

5th HSBC and The Daily Star Climate Awards

Eligibility Criteria

5th HSBC and The Daily Star Climate Awards aims to recognise organisations and individuals actively working towards preserving the environment and managing the risk of climate change through their business practices, social initiatives, voluntary approach or valuable knowledge sharing practices

Category 1: Climate Champion in Green Business

For commercial organisations engaged in innovating, developing, or promoting products, services or technologies that seek to minimise the risk of climate change and help to preserve the environment

Criteria:

- ▶ Commercial organisations with 100% Bangladeshi ownership can apply
- ▶ The products/services/technologies must be available to consumers for a minimum of 1 year as of 10 November 2015
- ▶ Must have valid clean credit report as per latest record
- ▶ Must have valid clean Tax Certificate as per latest record
- ▶ Must have valid Environment Clearance Certificate

Category 2: Climate Champion in Green Operations

For commercial organisations that adopt/utilise environmentally responsible manufacturing, distribution or marketing processes, technologies or mechanisms in their overall/a segment of business operations

Criteria:

Group A: Companies with 100% Bangladeshi ownership

- ▶ Commercial organisations with 100% Bangladeshi ownership can apply
- ▶ The processes/technologies/mechanisms should be in operation for a minimum of 1 year as of 10 November 2015
- ▶ Must have valid clean credit report as per latest record
- ▶ Must have valid clean Tax Certificate as per latest record
- ▶ Must have valid Environment Clearance Certificate

Group B: Companies with full or partial foreign ownership

- ▶ All international companies (MNC/JV/Subsidiary/Others) operating in Bangladesh can apply
- ▶ The processes/technologies/mechanism should be in operation for a minimum of 1 year as of 10 November 2015
- ▶ Must have valid clean credit report as per latest record
- ▶ Must have valid clean Tax Certificate as per latest record
- ▶ Must have valid Environment Clearance Certificate

Category 3: Climate Champion in Knowledge Management

For research, exploration or awareness building programmes/campaigns that focus on protecting biodiversity, preserving the environment and/or provides solutions on managing climate change impact

Criteria:

- ▶ Any research organisation, educational institution, media or individual (any nationality) can apply
- ▶ Scope of the programme should mainly focus on issues related to climate change and environmental conservation in Bangladesh
- ▶ In case of research, the project should be no more than 2 years old as of 10 November 2015
- ▶ Only completed and published research (as of 10 November 2015) is eligible while other initiatives (exploration, awareness building campaigns) can be ongoing but must demonstrate valid outcome/results

Category 4: Climate Champion in Community Engagement

For community driven initiatives aiming to improve the lives of the people/communities affected by climate change and/or proactive social campaigns focused on environmental preservation and/or creating awareness on the impact of climate change

Criteria:

- ▶ Only open to Bangladeshi individuals and organisations
- ▶ Any public sector organisation, non-profit organisation, NGO, educational institution, trust, community club, cooperative, commercial organisation-run voluntary initiative, community-run initiative or individual is eligible
- ▶ The social initiative must seek to improve the lives of people/communities living within the geographical boundary of Bangladesh
- ▶ The initiative should be at least 1 year old as of 10 November 2015
- ▶ The community initiative does not necessarily have to be completed but must demonstrate measurable impact on the concerned people/community