



# BEST CORPORATE CITIZEN

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD 2026

PEOPLE. PLANET. PROFIT



SDG

Supporting the Sustainable  
Development Goals for a  
better tomorrow.



ESG

Driving long-term  
value through  
environmental,  
social & governance  
excellence





# Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Awards 2026

Celebrating Corporate Responsibility

**The Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Awards**, organised by **The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce**, and now in its 23 year, recognises companies that lead by example - prioritising people, planet, and profit.

The awards encourage businesses to incorporate the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into their core strategies and operations.

Whether it's climate action, ethical practices, or community impact, this award champions businesses that lead with action.



# Why It Matters ?

**“Sustainability is no longer a choice. It’s a business imperative”**

In a world facing climate risks, economic volatility, and social inequality, companies that embed ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) practices into their DNA are not just doing good - they're doing smart business.

Winning a BCCS Award positions your company as a leader in sustainability raising your profile, building trust, and setting you apart.

# How It Works ?

Applications are assessed through a comprehensive Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) evaluation framework by an independent panel of evaluators.

All submitted applications and supporting documents undergo a detailed document review and are evaluated against the established assessment criteria. Based on the evaluation scores, approximately 10–15 companies will be shortlisted to proceed to the presentation stage.

**Shortlisted companies will be invited to participate in two presentation rounds. In the first round, the Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) or the officer responsible for sustainability will present the company's sustainability initiatives and respond to questions from the Panel of Evaluators. In the second round, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Chairman will present before the Panel of Judges, demonstrating the organisation's sustainability leadership, strategic commitment, and long-term vision. The presentations will form an integral part of the final evaluation process.**

**The final results will be determined after considering the application evaluation, presentation assessments, and the overall performance of each organisation throughout the evaluation process. Applications must be submitted exclusively through the official online application platform. Submissions via email, hard copy, or any other method will not be accepted. Holding companies are required to provide details of all subsidiaries, and the application should include relevant sustainability information covering all applicable subsidiaries.**

Applicants are expected to provide complete, accurate, and verifiable information covering all relevant Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) aspects.

# AWARD

## Award Categories

### Main Awards

**A**

For companies with an annual turnover **above LKR 15 billion**

**Winner**

- 1st Runner-up
- 2nd Runner-up

**CATEGORY**

**B**

For companies with an annual turnover **below LKR 15 billion**

**Winner**

- 1st Runner-up
- 2nd Runner-up

**CATEGORY**

## THE TOP 10

**AN ELITE GROUP OF TEN COMPANIES SELECTED ACROSS BOTH CATEGORIES**  
*these are the gold standard in corporate sustainability in Sri Lanka*

# Special Awards

## Triple Bottom Line Awards

**Best performers across each ESG dimension:**

*Environmental Sustainability  
(Planet)*

*Social Responsibility  
(People)*

*Corporate Governance  
(Profit)*

## Sector Awards

- *Agriculture*
- *Construction*
- *Diversified Holdings*
- *Finance*
- *Healthcare*
- *Infrastructure & Logistics*
- *Leisure*
- *Manufacturing*
- *Retail*
- *Knowledge Service Sector*
- *Other*

## Category Awards

- *Strategic Environmental Leadership & Governance*
- *Climate Action, Energy Security & Decarbonisation*
- *Climate Resilience, Adaptation & Disaster Preparedness*
- *Resource Efficiency, Circular Economy & Pollution Prevention*
- *Biodiversity, Water Security & Nature-Positive Development*
- *Sustainable Communities, Value Chains & National Impact*
- *Workforce & Workplace Relations*
- *Customer Relations*
- *Community Relations*
- *Supplier Relations*
- *Governance*
- *Financial Performance*
- *Economic Contribution*

## Descriptions of Categories

Short descriptions of the areas assessed under the nine categories are provided below. Applications should cover activities/ initiatives taken during the year 2025–2026, unless specifically stated in the application.

