland	Livestock Emissions Reduction
Grupo Bimbo	Mexico	Regenerative Agriculture
Grupo Modelo	Mexico	Beverage Supply Chains
Heura Foods	Spain	Bio-based Food Systems
Netafim	Israel	Water-Efficient Agriculture
Ninjacart	India	Food Logistics Systems
Soil Capital	Belgium	Soil Carbon Systems
Tanmiah Food Company	Saudi Arabia	Poultry Supply Chain Decarbonisation
Tesco	UK	Food Retail Transition

Organisation	Country	Recognised for Leadership in
UPL Limited	India	Crop Science Companies
Yara International	Norway	Fertilizer Innovation

Industrial Decarbonisation (16)

Organisation	Country	Recognised for Leadership in
Carbon Clean	UK	Industrial Carbon Capture
CEMEX	Mexico	Cement Decarbonisation
China Baowu Steel Group	China	Steel Low Carbon
Covestro	Germany	Materials Innovation
Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA)	UAE	Heavy Industry Conglomerates
EMSTEEL Group	UAE	Steel + Cement Low-Carbon (UAE)
GE Vernova	USA	Heat Decarbonisation
Hatch Ltd	Canada	Process Engineering Systems
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)	Saudi Arabia	CO ₂ Utilisation & Electrochemical Conversion
Linde plc	USA	Industrial Gas Systems
Ma'aden (Saudi Arabian Mining Company)	Saudi Arabia	Renewable-Powered Mining
ROSHN Group	Saudi Arabia	Urban Greening & Ecological Infrastructure
SABIC	Saudi Arabia	Circular Carbon Manufacturing
Siemens	Germany	Industrial Automation
Solvay	Belgium	Chemicals Transition
Umicore	Belgium	Manufacturing Efficiency

Systems & Policy (16)

Organisation	Country	Recognised for Leadership in
Bruegel	Belgium	Climate Economics Think Tank EU
Carbon Tracker Initiative	UK	Transition Monitoring Systems
CDP	UK	Disclosure Systems
Climate Analytics	Germany	Climate Policy Think Tanks
Global Carbon Project	Australia	Climate Data Institutions
Green Climate Fund (GCF)	South Korea	Multilateral Climate Finance

Organisation	Country	Recognised for Leadership in
IEA (International Energy Agency)	France	Energy Agencies
INEGI (Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía)	Mexico	National Climate Data Agencies
IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)	Switzerland	IPCC Science System
Isometric	UK	Carbon Standards Bodies
LSE Grantham Research Institute	UK	Climate Economics Institutes
Net Zero Tracker	UK	Net Zero Trackers
Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)	Germany	Energy Modeling Institutions
Gobierno del Estado de Puebla	Mexico	Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration
UNEP Law Division	Kenya	Climate Law Institutions
UNFCCC	Germany	UN Climate System

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Carbon Positive Awards — Disclaimer

This section outlines the key terms and conditions for the Carbon Positive Awards (the “Awards”).

- **Organiser Information.** The Awards are organised by Green Cross UK (G+UK), an independent NGO founded by Nobel laureate Mikhail Gorbachev in 1993. As a member of Green Cross International with UN consultative status, it addresses security, poverty and environmental challenges for a sustainable future.
- **Funding and Independence.** G+UK does not charge fees for applications or for the recognition of winners. The initiative is fully funded by G+UK and partners, ensuring independence in the selection and evaluation processes.
- **Eligibility and Disqualification.** G+UK may reject any application or disqualify participants or winners at any time for non-compliance with the code of conduct or other terms. Finalists and winners are chosen through a thorough review process, and all decisions are final.
- **Legal Distinction and Liability.** G+UK is legally distinct from candidates and participants and cannot be held liable for their content or actions. Participants do not represent G+UK and cannot claim any official affiliation regarding the Awards.
- **Code of Conduct.** The Awards promote sustainability, decarbonisation and environmental protection. Political references and unapproved guidelines are prohibited. Participants must uphold high professional standards, and mutual respect among all involved is essential.
- **Content and Intellectual Property.** Participants agree that submitted materials may be published by G+UK for promotional purposes. All content derived from this initiative remains the intellectual property of G+UK and cannot be used without written permission.
- **Awards Recognition.** The Awards do not provide financial rewards. Recognition is given via invitation and public announcement.
- **Criteria Acknowledgment.** The Awards recognise entities tackling decarbonisation and sustainability challenges. Evaluation criteria may vary, and all assessments are made in good faith.



