

Selected international development prizes and challenges

Prize	Description	Comments
Stockholm Water Prize Sweden www.siwi.org/prizes/stockholmwaterprize	First presented by the Stockholm International Water Institute to acknowledge a contribution to water-related activities. The prize consists of US\$150,000 and an Orrefors crystal sculpture.	Presented during International Water Week (August-September).
Right Livelihood Award Sweden www.rightlivelihoodaward.org	Established by philanthropist Jacob von Uexkull in 1980 to acknowledge "practical and exemplary solutions to the most urgent challenges facing the world today". The prize of Euro 200,000 is usually divided between four recipients.	Recipients include an eclectic array of individuals and organisations in fields as diverse as environmental protection, sustainable development, human rights, and advocacy.
AIDEX Aid Innovation Award https://aid-expo.com	Since 2001 the AIDEX conference and exhibition held annually in Brussels has included an aid innovation award. Four finalists are assessed at AIDEX by an expert panel.	The 2017 innovation award was presented to French start-up Zephyr, which makes solar balloons providing energy and services to isolated locations.
Ashden Award UK www.ashden.org	Established in 2001 the organisation provides a series of annual prizes for development innovation, especially energy, in the UK and the developing world.	The awards are accompanied by a tailored package of support for future development, including media publicity and business planning advice.
Prince Claus Awards Netherlands www.princeclausfund.org	Awarded since 1997 to a series of recipients (individuals and organisations) each year who have contributed to culture and development. The Principal Award of Euro 100,000 is presented in the Netherlands and additional awards of Euro 25,000 are presented in the local Dutch Embassy.	Mainly goes to artists of all kinds in the developing world, but also to development institutions.
Fritz Shumacher Award	Sponsored by Practical Action and the UK	Inaugurated in 2016, the prize covers

<p>UK</p> <p>www.imeche.org/careers-education/scholarships-and-awards</p>	<p>Institute of Mechanical Engineers, this award worth 1000 pounds recognises individual contributions to alleviating poverty in the developing world through innovative, simple and sustainable engineering and technology solutions.</p>	<p>the following sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban poverty • Water • Sanitation & health • Sustainable energy access • Sustainable agriculture • Disaster risk reduction • Climate change • Gender
<p>EWB Engineering for People Design Challenge</p> <p>UK</p> <p>www.ewb-uk.org/engineering-for-people</p>	<p>Introduced by Engineers Without Borders UK in 2012 this is a competition supported by 26 universities in the UK and Ireland as well as universities in Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia.</p>	<p>The transferable skills graduates gain during the challenge inspire a distinctive mindset and expertise in the drive for engineering being at the heart of sustainable development.</p>
<p>Hult Prize</p> <p>USA</p> <p>www.hultprize.org</p>	<p>The world's largest student competition for social good. The annual, year-long competition crowd-sources ideas from MBA and college students after challenging them to solve a pressing social issue around topics such as food security, water access, energy, and education. The Hult family – founders of EF Education First – donates US\$1 million in seed capital to help the winning team launch a social enterprise. The Prize is a partnership between Hult International Business School and the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI).</p>	<p>In 2010, the competition focused on education in partnership with One Laptop Per Child. The 2011 event partnered with water.org to focus on the provision of clean water. In 2012, Hult Prize partnered with Habitat for Humanity, One Laptop Per Child, and Solaraid to address poverty through the provision of education, housing, and energy. The 2013 event inaugurated the Prize's formal partnership with CGI and addressed the global food crisis.</p>
<p>Drones for Good Award</p> <p>UAE</p> <p>www.dronesforgood.ae</p>	<p>A consortium of UAE companies and government agencies together with international businesses such as Microsoft and Samsung have offered an award of US\$1m for the best development application of drone technology</p>	<p>The inaugural award was made in February 2015 to the Gimball drone manufactured by Flyability in Switzerland. This drone is enclosed within a carbon-fibre cage which means</p>

	capable of commercialisation within three years.	<p>it can continue to operate after colliding with objects.</p> <p>The 2016 international award went to Nokia's Saving Lives Project which links drones to provide communications for first responders in emergencies. A UAE award to the Sanad Academy was for Smart Ring, a support for rescue of drowning victims.</p> <p>The competition lasts a year and attracts hundreds of entries, facilitating information exchange within the drone industry.</p>
<p>Zayed Future Energy Prize UAE</p> <p>https://zayedfutureenergyprize.com</p>	<p>The \$4 million Zayed Future Energy Prize, managed by Masdar in Abu Dhabi, recognises innovators of our time. The prize was a result of the vision of the late Ruler of Abu Dhabi and Founding Father of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan. In 2008 at the World Future Energy Summit, His Highness General Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the UAE, announced The Zayed Future Energy Prize, to honour his father's legacy of environmental stewardship.</p>	<p>To ensure that the prize reaches out to the different key players in the industry, it is awarded annually to: a large corporation, a small and medium enterprise, a non-governmental organization, a lifetime achievement recipient and up to five high schools from five different world regions.</p>
<p>Eureka Prize for Innovative Use of Technology Australia</p> <p>https://australianmuseum.net.au/eureka</p>	<p>The Australian Museum in Sydney makes a series of annual awards for scientific research, innovation, leadership and communication. The innovation category often features technologies with potential application in the developing world.</p>	<p>The awards are normally presented to individuals or research teams, occasionally to companies or research agencies. The sector coverage is essentially driven by sponsorship opportunities.</p>