### **Strategic Environmental Leadership & Governance**

*Evaluates how environmental sustainability is embedded into corporate strategy, governance, decision-making, risk management, and long-term business planning, demonstrating leadership and accountability at the highest levels of the organisation.*

### **Climate Action, Energy Security & Decarbonisation**

*Assesses the organisation's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy efficiency, increase renewable energy adoption, and support the transition towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.*

### **Climate Resilience, Adaptation & Disaster Preparedness**

*Recognises initiatives that strengthen organisational and community resilience to climate-related risks through adaptation measures, disaster preparedness, business continuity planning, and climate risk management.*

### **Resource Efficiency, Circular Economy & Pollution Prevention**

*Evaluates the efficient use of natural resources, implementation of circular economy principles, waste minimisation, pollution prevention, and innovative approaches to sustainable production and consumption.*

### **Biodiversity, Water Security & Nature-Positive Development**

*Assesses efforts to conserve biodiversity, restore ecosystems, protect natural resources, improve water stewardship, and implement nature-positive solutions that contribute to environmental sustainability.*

### **Sustainable Communities, Value Chains & National Impact**

*Recognises initiatives that create shared environmental and socio-economic value by strengthening sustainable supply chains, supporting communities, fostering partnerships, and contributing to national sustainability priorities.*



### **Award for Resilient Practices**

For companies that demonstrated outstanding adaptability and continuity planning during crises or disruptions

### **Award for Best Sustainability Report / Disclosure**

Recognises organisations that demonstrate excellence in sustainability reporting through transparent, credible, and comprehensive disclosure of ESG performance, governance, risks, opportunities, and long-term value creation.

### **Award for Sustainability Innovation**

Recognises organisations that have developed and implemented innovative products, services, technologies, or business practices that deliver measurable environmental, social, and economic value.

### **Category Awards (nine) for consistent commitment and demonstrated improvement**

Selected from corporates participated in The Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Award process at least three years during the last five years.

### **Grand Slam Award**

For corporates winning in 5 different years. Companies are encouraged to maintain their performance to achieve this award.

# Descriptions of Categories

## **Workforce & Workplace Relations**

*Strategies that were adopted during the year to strengthen Employee relations; provide opportunity for training, career advancement, and equal opportunities in employment; and ensure employment benefits, social security and occupational safety and health (OSH) and enhanced workplace wellbeing.*

## **Customer Relations**

*Policies and measures to improve the products / services provided to customers; the extent / effectiveness in responsible marketing by providing relevant information and obtaining feedback; minimizing the negative impacts applicable in increasing the distribution/sale of the products/services; long term initiatives to enhance customer satisfaction and overall compliance with customer issues and challenges.*

## **Community Relations**

*Mechanisms to identify and respond to requirements of the communities the business interacts with, including partnerships. Overall business strategy for identifying and implementing special projects.*

## **Supplier Relations**

*Measures introduced to foster a mutual connection between the business and its suppliers including strengthened communication and strong relationships.*

## **Governance**

*Frameworks, structures, and processes of an entity to facilitate conformance to requirements, equity among stakeholders, ethical behaviour and optimum performance.*

## **Financial Performance**

*The performance and position of the entity measured in financial terms.*

## **Economic Contribution**

*The extent to which the entity contributes to the economy through investments, employment, value creation and facilitation of regional development.*

# HOW TO APPLY

## Submission Deadline

**02nd** October 2026 at **4.30 p.m.**

## Eligibility

Open to all corporate entities operating in Sri Lanka

For guidance on your application or clarifications, please contact:

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Ms. Ashani Gunawardhana - 0115588830 / hradmin@chamber.lk

## Typeform Technical Inquiries

Ms. Nirosha Thilakarathna - 011 558 8879

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## Important Dates & Fees

*Closing Date for Applications:* **2nd** October 2026

*Submission Platform:* **Online only**

*Application Fee:* **LKR 90,000**

## Payment

**Bank :** HNB

**Address :** City Office, 16 Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 1

**Account Name :** The Ceylon Chamber Of Commerce Special A/C

**Account Number :** 002-010276741

**Swift Code:** HBLKX

**Bank :** SAMPATH BANK

**Address :** 46, 38 Nawam Mawatha, Colombo 2

**Account Name :** The Ceylon Chamber Of Commerce

**Account Number :** 000960001036

**Swift Code:** BSAMLKX

**Bank :** HSBC

**Address :** Main Branch 24, Baron Jayatilake Mawatha, Colombo 1

**Account Name :** The Ceylon Chamber Of Commerce

**Account Number :** 001-075043-001

**Swift Code:** HSBCX

# WHY APPLY



- Boost credibility and reputation
- Benchmark against industry leaders
- Attract sustainable investors and stakeholders
- Build internal pride and employee engagement
- Get national and media recognition

## Awards Ceremony

Winners will be announced at a high-profile event attended by senior government officials, business leaders and diplomats

*Be seen where it counts*

## Final Note

The BCCS Awards are more than recognition – they're a platform for leadership. If your company is ready to be counted among Sri Lanka's most responsible and future-ready businesses, this is your moment.