- **Changes and Contact Information.** G+UK reserves the right to update this document without notice.

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Submissions for the next cycle are made online and are entirely free of charge, with all entries requiring presentation in English. Nominations close on 28 January 2026 at 3:00 pm GMT, coinciding with the World Day for the Reduction of CO₂ Emissions.

AN INVITATION, NOT A VERDICT

This recognition arrives in a difficult year. Geopolitical fracture, conflict and economic strain have pulled attention and capital away from the climate transition at the very moment the science says we can least afford it. Multilateral cooperation is under pressure, energy security has re-entered the centre of national strategy, and in many places the political will to decarbonise is being tested as never before.

It is precisely in such a moment that leadership matters most. Decarbonisation is not a fair-weather project to be paused when geopolitics turns hard; it is the foundation of long-term security, stability and shared prosperity. The organisations and the nation recognised here have continued to build, invest, measure and deliver — against headwinds, not with the wind at their backs. That is the kind of leadership this recognition exists to illuminate: durable, evidence-based, and undeterred by the noise of the cycle.

We offer this list humbly. It is a snapshot, taken in good faith, of leadership we could see and verify. We will have missed deserving work — especially in regions where public evidence is harder to surface — and we refine our approach each year. If you see an omission or an error, we genuinely want to hear from you.

To everyone advancing the transition — recognised here or not — thank you. In an age of division, the work of decarbonisation remains one of the few endeavours that unites rather than separates. The path to net zero is walked together, and every credible step forward, in every country, is worth celebrating.



ABOUT GREEN CROSS UK

The owner and steward of the Carbon Positive Awards

The Carbon Positive Awards are owned, organised and delivered in full by Green Cross UK. We are the responsible entity behind the initiative — from methodology and evaluation to recognition and publication.

We convene and partner with governments, multilateral institutions and leading corporations to translate macro sustainability challenges into actionable projects — whether investment-ready or driven by public, social and environmental value that markets alone cannot capture. Through our Programmes and Initiatives, we deploy collaborative frameworks to deliver measurable, systemic change where it matters most.

Our credentials

Green Cross UK is a member of Green Cross International — founded by Nobel laureate Mikhail Gorbachev — with UN General Consultative Status (ECOSOC), UNESCO engagement, and observer status at climate conventions (UNFCCC, UNCCD). Strategic partnerships include the Club of Rome, Earth Charter International, the IFRC, WWF and the World Bank.

As Green Cross UK, we are signatories of the UN Global Compact and members of the Climate Change Coalition. Operating across Commonwealth nations and Latin America, we integrate specialists, verifiers and technology partners for independent, scientifically rigorous delivery.

Our founder's legacy

Our mandate and unique perspective derive from our founder, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Mikhail Gorbachev. Established in the wake of the Rio Earth Summit, Green Cross was born from the conviction that environmental security is the cornerstone of peace and stability. This legacy of high-level diplomatic engagement and systemic thinking informs our work today.

Our perspective for navigating global change

The compounding crises of our era — from poverty and inequality to climate breakdown and biodiversity loss — define what we recognise as Global Change. This convergence places unprecedented strain on planetary boundaries while breaching foundational social needs. Guided by the doughnut economics model, we deploy systemic responses that respect planetary biocapacities while advancing social justice, human security and peace.

Every response we deliver originates from the same foundation: human dignity and planetary boundaries. These are not merely aspirations; they are fundamental design constraints. Within this model, we deploy our core competencies toward sectors where the gap between stated intent and measurable results is widest — always seeking to generate verifiable, lasting Positive Impact (π).

Our strategic partner role

In an era of geopolitical turbulence and conflicting sustainability practices, we serve as an independent, non-profit strategic partner for organisations committed to generating authentic positive impact. Our role adapts to each need — we may advise, audit, develop, integrate, mediate or verify (without conflict of interest) — always grounded in rigorous ethical and scientific principles.

