

2025 APEC Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Award

Overview

In November 2022, the SCE endorsed a project proposal to establish the APEC Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Award, co-proposed by Canada; China and Thailand, and co-sponsored by Hong Kong, China; New Zealand; Peru and the United States. The Award was launched at the 2022 APEC Ministerial Meeting (AMM) held in Bangkok, Thailand.

The APEC BCG Award recognises distinguished individuals and/or organisations that have concretely implemented BCG economy approaches to advance sustainable and inclusive growth, to serve as examples and inspirations for communities to learn from, replicate and apply in their own settings.

The three award categories are Women, Youth and MSMEs, which seek to highlight the unique contributions of each group while underscoring the critical importance of whole-of-society partnerships and an inclusive approach to implement the BCG economy model. The APEC BCG Award supports and contributes to the implementation of the Bangkok Goals on BCG Economy.

Nominations

Each member economy, through its representative in the SCE, is invited to nominate one candidate to be considered for each Award category.

Nominations for each Award category must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Women	Youth	MSMEs
Woman-owned business: exercise ownership of at least 50% of the total capital <u>or</u> voting power of at least 50% of a juridical person	Age: not over the age of 30 (as of 31 December 2025)	Number of Employees: Not over 500.
In operation for at a minimum of one calendar year.		
Be a citizen and/or resident and/or own and operate a business in the nominating APEC economy.		
Represent a replicable BCG business model/approach/activity(ies).		

In addition to advancing implementation of the Bangkok Goals on BCG Economy, member economies are also encouraged to submit nominations in support of the APEC 2025 theme “Building a Sustainable Tomorrow.”

Given that the implementation of the Bangkok Goals requires strong whole-of-society partnerships, member economies are also encouraged to promote and seek nominees from relevant stakeholders as widely as possible, for example with relevant chambers of commerce, sustainable business groupings, and academic institutions, as appropriate.

Nominations for each category should be submitted [via the following link](#) from **1 March 2025 to no later than 20 June 2025**. All eligible nominees will be sent to the Selection Committee for consideration.

Selection Process

Once nominations are received, the Selection Committee will rank the nominees to determine the winner for each Award category.

The Selection Committee for the 2025 APEC BCG Award comprises Senior Officials or representatives from Peru (previous host economy); Republic of Korea (current host economy); China (incoming host economy); Canada; Hong Kong, China and Thailand as 2025 contributors to the BCG Award Fund, as well as the APEC Executive Director, the Policy Support Unit Director¹, and a representative from the ABAC Secretariat.

The Selection Committee will be encouraged to take into consideration as well as seek to achieve a distribution of Award winners that is reflective of the diversity of APEC's membership.

The SCE Programme Director will collate the rankings from the Selection Committee scorecards received.

The top-ranked nominee from each category will be considered the Award winners.

The Award winners will be announced at the 2025 APEC Ministerial Meeting scheduled to be held in November in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea. The Award winners will also be featured on the Bangkok Goals and APEC websites.

Prize Money, Financial Contributions and Management

Each Award winner will receive a cash prize of \$5,000 USD to be disbursed following the announcement of the winner at the AMM that year and upon a written notification by the SCE Programme Director².

Based on the contributions to date, the 2025 APEC BCG Award will be awarded to one winner for each Award category. The remaining contributions will be kept for use for future years.

The APEC BCG Award was originally funded by Canada; China; Hong Kong, China; and Thailand. Other interested economies are also welcome to make contributions to support the Award on a voluntary basis³.

The APEC Secretariat will manage the contributions and will charge a management fee of 2% per contribution⁴. The APEC Secretariat will also keep financial records relating to the APEC BCG Award and make records available to the contributors for audit and inspection upon request by the contributor(s).

