

TERMS & CONDITIONS

EAWATER GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION AWARDS 2026

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Participation in the **EAWATER Global Sustainability & Innovation Awards 2026** ("Awards") constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of the following Terms & Conditions ("T&C"). These T&C are legally binding and apply to all applicants, nominees, finalists and winners.

1. ORGANISER

The Awards are organized and administered by **Earth Water Foundation** ("EAWATER" / "Organizer"), including its affiliates, partners, and authorized agencies.

EAWATER reserves the right to interpret, amend, modify or withdraw the Awards or these T&C at any stage without prior notice.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The Awards are open to: - Government bodies, Utilities and Public Authorities - Corporates, Industries, MSMEs and start-ups - Technology Providers and Solution developers - Academic Institutions and Research Organizations - NGOs, Community Organizations and Social Enterprises - Individuals, Professionals and Researchers

2.2 Applicants must have legally valid existence and operations in their respective jurisdictions.

2.3 Entities or individuals directly associated with Jury Members, Organizers or Evaluation Agencies are not eligible to participate in the same award cycle.

2.4 Submission of an entry does not guarantee shortlisting or selection.

3. ENTRY SUBMISSION

3.1 All entries must be submitted through the official Awards process, in the prescribed format, within the announced timelines.

3.2 Submissions must be in **English**.

3.3 Applicants may submit entries in multiple categories, subject to payment of applicable entry fees.

3.4 Incomplete, late, unverifiable or misleading submissions may be rejected without notice.

4. ACCURACY, WARRANTIES & REPRESENTATIONS

4.1 The applicant warrants that: - All information, data, claims and documents submitted are true, accurate, complete and not misleading. - The applicant has full rights, authority and permissions to submit the material. - Submitted content does not infringe any intellectual property, confidentiality or contractual rights of any third party.

4.2 The applicant shall be solely responsible for any claims, disputes, losses or liabilities arising from false, inaccurate or misleading submissions.

5. USE OF SUBMITTED MATERIAL & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

5.1 By submitting an entry, the applicant grants EAWATER a **royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable license** to: - Use, reproduce, publish, adapt, and display submitted content - Promote award-winning and shortlisted work across print, digital, social media, events, reports and partner platforms.

5.2 Intellectual property ownership of the submitted work remains with the applicant.

5.3 Confidential or proprietary information must be clearly marked. EAWATER will take reasonable steps to protect such information but does not guarantee absolute confidentiality.

6. JURY PROCESS & DECISION

6.1 The jury shall comprise independent experts from Government, Industry, academia and the Water & Sustainability ecosystem.

6.2 The jury reserves the right to: - Re-categorise entries - Shortlist, merge or withhold awards in any category - Seek clarifications or additional information

6.3 Jury decisions are **final, binding and non-negotiable**. No correspondence, explanation or appeal shall be entertained.

7. ENTRY FEES & PAYMENTS

7.1 Entry fees (where applicable) must be paid in full before evaluation.

7.2 All fees are **non-refundable and non-transferable**, irrespective of outcome.

7.3 Taxes, levies or statutory duties (if applicable) shall be borne by the applicant.

8. AWARDS, TROPHIES & CEREMONY

8.1 Award winners will receive a trophy and/or citation as determined by EAWATER.

8.2 Winners or their Authorized representatives are expected to attend the Award Ceremony at their own cost.

8.3 EAWATER is not responsible for travel, accommodation, visa, or related expenses.

8.4 Failure to attend the ceremony does not invalidate the award but may affect publicity or recognition.

9. PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION

9.1 Winners and finalists agree to participate in reasonable promotional and media activities related to the Awards.

9.2 EAWATER may use names, logos, photographs, videos and project details for publicity without additional consent or compensation.

10. DISQUALIFICATION

EAWATER reserves the right to disqualify any entry at any stage if: - Information is found to be false or misleading - There is evidence of plagiarism, data manipulation, or unethical conduct - Attempts are made to influence jury members - There is violation of these T&C

Disqualification may occur even after announcement of results.

11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

11.1 EAWATER shall not be liable for: - Any direct or indirect loss, damage, or expense arising from participation - Technical failures, data loss, or submission errors - Cancellation, postponement, or modification of the Awards due to force majeure

11.2 Maximum liability, if any, shall be limited to the entry fee paid.

12. FORCE MAJEURE

EAWATER shall not be responsible for delay or failure to perform obligations due to events beyond reasonable control, including but not limited to natural disasters, government actions, pandemics, strikes or technical failures.

13. INDEMNITY

The applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless EAWATER, its directors, employees, partners, and jury members against any claims, losses, damages, or legal costs arising from: - Breach of these T&C - Third-party claims relating to submitted content - Violation of laws or regulations

14. GOVERNING LAW & JURISDICTION

These T&C shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the **laws of India**.

Courts in **New Delhi, India** shall have exclusive jurisdiction over all disputes.

15. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these T&C is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

16. AMENDMENTS

EAWATER reserves the right to amend these Terms & Conditions at any time. Updated versions shall be published on the official Awards platform and shall be deemed effective immediately.

17. CONTACT

For queries related to entries and categories, please contact **Mohd. Wasim** at **+91 99998 87154** or write to wasim@eawater.com

For general queries, contact us at enquiry@eawater.com or visit www.eawater.com/awards

18. ACCEPTANCE & DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

By submitting an entry and/or signing below, the applicant **explicitly acknowledges, confirms and agrees** that:

- They have carefully read, fully understood and voluntarily accepted all Terms & Conditions of the **EAWATER Global Sustainability & Innovation Awards 2026**.
- All information, data, documents and claims submitted are true, accurate, complete and capable of verification.
- They accept that the jury's decision shall be final and binding.
- They agree to be legally bound by these Terms & Conditions without limitation or reservation.

Submission of an entry **and/or execution of the declaration below constitutes a legally valid and enforceable agreement** between the applicant and EAWATER.

DECLARATION & AUTHORISED SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I am duly authorized to submit this application on behalf of the applicant entity/individual and agree to abide by all Terms & Conditions of the EAWATER Global Sustainability & Innovation Awards 2026.

Applicant Name (Individual / Organization): _____

Category / Categories Applied For: _____

Authorized Signatory Name: _____

Designation: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Official Seal (if applicable): _____

By submitting an entry, the applicant confirms that this declaration is true and legally binding.