

Entry guide



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Key dates

Entries open – 28 June

Entries close – 3 August

Shortlist announcement – 12 September

IJGlobal ESG Awards event – 19 October

Why should I enter the awards?

- To help us identify the organisations, transactions and individuals that have truly moved the dial on the environmental, social and governance front in the infrastructure and energy space
- Your work will be reviewed by our independent panel of judges – all of whom are leading industry experts in ESG
- Celebrate your team and their success in the sector
- Benchmark your ESG efforts against the best in the business

Who should enter?

- Any company or individual in the infrastructure and energy space that can provide demonstrable evidence of impacts across any or all ESG metrics

New for 2023

- ESG Legal Adviser – Pro-Bono
- ESG Developing Markets Award
- ESG Project Sponsor Award
- IJGlobal ESG Pioneer
- The Deals entry system to be open all year around

How do I take part?

- Click on the entry portal link above
- Complete your registration details
- Select your categories – you can enter as many categories as you like
- Complete the entry forms online – only online entries submitted using the portal will be accepted
- Use the upload function to provide evidence to support your entry – use a simple referencing system
- Click 'submit'
- You can edit your submission up until the deadline date
- There is no fee or cost for participation

Eligibility

- Entries are accepted from across the globe
- Projects, transactions and initiatives must relate to achievements in the last financial year (between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023). All evidence supplied must take this into consideration

What if I have further questions?

Please get in touch with IJGlobal's Product Manager, Awards - **Rachel Archer**
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COMPANY AWARDS

IJGlobal ESG Infrastructure Asset Manager – Debt Award

This award recognises the work of an infrastructure asset manager that provides the most compelling evidence of impactful ESG activities in the past financial year. We are looking for ESG policies actively implemented by an organisation in the deployment of institutional debt, including information on how these policies impacted investment decisions made by the firm and debt instruments in the wider market. We are also interested in any portfolio changes that reflect this strategy, such as exiting positions due to explicit ESG considerations and active ESG risk mitigation.

Criteria

- Describe ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
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IJGlobal ESG Infrastructure Equity Investor Award

This award will recognise the work of an infrastructure equity investor which provides the most compelling evidence of impactful ESG activities in the past financial year. We are looking for ESG policies actively implemented by an organisation - in the deployment of equity – over the course of the last financial year. We are interested in the ways ESG considerations are integrated within an organisation, including governance and reporting by funds, benchmarking against ESG targets, and how ESG goals are used to prioritise efforts, set objectives, and drive continuous performance improvements. Renewable energy investments alone are not evidence of ESG credentials.

Criteria

- Describe ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
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- Please note - renewable energy investments alone are not evidence of ESG credentials.

IJGlobal ESG Corporate Transition – Infrastructure Award

The winner will have provided the most compelling evidence of tangible, demonstrable, and material reductions of the adverse impacts of their organisation to the environment and/or society. Activities may include internal ESG policies, investment decisions or a commitment to third-party ESG initiatives. Endorsements such as industry awards won, client testimonies, or a third-party CO2 report are encouraged.

Open to companies involved in the infrastructure space including, but not limited to, the following sectors:

- Social infrastructure
- Transport
- Water
- Telecoms Criteria
- Describe ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
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IJGlobal ESG Corporate Transition – Energy Award

The winner will have provided the most compelling evidence of tangible, demonstrable, and material reductions of the adverse impacts of their organisation to the environment and/or society. Activities may include internal ESG policies, investment decisions or a commitment to third-party ESG initiatives. Endorsements such as industry awards won, client testimonies, or a third-party CO2 report are encouraged.

Open to companies involved in the energy space including, but not limited to, the following sectors:

- Traditional power generation.
- Transmission and distribution.
- Renewables.

Criteria

- Describe ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
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IJGlobal ESG Legal Adviser Award

The award will be given to the legal adviser which can demonstrate the greatest breadth, expertise and commitment to ESG across transactions and/or advisory work. We will consider legal advice in relation to ESG that reached financial close in the awards review period. You may detail transactional work that demonstrates an impact on legal practice with regards to ESG principles or have produced positive ESG outcomes for your clients.

