

Award criteria



Circular Economy Award Pioneering Practice

This Award is designed for organizations that have developed and implemented initiatives internally in line with the principles of Circular Economy.

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1. Leadership



2. People Competencies and Capabilities



3. Pioneering Practice



4. Measurement and Impact



5. Learned Lessons, Improvements and Future Plans



1. Leadership

Organization leadership demonstrates its commitment to the Circular Economy. It can be through policy making, setting direction, strategy, adopting principles and concepts of Circular Economy, committing resources, establishing objectives and performance measures, engaging stakeholders, contributing to the UN SDGs.

Maximum score - 10

2. People Competencies and Capabilities

Leaders, managers and others have required competencies and capabilities in the field of Circular Economy. They are actively engaged and made aware of the need, importance, relevance and benefits of Circular Economy. Responsibilities are assigned for the Circular Economy.

Maximum score - 10

3. Design and Implementation of Pioneering Practice

Organization has developed and implemented an initiative in line with the principles of Circular Economy: to prevent waste and pollution, reduce materials extraction, regenerate nature throughout the full lifecycle, including end-of-life stage. Organization has reviewed and updated policies, processes to align with the Practice and to integrate it into routine operations. Organization shares the Pioneering Practice with key stakeholders to inspire them to adopt principles, practices and models of Circularity.

Maximum score - 40

4. Measurement and Impact

Implemented practice clearly demonstrates tangible and intangible results and impact such as minimized material extraction, greenhouse gas emissions, waste, increased reuse of materials, energy, water efficiencies, recycling. Organization has these and/or other measurements pertaining to the Pioneering Practice and its environmental impact. Performance trend is positive minimum over the last 1-2 years.

Maximum score - 30

5. Learned Lessons, Improvements and Future Plans

Organization learns and improves while implementing the Pioneering Practice. Future plans are developed for implementing the Practice in other areas or developing other approaches for accelerating Circular Economy.

Maximum score - 10

TOTAL SCORE - 100