<p>Lighthouse Activities (UN Momentum for Change Programme)</p> <p>https://unfccc.int/secretariat/momentum_for_change</p>	<p>Established by the UN Climate Change secretariat in 2011, this program provides annual awards in four different categories for climate change activities already operating on the ground which could be replicated or scaled up for broader application. Nominations are invited every year and award recipients are showcased at the UN Climate Change Conference.</p>	<p>Current categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban poor • Women for results • Investment finance • ICT solutions <p>The awards are supported by various philanthropic and business groups.</p>
<p>SEED Awards</p> <p>www.seeds.uno/awards</p>	<p>The SEED Awards for Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Development is an annual awards scheme designed to find the most promising, innovative and locally-led start-up social and environmental enterprises in countries with developing and emerging economies. It was inaugurated in 2005 and offers winners a package of in-kind support for further development.</p>	<p>Currently three awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa (up to 4 – Government of Flanders) • Africa Green (up to 15 – UNEP/EU) • Gender equality (1 in Kenya) <p>SEED promotes sustainable development through entrepreneurship and is supported by UNEP/UNDP and IUCN</p>
<p>Unilever Sustainable Living Young Entrepreneurs Awards (Prince of Wales Awards) UK</p> <p>www.cisl.cam.ac.uk</p>	<p>The awards support young entrepreneurs in creating a safer, healthier and brighter future for the future of the planet. Finalists travel to the UK to participate in an accelerator program designed by the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership before pitching their ideas live to a panel of sustainability experts. They also receive a total of €200,000 in funding and support to help take their sustainable solutions to the next level.</p>	
<p>Klaus J Jacobs Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Prize 	<p>Established in 2009 by a Swiss entrepreneur, the Foundation supports research and interventions in</p>	<p>The Foundation is by no means limited to the developing world, though</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practice Prize <p>https://jacobsfoundation.org</p>	<p>child and youth development worldwide, including these annual prizes. The research prize is worth 1 million and the Best Practice Prize 200,000 Swiss Francs.</p>	<p>awardees have included a vocational training institute in Indonesia, a child stimulation and nutrition program for cognitive and language skills in Colombian towns, and a rural parenting program in Kenya.</p>
<p>XPrizes</p> <p>www.xprize.org</p>	<p>Since 1995, the XPrize Foundation in the US has managed a rolling program of challenges in which teams compete to offer the best solution to a nominated problem. Past prizes have included adult literacy, global learning and oil spill clean-up. The current program includes water abundance and women's safety. Future prizes will address renewable energy in Africa, off-grid energy and innovative housing.</p>	<p>The Foundation tends to favour a combination of education and technological innovation and sets very specific targets and timelines to be met. However, the prizes are frequently in excess of US\$1 m. Funding generally comes from corporate or philanthropic sponsorship of individual prizes.</p>
<p>Gothenburg Award for Sustainable Development</p> <p>https://gothenburgaward.com</p>	<p>Given by the Center for Environment and Sustainability each year since 2005 to people or organisations for outstanding performance and achievements towards a sustainable future. The prize is 1 million Swedish krona (SEK).</p>	<p>Key objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •conserving resources and/or furthering renewable raw materials or ecological solutions •the solution to a problem (area) that can lead to a technological breakthrough or "system change" •creating and/or driving a process concerning the environment which has been important for the Gothenburg region as well as in a larger perspective •development towards greater global justice.
<p>Mitchell Global Humanitarian Award Australia</p>	<p>The Mitchell Global Humanitarian Award sponsored by the Harold Mitchell Foundation and the Development Policy Centre at ANU was introduced in 2016. It honours the Australian</p>	<p>The award acknowledges an inspiring contribution to international development of lasting and significant value with links to Australia. The inaugural award was</p>

https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/departments/news/7332/mitchell-global-humanitarian-award-launched	businessman and philanthropist Harold Mitchell.	made to the Australian veterinarian Robyn Alders in 2017 for her work in Africa. The award includes a donation of A\$10,000 to a charity of the awardee's choice.
ACFID Awards Australia www.acfid.asn.au	The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) presents three awards to individuals at its annual national conference.	The current awards are for contributions to human rights, the media and the development sector.
Food Security Journalism Award Australia www.crawfordfund.org/awards/journalism-award-page/	Since 2013 the Crawford Fund for International Agricultural Research and the Australian Council for Agricultural Journalists have jointly sponsored an annual award for Australian journalism related to the role of agricultural research and training in global food security.	The award includes a visit to a developing country to see local conditions firsthand.