You may also submit the details of your organisation's ESG initiatives and commitments, such as pro bono work dedicated to ESG causes, signing up to collaborative efforts to tackle ESG issues and/or internal initiatives aimed at responding to ESG issues.

Criteria

- Describe evidence of legal advice in relations to ESG policies actively implemented across transactions and/or advisory work
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
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IJGlobal ESG Legal Adviser – Pro-Bono Award

This award is to reflect the activity of a legal adviser over the course of the previous financial year where it can demonstrate that it has performed above and beyond expectations in the pro-bono field.

The pro-bono award was created by the independent panel of judges at the 2022 Judgment Day as they were so impressed by a submission that included details on their work in this space that they felt it should be recognised and that IJGlobal should create a separate award to celebrate this in the future.

Ideally, submissions will have an infrastructure/energy slant or have been led by the infra/energy team. The goal is to impress the judging panel with transformative action.

Criteria

- Describe evidence of legal advice in relations to ESG policies actively implemented in the pro-bono field
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
- Tell our judges why your business should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Developing Markets Award

This award has been created to celebrate the organisations that drive an ESG agenda in developing markets. We anticipate that the winner will be recognised for having achieved its goals in low-to-middle income markets, making an impact on this front in energy and/or infrastructure on the ground.

The intention of this award is to showcase infra/energy ESG achievements in a market where it has not traditionally seen significant action on this front. Priority will be given to submissions that focus on social and governance elements.

Criteria

- Describe evidence of ESG policies actively implemented in developing markets
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented and investment / development has made a difference on the ground
- Tell our judges why your business should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Project Sponsor Award

This award has been created to recognise the efforts of project sponsors – the companies that actually make infra/energy investments a reality – and it can be nominated by a third party or submitted by the organisation itself.

If being submitted by the infra/energy organisation itself, it falls to the submitter to identify its actions over the course of the judging period that exemplify a drive to create improved ESG metrics.

Criteria

- Describe ESG policies actively implemented by project sponsors that make infra/energy investments a reality
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies

- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
- Tell our judges why your business should win this award
- If nominated by a third party provide evidence of experience in the infra/energy community (likely and adviser to the company itself) and demonstrate a direction of travel by the organisation that the submitter believes sets it ahead of other organizations in the same field for having driven an ESG agenda.

IJGlobal ESG Financial Adviser Award

The award will be given to the financial advisor which can provide the strongest evidence of financial innovation on transactions or advisory work in relation to ESG over the course of the awards review period.

We will assess your organisation's transactional work as well as ESG initiatives and commitments, such as signing up to collaborative efforts to tackle ESG issues and/or internal initiatives aimed at responding to ESG issues.

Criteria

- Describe financial innovation on transactions or advisory work in relation to ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Please give details of your organisation's transactional work as well as ESG initiatives and commitments
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
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IJGlobal ESG Technical Adviser Award

The award will be given to the technical adviser that provides the strongest evidence of innovative technical advice on transactions or advisory work in relation to ESG over the course of the awards review period. You will give details of your organisation's transactional work as well as ESG initiatives and commitments, such as signing up to collaborative efforts to tackle ESG issues and/or internal initiatives aimed at responding to ESG issues.

Criteria

- Describe ESG policies and evidence of innovative technical advice on transactions or advisory work actively implemented in relation to ESG
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
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IJGlobal ESG Public Sector Award

The award will be given to a public sector body that provides the most compelling evidence of change on ESG levels over the course of the awards review period. We particularly encourage submissions that demonstrate transformative action to support ESG principles, innovation to transform local ecosystems or communities and the qualitative impact of strategies.

This category is open to all public sector bodies or procurement agencies, as well as multilateral entities.

Criteria

- Describe ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
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IJGlobal ESG Development Finance Institution Award

The award will be given to an export credit agency through to a development bank or a multilateral that provides the most compelling evidence of change on ESG levels over the course of the awards review period.

Criteria

- Describe ESG policies actively implemented to transform local ecosystems or communities
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
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IJGlobal ESG Technology – Infrastructure Award

This category is open to companies operating in the infrastructure sector, encompassing the traditional categories from IJGlobal coverage such as:

- Social Infrastructure
- Transport
- Water
- Telecoms

This award will be given to the company providing the most impactful deployment of technology to support ESG goals. You are encouraged to provide details of this technology and its integration within your company's operations. You must be able to demonstrate significant impact on some (or all) elements of ESG in the infrastructure arena.

