**2025 Award for Excellence in Sustainability**

**Categories: Back to the Planet / Back to the People**

**APPLICATION FORM**

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| Deadline: **April 1, 2025, at 12:00 (noon) CET** |

**Submission Requirements**

* Please send your application as a single PDF attachment to [irene.girones@nutfruit.org](mailto:irene.girones@nutfruit.org).
* Deadline: **April 1, 2025, at 12:00 (noon) CET.**
* Each applicant may submit one project per category. If an applicant wishes to apply in both categories, they must submit two different projects, one for each category, in two separate application forms. Applicants are not required to submit a project for each award category.
* The project must be relevant to at least one of the five INC Focus SDGs.
* The project must have started no more than two years ago. The project can be ongoing, but it must have been in place for a minimum of one year to ensure that it has measurable outcomes and impacts to report.
* This award is open only to INC members attending the 42nd World Nut and Dried Fruit Congress in Palma de Mallorca.
* All submitted information may be shared through INC communication channels, including the website, newsletter, and magazine.
* All projects must be submitted using this form, which must be written in English, in Arial 10 pt.
* For questions or additional information, please contact Irene Gironès, Statistics and Technical Projects Manager, [irene.girones@nutfruit.org](mailto:irene.girones@nutfruit.org).

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| 1. Award Category (Select one): | 🞎 Back to the Planet  🞎 Back to the People | | | |
| 1. Project Title: |  | | | |
| 1. Company/Organization: |  | | | |
| 1. Contact person for project-related inquiries: | Name: |  | | |
| Email: |  | | |
| 1. Project Type (Select one): | 🞎 Research and Development (R&D)  🞎 Pilot Project or Feasibility Study  🞎 Business Implementation or Operational Initiative  🞎 Product Design and Innovation  🞎 Community Engagement or Social Impact Program  🞎 Other: *(Specify)* | | | |
| 1. Relevant Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) (Select all that apply): | 🞎 Goal 2: Zero Hunger  🞎 Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation  🞎 Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production  🞎 Goal 13: Climate Action  🞎 Goal 15: Life on Land | | | |
| 1. Primary Topic (Select all that apply): | **Innovation and Technology:**  🞎 Industrial Innovation and Automation  🞎 Digital Solutions for Sustainability  🞎 Advanced Processing and By-product Utilization  **Environmental Sustainability:**  🞎 Net Zero Strategies and Scope 3 Emissions  🞎 Nature-positive Solutions and Regenerative Agriculture  🞎 Circular Economy  🞎 Water Stewardship and Management  🞎 Climate Resilience and Adaptation  **Social Impact:**  🞎 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  🞎 Community Development and Engagement  🞎 Workforce Well-being and Fair Practices  **Supply Chain and Market:**  🞎 Supply Chain Transparency and Traceability  🞎 Sustainable Sourcing and Procurement  🞎 Packaging Innovations  **Other Areas:**  🞎 Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Integration  🞎 Consumer Education and Awareness Campaigns  🞎 Policy Development and Advocacy  🞎 Other: (Specify) | | | |
| 1. Relevant Products (Select all that apply): | 🞎 Almonds  🞎 Brazil nuts  🞎 Cashews  🞎 Hazelnuts  🞎 Macadamias | | 🞎 Pecans  🞎 Pine nuts  🞎 Pistachios  🞎 Walnuts  🞎 Peanuts | 🞎 Dates  🞎 Dried apricots  🞎 Dried cranberries  🞎 Dried figs  🞎 Dried grapes  🞎 Prunes |
| 1. Project start date: (Enter as MM/YYYY) |  | | | |
| 1. Project end date: (Enter as MM/YYYY) |  | | | |
| 1. Project duration: (Indicate total months or years) |  | | | |
| 1. Location(s): In which countries has the project been implemented? |  | |  |  |
| 1. Is this a multi-collaborative project? If yes, please list the partners involved. |  | |  |  |
| 1. Abstract[[1]](#footnote-1):   **Minimum: 600 words, Maximum: 800 words** |  | | | |
| 1. What were the objectives of the project? Please describe them. **Maximum: 100 words** |  | | | |
| 1. Impact and outcomes[[2]](#footnote-2):   **Minimum: 600 words, Maximum: 800 words** |  | | | |
| 1. In what ways is the project innovative? Please provide a description.   **Maximum: 100 words** |  | | | |
| 1. Please indicate if there is a website available for more information: |  | | | |

1. Please provide a comprehensive summary of your project, including background information that outlines its objectives, scope, scale, and key components. Highlight how the project demonstrates initiative, leadership, creativity, and innovation. Focus on the innovative aspects of the project, its unique approach, and the significant results achieved. This summary should give a clear understanding of the project's purpose, impact, and how it contributes to advancing sustainability within the nut and/or dried fruit industry. **Word Limit**: Minimum 600 words, Maximum 800 words. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Please provide a detailed explanation of the project's results, achievements, and overall impact. Focus on measurable outcomes and tangible benefits, highlighting how the project addressed a specific gap or challenge. Describe the relevance of the project to the nut and/or dried fruit industry, emphasizing its contribution to sustainability, innovation, or industry advancement. Include data or examples to illustrate the project's quantifiable impact wherever possible. **Word Limit**: Minimum 600 words, Maximum 800 words. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)