



CARBON MANAGEMENT PROJECT AWARDS

Objective

1. The CEM-MI **Carbon Management Project Awards** process is organized and implemented under the “Gigatonne by 2030” campaign, run by Clean Energy Ministerial CCUS Initiative (“CEM CCUS”) and Mission Innovation Carbon Dioxide Removal Mission (“MI CDR”).
2. The objective of the Awards is to showcase and share information from real-life, industrial-scale carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) and novel carbon dioxide removal (CDR) projects that have successfully started operation or are demonstrably under construction. By highlighting successful project implementation, the Awards will provide inspiration for other projects to succeed, and increase the global project pipeline.
3. The project recognition process will support rapid *deployment* and *scaling up* of carbon management, helping to achieve the global goal of reaching gigatonne-scale by 2030.
4. Up to three (3) carbon management projects will receive the Award through this process every year. The winning projects will be invited to present their main features and be given prominence by CEM CCUS and MI CDR, providing the projects with visibility on ministerial level. They will also be invited to knowledge sharing events.
5. Projects will not receive any financial contribution, nor will any associated costs be reimbursed by the Awards process. No contractual arrangements will be put in place. The Awards do not constitute an official approval of any aspects (environmental, financial etc.) of the project. The Awards are solely intended to showcase the winning projects and their innovative features to the clean energy community.

Scope and eligibility

6. Eligible projects:
 - a. Size: large-scale commercial or demonstration projects.
 - b. Status: projects successfully in operation since 1.1.2024, entering operation or demonstrably under construction. Preference will be given to projects in operation.
 - c. Other: smaller projects (e.g. small demos or large pilots) could be considered, if they provide a particular added value in a given technology or country context.
7. Not eligible:
 - d. Projects in earlier stages of development (e.g. in FEED phase) or in early planning.
 - e. Projects at research and development phase or laboratory scale.

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8. Geographical eligibility: only projects located in Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) and Mission Innovation (MI) Member Countries are eligible.
9. A range of technological pathways of CCUS and novel CDR projects will be eligible for recognition. Projects must include at least one of the main elements: CO₂ capture, transport, and storage, and these could be awarded either individually, or as an integrated value chain. Projects forming clusters and hubs will also be eligible.
10. The awarded projects must display a significant environmental benefit via carbon emissions abatement, or net removal of CO₂ from the atmosphere, leading/contributing to permanent storage of CO₂ in geological formations or products.
11. The awards process will support achieving scale-up. Rather than technological novelty and technical merits only, the process will emphasise how large-scale projects have dealt with aspects of innovative business models and risk-management, industrial chains and collaboration, financing, policy, legal and regulatory, public engagement, and how they can show example for other projects to come.
12. Projects will be nominated for the Awards by CEM and MI governments. However, it is important that the projects themselves fully agree with the project being nominated.

Knowledge-sharing component

13. A condition for winning the Award is for the project to explicitly agree to share knowledge of its development, based on publicly available information. The Awards process does not necessitate non-disclosure agreements or such like, as all information provided must be publicly available. Projects unable to commit to knowledge-sharing will not be eligible.

How to apply?

14. CEM and MI governments agree with candidate projects to submit them for the Awards.
15. All **submissions are done via the MS Form under this [link](#)**. The form has 21 questions.
16. Submission deadline: **7 June 2026 close of business**.
17. Up to six (6) projects, selected among the submitted projects by an Expert Committee, will be invited to present their key features during June 2026.
18. Based on submitted information and the presentation, CEM CCUS and MI CDR will together select up to three (3) winning projects to receive the Awards by early August 2026.
19. Winning projects will be invited to present their projects at the 17th Clean Energy Ministerial and 11th Mission Innovation Ministerial meeting on 11-13 October, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

More information

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