ANNEX

Index of Laureates by Country

The same 100 laureates are indexed below by country, in alphabetical order, and within each country alphabetically by organisation, for ease of reference. This annex mirrors the main listing by award family; no laureate appears twice. Listing implies no order of merit.

Australia (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Global Carbon Project	Systems & Policy	Climate Data Institutions

Belgium (6)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Bruegel	Systems & Policy	Climate Economics Think Tank EU
Elia Group	Energy Transition	Transmission System Operators
John Cockerill	Energy Transition	Hydrogen Electrolysis
Soil Capital	Food & Land Systems	Soil Carbon Systems
Solvay	Industrial Decarbonisation	Chemicals Transition
Umicore	Industrial Decarbonisation	Manufacturing Efficiency

Canada (3)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Brookfield Renewable Partners	Finance & Capital	Private Equity Climate
Hatch Ltd	Industrial Decarbonisation	Process Engineering Systems
Planetary Technologies	Carbon Removal	Ocean Carbon Capture

China (5)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
CATL (Contemporary Ampere Technology)	Energy Transition	Battery Manufacturing
China Baowu Steel Group	Industrial Decarbonisation	Steel Low Carbon
Goldwind	Energy Transition	Onshore Wind
LONGi Green Energy Technology Co. Ltd.	Energy Transition	Solar Manufacturing
State Grid Corporation of China	Energy Transition	Grid Operators

Denmark (2)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Agreena	Carbon Removal	Soil Carbon Platforms
Ørsted	Energy Transition	Renewable Utilities

Finland (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Puro.earth	Carbon Removal	Carbon Removal Marketplaces

France (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
IEA (International Energy Agency)	Systems & Policy	Energy Agencies

Germany (7)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Climate Analytics	Systems & Policy	Climate Policy Think Tanks
Covestro	Industrial Decarbonisation	Materials Innovation
Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	Carbon Removal	Forestry Certification
Munich Re	Finance & Capital	Insurance Climate Risk
Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)	Systems & Policy	Energy Modeling Institutions

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Siemens	Industrial Decarbonisation	Industrial Automation
UNFCCC	Systems & Policy	UN Climate System

India (8)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Cropin	Food & Land Systems	AgriTech Platforms
Down To Earth (CSE India)	Communication & Influence	Climate Journalism Outlets
Ninjacart	Food & Land Systems	Food Logistics Systems
NLC India Limited	Energy Transition	Wind-Solar Hybrid
NTPC Limited	Energy Transition	Utility Transition Majors
Puthiyathalaimurai TV	Communication & Influence	Mainstream Climate Desks
UPL Limited	Food & Land Systems	Crop Science Companies
Waaree Energies Ltd.	Energy Transition	Hydrogen Infrastructure

Israel (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Netafim	Food & Land Systems	Water-Efficient Agriculture

Kenya (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
UNEP Law Division	Systems & Policy	Climate Law Institutions

Mexico (5)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
CEMEX	Industrial Decarbonisation	Cement Decarbonisation
Gobierno del Estado de Puebla	Systems & Policy	Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Grupo Bimbo	Food & Land Systems	Regenerative Agriculture
Grupo Modelo	Food & Land Systems	Beverage Supply Chains
INEGI (Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía)	Systems & Policy	National Climate Data Agencies

Norway (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Yara International	Food & Land Systems	Fertilizer Innovation

Saudi Arabia (8)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
ACWA Power	Energy Transition	Utility-Scale Solar Deployment
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)	Industrial Decarbonisation	CO ₂ Utilisation & Electrochemical Conversion
Ma'aden (Saudi Arabian Mining Company)	Industrial Decarbonisation	Renewable-Powered Mining
NEOM Green Hydrogen Company (NGHC)	Energy Transition	Green Hydrogen Production
ROSHN Group	Industrial Decarbonisation	Urban Greening & Ecological Infrastructure
SABIC	Industrial Decarbonisation	Circular Carbon Manufacturing
Saudi National Bank (SNB)	Finance & Capital	Green Capital Mobilisation
Tanmiah Food Company	Food & Land Systems	Poultry Supply Chain Decarbonisation

