

Under2 Coalition Leadership Awards 2021: Categories and Guidance

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1. All entries should be submitted to under2awards@theclimategroup.org by 23 August 2021 at 1700 BST.
2. You may enter all three award categories but you must only submit to each award once. For every category you enter, you must submit a separate entry form.
3. Examples of supporting evidence for each award are included below. You do not have to demonstrate that you have achieved every bullet point listed – these are included for inspiration and guidance only.
4. Entries may be submitted in any language, although it is preferable to include translation into English where possible. Submitting without translation will not however affect the success of your entry.
5. You may submit images as separate png or jpg files to support your entries, but this is not compulsory.
6. Each award will be judged by 2-3 significant figures in the climate community, none of which currently represent state or regional action. These judges will be announced in the coming weeks.
7. Shortlisted entrants will be invited to give a short virtual presentation to the judges of their category during the final judging round in September.

8. There is no fee to submit entries this year.
9. All winners and shortlisted entrants will be featured on the Climate Group's website and social media channels.
10. Awards will be presented following the Under2 Coalition General Assembly at COP26 in November. Further details to follow!

Categories

There are three categories in the Under2 Coalition Climate Leadership Awards 2021. Read through what we are looking for in each category and find the award that best fits your state or region. Or enter all three!

Under2 award for inspiring regional leadership

Governments in the Under2 Coalition act as trailblazers for climate action at a state and regional level. They demonstrate leadership by implementing laws and policies focused on reducing emissions in line with the Paris Agreement and taking meaningful action on confronting the causes and consequences of climate change locally - while pushing for progress nationally and internationally.

This award is looking for governments that are proactive and vocal about fighting climate change and which inspire others to follow them.

Supporting evidence you could include in your entry:

- Evidence of policies and/or laws that have been seen as a success locally and adopted by other states or regions.
- Examples of Ministers or Governors who have been visible climate leaders nationally or internationally, demonstrating how they have had a clear impact on future direction and regional and/or national progress on fighting climate change.
- Teams that have started new projects at a state or regional level in response to COVID-19: showing how and why it is linked to the climate crisis and finding joint solutions.
- Evidence of leadership within the Under2 Coalition through developing or representing cross-coalition projects.
- Examples of efforts to grow Under2 Coalition membership or to increase the visibility of state and regional climate action.

Under2 award for climate partnerships

Sharing best practice and key learnings is a vital way to promote multilateral approaches to tackle climate change. This award recognises Under2 Coalition members who are collaborating with their peers through the Under2 Coalitions' workstreams, as well as committing to climate transparency by publicly disclosing the actions they are taking to build a healthy and sustainable world.

Supporting evidence you could include in your entry:

- Evidence of involvement in multiple Under2 Coalition projects, where you have demonstrated a dedication to joint solutions to the climate crisis.
- Commitment to disclosing climate data regularly to the Under2 Climate Ambition Tracker (previously Annual Disclosure)
- Evidence of regular and active participation in Under2 Coalition events, such as regional member meetings and General Assembly meetings.
- Examples of active collaboration in Future Fund projects or bids, to promote better joint working on issues that affect both the Global North and the Global South.
- Examples of engagement with other international groups alongside the Under2 Coalition, such as the UNFCCC, and the results of that engagement.

Under2 award for most creative climate solutions

States and regions find ways to get things done when it comes to climate change. Whether they are making it easier to buy electric vehicles, setting tough targets for renewable energy or enhancing their natural resources, there is a sense of innovation and purpose that can inform national action.

This award is looking for examples of new and exciting projects to drive down emissions. These will be projects that look at problems from a different angle and suggest pioneering solutions that have not been tried before.

Supporting evidence you could include in your entry:

- Examples of projects devised and run within a state or region that have not been attempted anywhere else.
- Examples of new technological, financial or ecological solutions that could potentially be adopted at a national or international level – or have already been adopted there.
- Examples of using existing solutions in a new way, whether technological, financial or ecological.
- Projects or programmes that involved actively researching the most appropriate solutions for particular geographies and tailoring them to that state or region.
- Efforts to find new external partners who have helped governments to see climate issues in a different light and scope out new solutions.