

2026 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. In April 2026, the SCE endorsed an updated project proposal, co-proposed by Canada; China; and Thailand; and co-sponsored by Hong Kong, China; New Zealand; and Peru.

The APEC BCG Award recognises distinguished MSMEs, as key drivers within APEC economies, that have concretely implemented BCG economy approaches to advance economic growth, to serve as inspirations for the wider communities, and to provide replicable examples that can be applied elsewhere.

The BCG Economy Model cuts across the three economic drivers and provides an approach to holistically implement the APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040 including through the Aotearoa Plan of Action. It focuses on synergising efforts on economic growth, leveraging science, technology and innovation (STI) and collaboration among stakeholders

Each member economy, through its representative in the SCE, on a voluntary basis, is invited to submit up to three nominations.

Nominations must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Category: MSMEs
Number of Employees: Not over 500.
In operation for at a minimum of one calendar year.
Own and operate a business in the nominating APEC economy.
Represent a replicable BCG business model/approach/activity(ies).

In addition to advancing implementation on BCG Economy, member economies are also encouraged to submit nominations in support of the APEC 2026 theme “Building an Asia-Pacific Community to Prosper Together.”

Nominations should be submitted [via the following link](#) from **13 April 2026 to no later than 17 July 2026**. Please identify the folder corresponding to each APEC economy. 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 three winner(s).

The Selection Committee for the 2026 APEC BCG Award comprises Senior Officials or representatives from Republic of Korea (previous host economy); China (current host economy); Viet Nam (incoming host economy); Canada; Hong Kong, China; Thailand; APEC Executive Director, the Policy Support Unit Director, and a representative from the ABAC Secretariat.

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

The top-ranked nominee(s) will be considered the Award winner(s).

The Award winner will be announced at the 2026 Concluding Senior Officials' Meeting (CSOM) scheduled to be held in mid-November in Shenzhen, China. The Award winner 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 at the CSOM that year and upon a written notification by the SCE Program Director².

Based on the contributions to date, the 2026 APEC BCG Award will be awarded to the winner(s). The remaining contributions will be kept for use for future years.

The APEC BCG Award was originally funded by Canada; 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 CSOM, the SCE Program Director will provide the name of the winner(s) and relevant bank information to the Finance Section to process cash transfers.
3. Economies may write to the SCE Program 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 for MSMEs	
MSME Nominee	
Name of MSME:	
Designated point of contact:	
Last Name:	First Name:
Telephone (mobile phone if possible):	Email:
Economy Nominator Information (SCE Delegate)	
Last Name:	First Name:
Telephone:	Email:
Relation to Nominee (if any):	
Title:	
Institution/Affiliation:	
By signing this cover letter, the nominee confirms that he or she is authorized to use and submit all photos, graphics and/or video materials, and consents to their use, editing and adaptation for the promotion of the BCG Award, including publicity relating to the Award and its winner(s).	
Nominee Signature	Date
Nominator Signature:	Date

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

(If the language is not English, please include a translation. All file names must contain the nominee)

- Nomination Form.
- Nominee’s resume and, if relevant, MSME overview.
- Evidence that nominee is qualified for MSME category:
 - Number of Employees (Not over 500): Certificate, license or official registration, etc.
- 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 MSME in action. Include a brief description of photos.
- A short video clip (up to 3 minutes) showing the nominee’s work and how it reflects a replicable BCG business model.*(Optional)*

Please submit all nomination documents along with the nomination cover letter via the following link by **17 July 2026, 17.30 hrs. of the nominating economy’s time zone. Please ensure that all the file titles include the nominee’s name.**

SECTION 2 OF 3 - Other Awards/Achievements/Contributions received:

Please list below the details in English; please continue with a separate page, if necessary, but the total length should not exceed two pages.

SECTION 3 OF 3 - Other supporting documents (if any):

Please list below the details in English and may include photos with brief description; please continue on a separate page if necessary but the total length should not exceed two pages

Remember to include the following along with this Nomination Form:

(If the language is not English, please include a translation. All file names must contain the nominee)

- Nomination Cover Letter from SCE delegate;
- Nominee's Curriculum Vitae;
- Evidence that the nominee is qualified;
 - Number of Employees (Not over 500): Certificate, license or official registration, etc. Any of these documents.
- Photos of nominee (and brief description).
- A short video clip (up to 3 minutes) showing the nominee's work and how it reflects a replicable BCG business model. *(Optional)*