Criteria

- Describe ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented

and provide an overview of technological advances implemented and deployed

- Tell our judges why your business should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Technology – Energy Award

This category is open to companies operating in the energy sector, encompassing the traditional categories from IJGlobal coverage such as:

- Traditional power generation.
- Transmission and distribution.
- Renewables.

Criteria

- Describe ESG policies actively implemented within technology and its integration within your company's operations. You must be able to demonstrate significant impact on some (or all) elements of ESG in the energy area.
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented
- Tell our judges why your business should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Environment Award

This award recognises the work of a company in terms of the Environment element of ESG over the course of the awards review period. The winner will have had a demonstrable impact of having risen to environmental challenges. We have left this category intentionally vague to allow submissions the latitude to surprise judges with innovation deployed and activity achieved.

Criteria

- Describe ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented

and provide an overview of technological advances implemented and deployed

- Tell our judges why your business should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Social Award

This award recognises the work of a company in terms of the Social element of ESG over the course of the awards review period. The winner will have had a demonstrable impact of having risen to social challenges. We have left this category intentionally vague to allow submissions the latitude to surprise judges with innovation deployed and activity achieved.

Criteria

- Describe the social element of ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these social challenges
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented and provide an overview of technological advances implemented and deployed
- Tell our judges why your business should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Governance Award

This award recognises the work of a company in terms of the Governance element of ESG over the course of the awards review period. The winner will have had a demonstrable impact of having risen to governance challenges. We have left this category intentionally vague to allow submissions the latitude to surprise judges with innovation deployed and activity achieved.

Criteria

- Describe the ESG Government element on policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category

- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented and provide an overview of technological advances implemented and deployed
- Tell our judges why your business should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Excellence Award

This award transcends sector and region and recognises a globally significant ESG development - taking place within the awards review period - that sets a benchmark beyond infrastructure and energy. Strong candidates will give details of a strategy that has been adopted over the course of the last financial year that espouses ESG principles and sets your organisation apart from the pack. You must also demonstrate the intended outcomes of this strategy and explain how this drives engagement with ESG and singles your organisation out for this accolade. Work submitted as part of this submission must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

Criteria

- Describe the ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented and provide an overview of technological advances implemented and deployed
- Tell our judges why your business should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Infrastructure Bank Award

This award recognises the banking institution that provides the most compelling evidence of an ESG strategy being actively implemented. You must detail on specific activities that your organisation has enacted in the last financial year identifying where this strategy has been realised and how this impacts debt instruments and your involvement. You may also identify any portfolio changes that reflect this strategy, such as exiting positions due to explicit ESG considerations or active ESG risk mitigation.

Criteria

- Describe the ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented and provide an overview of technological advances implemented and deployed
- Tell our judges why your business should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Second Opinion Provider Award

This award is for the Second Opinion Provider of the Year, recognising exceptional proficiency and capability of a firm providing accurate and impactful ESG evaluations. Submissions should highlight the consistency of providing quality of analysis – particularly through case studies – in projects and transactions. The Judges will be keen to see innovation and methodological rigor in the firm's approach to ESG evaluations, with robust data collection, frameworks and reporting being key tenants for a successful entry.

Submissions should highlight the impact on ESG performance of projects in which they have provided second opinions. Improvements in ESG principles of a project, enhanced adherence to sustainability targets and prominent social and environmental benefits should be highlighted.

Criteria

- Describe the ESG policies actively implemented
- Describe any portfolio changes as a result of these policies
- Provide a detailed description of the impact of these policies adhering the description of the category
- Provide up to 3 project examples of where these policies have been implemented and provide an overview of technological advances implemented and deployed
- Tell our judges why your business should win this award

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

IJGlobal ESG Rising Star

This award will recognise a Rising Star in the infrastructure and energy industry who has a primary focus on ESG. A “Rising Star” is defined as someone who holds an ESG-focused role and is below the level of Director (or equivalent position). To be considered for the award, candidates must have made a demonstrable impact in the infrastructure and energy community on the ESG front, be deemed responsible for effectively stimulating change within an organisation and have proved crucial to the design, implementation, or deployment of ESG principles.