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1. Approved by the PSU Board on 22 March 2023
2. Following AMM, the SCE Programme Director will provide the list of winners and their relevant bank information to the Finance Section to process cash transfers.
3. Economies may write to the SCE Programme Director to express interest in contributing to the APEC BCG Award Fund. Upon receipt of an expression of interest, the APEC Secretariat may issue the request letter to the interested economies for the transfer of contributions.
4. The Secretariat will collect a management fee of 2% per contribution, which would be transferred to the Secretariat Account for better support of the Secretariat's operational budget process.

Annex I: APEC Bio-Circular-Green Award Nomination Package

1. Cover Letter

SECTION 1 OF 4	
BCG Award Category (Choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Youth <input type="checkbox"/> MSMEs	
Name of Nominee	
<i>For individual nominee:</i>	
Last Name:	First Name:
<i>For organisation nominee:</i>	
Name of organisation:	
Economy Nominator Information (SCE Delegate)	
Last Name:	First Name:
Telephone:	Email:
Relation to Nominee (if any):	
Title:	
Institution/Affiliation:	
In signing this coverletter, the nominee confirms that he/she is au to use and send all photos, graphics and/or video materialand that he/she consents to the use , editing, and modification of these materials to promote the BGC award including the winners of the award	
Nominee Signature	Date
Nominator Signature:	Date

Remember to send all nomination documents with the above cover letter:

- Nomination Form.
- Nominee's resume and, if relevant, company/organisation overview.
- Evidence that nominee is qualified for each award category.
- High-resolution photos (minimal 800KB, at a resolution of 300dpi or above):
 - Profile photos (not passport style), medium shot/mid-waist shot.
 - 3-5 activity photos that show you or your company/organisation in action

Please submit all nomination documents along with the nomination cover letter via the following [link](#) by 20 June 2025, 17.30 hrs. (in members' respective time zone).

APEC Bio-Circular-Green Award Nomination Form

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- 1) Nomination Cover Letter from SCE Delegate;
- 2) Nomination form;
- 3) Nominee's Curriculum Vitae;
- 4) Evidence that nominee is qualified for each award category;
- 5) A photo of nominee (image must be larger than 250*300 pixels).

SECTION 1 OF 4 - Nomination Statement

- Please describe below how the nominee represents a replicable BCG business model/approach/ activity(ies) (up to 400 words).

- Please include 1-3 'tweets' that could be published on 'X' summarising the nominee's work (280 characters, spaces included).

SECTION 2 OF 4 - Impact and Contributions to the Bangkok Goals on BCG Economy:

- Please indicate (☐) which goal(s) of the Bangkok Goals on BCG Economy the nominee's work contributes to. Under each marked goal, please also identify which key areas and/or targets correspond to the nominee's work (visit www.bangkokgoals.apec.org for information on the key areas and targets).

- ☐ a. *Supporting* global efforts to comprehensively address all environmental challenges, including climate change, extreme weather and natural disasters, for a sustainable planet, particularly in terms of climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience.

Key areas and/or targets the nominee's work contributes to:

- ☐ b. *Progressing* sustainable and inclusive trade and investment and ensuring that they are mutually supportive of our environmental policies

Key areas and/or targets the nominee's work contributes to:

- ☐ c. *Promoting* environmental conservation, sustainable use and management of natural resources, as well as halting and reversing biodiversity loss

Key areas and/or targets the nominee's work contributes to:

- ☐ d. *Advancing resource* efficiency and sustainable waste management towards zero waste

Key areas and/or targets the nominee's work contributes to:

- Please provide additional information on the tangible impact of the nominee's work (including relevant data) in addition to the abovementioned contributions to the Bangkok Goals on BCG Economy (if applicable) -up to 300 words

SECTION 3 OF 4 - Other Awards/Achievements/Contributions received:

Please list below the details in English; please continue with a separate page if necessary.

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SECTION 4 OF 4 - Other supporting documents:

Please list below the details in English and may include photos; please continue on a separate page if necessary.

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Remember to include the following along with this Nomination Form:

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- Nominee's Curriculum Vitae;
- Evidence that the nominee is qualified for each award category;
- Photos of nominee