

Call for entries

**ANNUAL AWARD
FOR DEVELOPMENT AAD**
2021 CLEAN COOKING SOLUTIONS



The OPEC Fund Annual Award for Development (AAD)
Call for Nominations
Submission Deadline is July 31, 2021

Introduction

The OPEC Fund Annual Award for Development (AAD) celebrates outstanding contributions to sustainable development. Each year, it recognizes a different theme of particular relevance to the global development agenda. The AAD was first introduced in 2006 and includes a US\$100,000 prize.

All the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are interconnected and mutually reinforcing. SDG 7 promotes access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all and is at the heart of both the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. To date, the OPEC Fund has committed nearly US\$3.3 billion in support of projects enhancing access to energy services worldwide.

Clean cooking is a key driver for achieving SDG 7. Clean cooking solutions reduce pollution (SDG 13), improve the health and wellbeing of millions of people in developing countries - particularly women and children - (SDG 3), and make an important contribution to inclusive and sustainable communities (SDG 10 & 11).

There has been limited progress made on clean cooking over the past decade. In response, the G20 Energy Ministerial Communiqué recently endorsed a 'G20 Initiative on Clean Cooking and Energy Access'. Bold leadership is needed to strengthen clean cooking efforts and to foster greater cooperation to address the challenge of universal access.

The OPEC Fund is dedicating its 2021 Annual Award for Development to an organization that demonstrates excellence in innovating and implementing clean cooking solutions for communities in need.

Who can nominate?

- The nominating party should have direct knowledge of the nominated organization's work.
- The nominating party may not be an employee or any other individual receiving remuneration for services from the nominated organization. Board members of the nominated organization may nominate, provided they receive no payment for their services.
- The nominating party may not be a family member or an employee of the nominated organization.

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- The nominating party may not be the founder of the nominated organization.
- The nominating party may not be an OPEC Fund employee or board member.

Nominee eligibility

- The nominee must be an established, nongovernmental non-profit organization operating in a country or countries other than the OPEC Fund member countries or stakeholders (Algeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar (stakeholder), Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela) and OPEC member countries (as above, and including Angola, Republic of Congo and Equatorial Guinea).
- Nominees must be legal entities and have been so for at least three years.
- Nominees must have audited financial statements dating back at least two years.
- Nominees must have expenses and expenditures greater than US\$1,000,000 (in their most recent audited accounts).
- Nominees may not be local offices of parent organizations, specific programs within organizations, or university-based projects.

Evaluation considerations

A nomination letter should emphasize the nominee's accomplishments and plans. Both historic and recent performance should be addressed. The following are elements to consider when describing a nominee's work:

- Extraordinary contributions toward the selected global development theme.
- Established record of achievement particularly in the formulation, implementation and/or promotion of clean cooking solutions in developing countries.
- Demonstration of a compelling approach to making a lasting impact and evidence of operational scalability and/or commercial viability.
- Demonstration of effective partnerships, such as delivering initiatives in cooperation with multiple stakeholders, including governments, donors and civil society organizations.
- Demonstration of the effective use of funds received from other donors.
- Innovation in program design.
- Demonstration of strong project and financial management.

Nomination requirements and guidelines

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The nomination process is completed online. Once an organization has been nominated, the OPEC Fund will contact the nominee directly to ask for additional information and supporting documents, as appropriate. In addition, the OPEC Fund may contact the nominating party for the same purpose.

The nomination process involves the following steps:

Step 1: Call for nominations. AAD information and nomination forms are available via the OPEC Fund's website: <https://opecfund.org/what-we-offer/special-initiatives/annual-award>.

Step 2: The nominating parties submit nomination forms in English via the designated email address: AnnualAward@opecfund.org. Nominations must be signed by a senior official (e.g. CEO, Vice-President, or Head of Operation) and cite the motivations for nomination. Supporting documents should also be submitted. The nominating party may only nominate one organization per year. **Deadline to submit AAD nominations is July 31, 2021.**

Step 3: The OPEC Fund contacts the nominee and/or the nominating party for additional information and supporting materials.

Step 4: The OPEC Fund AAD Committee reviews the nominations based on the aforementioned criteria, and makes a recommendation to the OPEC Fund Management for approval.

Step 5: The OPEC Fund informs the successful nominee and nominating party of its decision via an official letter, including terms of utilization of the AAD grant proceeds.

Step 6: Upon confirmation of acceptance of the AAD and terms of utilization of its proceeds by the awardee, the OPEC Fund plans and implements a dedicated communication campaign in partnership with the nominee. The nominee is expected to provide audio-visual material and written testimonials of its work, and agree to one or more filmed interviews with the OPEC Fund and select journalists for this purpose.

Step 7: The OPEC Fund Annual Award for Development is announced at the OPEC Fund's Ministerial Council (MC) meeting, and jointly presented by the Chairperson of the MC, the Chairperson of the Governing Board and the Director-General. Both the nominee and the nominating party are invited to the ceremony.*

Step 8: The ceremony is followed by a special event (e.g. panel discussion) hosted by the OPEC Fund in Vienna, Austria.*

Step 9: The nominee is expected to showcase the AAD on its website and provide the OPEC Fund with updated audio-visual material and work testimonials within one year of receiving the AAD. The nominee shall also report to the OPEC Fund within two years of receiving the AAD, outlining the main achievements attributable to the AAD. In addition, the nominee shall contribute to one of the OPEC Fund's publications on subject matter related to the award and/or participate in a special event (TBD) to share learnings of recent achievements.

*Given COVID-19 considerations, events may be held virtually or postponed.