Singapore (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Climate Impact X (CIX)	Finance & Capital	Carbon Markets Exchanges

South Korea (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Green Climate Fund (GCF)	Systems & Policy	Multilateral Climate Finance

Spain (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Heura Foods	Food & Land Systems	Bio-based Food Systems

Switzerland (5)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
BIOFIN (UNDP Biodiversity Finance Initiative)	Carbon Removal	Biodiversity Carbon Systems
Climeworks	Carbon Removal	Direct Air Capture
DSM-Firmenich	Food & Land Systems	Livestock Emissions Reduction
Hitachi Energy	Energy Transition	Smart Grids
IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)	Systems & Policy	IPCC Science System

UAE (9)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
AirCarbon Exchange (ACX)	Finance & Capital	Carbon Pricing Platforms
DEWA (Dubai Electricity & Water Authority)	Energy Transition	Utility / Renewable Procurement
Emirates Global Aluminium (EGA)	Industrial Decarbonisation	Heavy Industry Conglomerates
Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC)	Energy Transition	Nuclear Low Carbon Systems
EMSTEEL Group	Industrial Decarbonisation	Steel + Cement Low-Carbon (UAE)
Masdar (Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company)	Energy Transition	Clean Energy Developers
Mubadala Investment Company	Finance & Capital	Sovereign Wealth Funds
UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment	Carbon Removal	Blue Carbon Systems
X-NOOR	Energy Transition	Integrated Energy Transition

UK (17)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
British International Investment (BII)	Finance & Capital	Infrastructure Finance
Carbon Brief	Communication & Influence	Climate Newsletters
Carbon Clean	Industrial Decarbonisation	Industrial Carbon Capture
Carbon Tracker Initiative	Systems & Policy	Transition Monitoring Systems
CDP	Systems & Policy	Disclosure Systems
Climate Bonds Initiative	Finance & Capital	Green Bonds Platforms
Farhana Yamin	Communication & Influence	Climate Activist Voices
Isometric	Systems & Policy	Carbon Standards Bodies
Joeri Rogelj	Communication & Influence	Climate Science Communicators
Kraken (Octopus Energy)	Energy Transition	Energy Software Systems
LSE Grantham Research Institute	Systems & Policy	Climate Economics Institutes
Net Zero Tracker	Systems & Policy	Net Zero Trackers
Our World in Data	Communication & Influence	Climate Data Storytelling
Standard Chartered	Finance & Capital	Global Banks
Tesco	Food & Land Systems	Food Retail Transition
The Climate Question (BBC World Service)	Communication & Influence	Climate Podcasts
UNDO	Carbon Removal	Enhanced Weathering

USA (14)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
2050 Pictures	Communication & Influence	Climate Documentary & Film
Aquadelle Technologies (A Dellepere Ent. Co.)	Carbon Removal	Aquatic Carbon Sink Restoration & Methane Mitigation
Charm Industrial	Carbon Removal	Bio-oil Sequestration
Climate Investment Funds (CIF)	Finance & Capital	Climate Funds
Climate Town	Communication & Influence	Climate Social Media Channels
Eden Reforestation Projects	Carbon Removal	Reforestation NGOs
Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) - MethaneAIR Programme	Carbon Removal	Methane Reduction Systems
GE Vernova	Industrial Decarbonisation	Heat Decarbonisation
Intercontinental Exchange (ICE)	Finance & Capital	Climate Risk Data Providers
Linde plc	Industrial Decarbonisation	Industrial Gas Systems
MSCI ESG	Finance & Capital	ESG Rating Agencies
NASA Earth Observatory / Earth Science Division	Carbon Removal	Nature Data Monitoring
TED Countdown	Communication & Influence	Climate Education Platforms
World Resources Institute (WRI) / Global Forest Watch	Carbon Removal	Land Restoration Platforms

USA & DEU (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
TNC & GIZ	Carbon Removal	Ecosystem Restoration Funds

Uruguay (1)

Organisation	Award Family	Recognised for Leadership in
Oriental Republic of Uruguay	Energy Transition	Leadership for Peace (Special Award)

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