

Iberdrola and the Sustainable Excellence Club announce the 3rd International Energy Cooperation Awards

- **Created in 2015, these biennial awards are in line with objective 7.1 of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), recognising projects that guarantee universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services**
- **The awards distinguish three categories, with which the work of companies, public administrations and the tertiary sector is valued**

Madrid, 2 September 2019. Iberdrola and the Sustainable Excellence Club have announced the **3rd International Energy Cooperation Awards**. These awards recognise the most outstanding initiatives in international energy cooperation, carried out by companies, public administrations and the tertiary sector, which demonstrate an active commitment to the universalisation of energy. Hence this contributes to achieving the 7th Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) under the UN 2030 Agenda, in particular goal 7.1, which aims at achieving universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy services.

The 3rd International Energy Cooperation Awards seek to draw attention to the activities carried out by the three groups mentioned which are in the development phase when submitted and which will be implemented on an international scale, with measurable results and which have taken into account the three aspects of energy co-operation: economic, social and environmental. Projects which, as specified by the UN in SDG 7:



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- Enhance international cooperation to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, and advanced and cleaner fossil fuel technologies, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technologies.
- Expand infrastructure and upgrade technology for supplying modern and sustainable energy services for all in developing countries, particularly least developed countries and small developing island states with their respective support programmes.

The deadline for receipt of applications, already in force, will end on 7 October. The rules and access to the competition forms are available on the Sustainability Excellence Club website and from the following link: [Rules and Forms](#)

The Award

An award will be granted to the winner of each of the three categories category - private, public administration and the tertiary sector-, which will be delivered during a public event to be held during the last quarter of the year, at which time the jury's decision will be known.

Assessment of the applications will be carried out by a jury of renowned corporate and institutional experts in the field, who will take into account the impact and the value creation of each initiative; the project's contribution to sustainable development; consistency and long-term duration; replicability of its model; innovative character; international scope; and the existence of clear objectives and monitoring indicators.

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More than fifty projects have been evaluated in previous editions of the awards. In 2017, the winners were **Trama TechnoAmbiental**, in the Company category, for its project 'Rural electrification through hybrid solar microgrids in remote islands of Ghana'; the **Instituto Nacional de Eficiencia Energética y Energías Renovables de Ecuador (INER)** in the Public Administration category, for its contribution to the 'Viability of bioethanol production from the enzymatic hydrolysis of the seed shell of Jatropha Curcas' known as physic nut, and **Nexus for Development**, in the tertiary sector, for the 'Pioneer Facility' project which provides technical assistance and innovative financial solutions for project developers and social enterprises with the creation of a specific impact investment fund -Pioneer Facility- aimed at access to clean energy in Southeast Asia.

At the first edition (2015), the jury rewarded projects by **Suma Capital** which, together with **AttijariWafa Bank**, are responsible for the African Energy Efficiency Fund in Companies; the "Renewable energies for the sustainable development in rural communities and energy generation distribution in Latin America and the Caribbean" by **Ciemat** in the Public Administration category, and the **Fundación Ingenieros de ICAI para el Desarrollo**, a non-profit organisation, for its project 'Renewable Energy Centre in Cameroon'.

About Iberdrola

[Iberdrola](#) is a global wind energy leader and one of the world's largest electricity utilities with a strong commitment to sustainability. The company is aware of the key role it can play towards achieving universal access to basic services, particularly those related to electricity supply, in areas where an important part of the population still lacks access to modern forms of energy.

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The “[Electricity for All](#)” program is Iberdrola’s response to the appeal of the international community to extend universal access to new energy sources, with environmentally sustainable models that are affordable and socially inclusive. Its purpose is to ensure access to electricity in emerging and developing countries. This ambitious initiative focuses on taking action for sustainable electrification, for which the company harnesses its technical, logistical, organisational and financial capacity.

About the Sustainable Excellence Club

El [Sustainable Excellence Club](#) is a business association made up of a group of large companies which are aiming for sustainable growth from an economic, social and environmental position and which represent the leading forum in Spain for the promotion of responsible practice. The members of the Sustainable Excellence Club are: ABB España, Adecco España, AENA, Grupo Antolín, BASF Española, BSH Electrodomésticos España, CEMEX España, Endesa, FCC, Iberdrola, Mahou San Miguel, Orange España, Red Eléctrica de España, Renault España, Saint-Gobain Placo, SEAT and Vodafone España.