Criteria

- Name of the nominee
- Position of the nominee
- Tell our judges why your candidate should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Lifetime Achievement Award

This award celebrates an individual who has spent much of their career promoting and affecting transformative ESG change in the infrastructure and energy space. Candidates must have played a transformative role in the deployment of ESG – either within an organisation or on a public platform. They must also have been proactive in championing some (or all) elements of ESG during their career.

Criteria

- Name of the nominee
- Position of the nominee
- Tell our judges why your candidate should win this award

IJGlobal ESG Pioneer Award

The winner of this award will be an individual or business innovator and game changer who has made a tangible difference to our industry in the ESG sector. Nominees for this award need to demonstrate that they have led the market in a pioneering manner – the first to drive in a certain direction to achieve ESG goals. Judges will be looking for evidence of success across projects or within an organization or across our industry. Evidence should include testimonials

Submissions will need to prove that the submitter has indeed pushed forward in a novel manner an ESG agenda that truly sets apart the winner from the herd, having led by example and set a benchmark for other organisations to follow.

Criteria

- Describe the ESG Pioneer
- What has this organization or individual done different to achieve their goals?
- Tell our judges why you should win this award

TRANSACTION AWARDS

IJGlobal ESG Digital Infrastructure Award

This award will recognise investments or strategies enacted in the digital infrastructure space during the judging period that truly move the dial on the ESG front.

Criteria

- Provide evidence of broader social impacts achieved through this transaction, including on local communities.
- Demonstrate how this project has innovated within the sector.
- Demonstrate how this project will have a positive impact over its lifecycle.
- Deals submitted must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

IJGlobal ESG Social Infrastructure Award

This award will recognise a single transaction demonstrating qualities that go far beyond the fundamentals of the sector. It is not enough to provide details of the construction and operation of a social infrastructure asset, such as schools or hospitals.

Criteria

- Provide evidence of broader social impacts achieved through this transaction, including on local communities.
- Demonstrate how this project has innovated within the sector.
- Demonstrate how this project will have a positive impact over its lifecycle.
- Deals submitted must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

IJGlobal ESG Renewable Energy Award

This award will recognise a transaction demonstrating qualities that go far beyond the fundamentals of the sector. It is not enough to provide details of a transaction that leads to creating energy from alternative sources.

Criteria

- Demonstrate an impact beyond achieving net carbon reduction.
- Provide evidence of broader social impacts achieved through this transaction, including on local communities.
- Demonstrate how this project has innovated within the sector.
- Demonstrate how this project will have a positive impact over its lifecycle.
- Deals submitted must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

IJGlobal ESG Transport ESG Award

This award will recognise a transaction demonstrating qualities that go far beyond the fundamentals of the sector.

It is not enough to provide details of a transaction that sees the construction and operation of a transport asset (road, light rail etc).

Criteria

- Provide evidence of broader social impacts achieved through this transaction, including on local communities.
- Demonstrate how this project has innovated within the sector.
- Demonstrate how this project will have a positive impact over its lifecycle.
- Deals submitted must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

IJGlobal ESG Energy Transition Award

This award will recognise a single transaction that was deeply impactful in the realms of climate transition.

Criteria

- How this transaction marks a shift towards decarbonization activities
- Demonstrate how the transaction will influence the market's focus away from high carbon activities
- Provide evidence of broader social impacts achieved through this transaction, including on local communities.
- Demonstrate how this project has innovated within the sector.
- Demonstrate how this project will have a positive impact over its lifecycle.
- Work submitted as part of this submission must have reached financial close in the awards review period.

IJGlobal ESG Deal of the Year

This award will recognise a transaction that is significant on the ESG front within the market. It is for a stand-out deal across any sector that is appropriate to IJGlobal coverage (from Power to Telecoms, Power, Social Infra, Transport, Water, etc.). The winning deal will demonstrate strong ESG principles – setting a new standard in this space for such deals and is significant in as many of the ESG elements as possible.

Deals must have reached financial close in the awards review period.