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Call for
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- Does your business or not-for-profit organization use solar energy or solar technology to improve the lives of poor communities, especially for women and girls?
 - Is it eco-inclusive, delivering environmental and social benefits?
 - Does it involve and meet the needs of local communities?
 - Does it need financial and business support in order to meet its full potential?



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Hogan Lovells has opened the call for applications for the Community Solar Innovation Awards 2017 and is accepting applications from eco-inclusive enterprises from developing countries (non-OECD & non-EU member states) until 16 August 2017. Ten Community Solar Innovation Awards will be available for eco-inclusive enterprises that utilise solar energy systems or solar technology innovation to improve lives in poor communities, particularly for women and girls.

More specifically, for the Community Solar Innovation Awards, Hogan Lovells is looking for the most promising innovative and locally led small and growing eco-inclusive enterprises active in the solar technology field.

Does your eco-inclusive enterprise utilize solar energy systems or solar technology innovation to improve the lives of poor communities in any developing country? Enterprises that include gender equality or female empowerment aspects in their impacts will be favored.

The call for applications for the Community Solar Innovation Awards 2017 will close on 16 August 2017, 23:59 CET (Central European Time). Late submissions cannot be accepted.

Prize for award winners

Community Solar Innovation Award Winners will receive a package of tailored support consisting of:



Peer-to-Peer networking session: each winner will be invited to attend a peer-to-session to be held in South Africa, where they will be able to meet others facing similar challenges and learn from their experiences to grow their own business.



Capacity Building: one-on-one support and mentorship providing each winner with individual assistance with their business and financial plans.



Legal Advice: law firm Hogan Lovells will provide up to USD30,000-worth of legal advice for each winner.



Profiling: a high-level awards ceremony in South Africa, as well as additional marketing and promotional activities by SEED, Barefoot, and Hogan Lovells.



Replication Support: Each winner will receive support from SEED to replicate their business model in other regions around the world.



Financing: Hogan Lovells will provide USD10,000 to one overall winner to cover the organization's most pressing needs. The details to be agreed in a support plan between the winner and the firm.



Eligibility Criteria

You can apply for a Community Solar Innovation Awards if your enterprise:

- demonstrates entrepreneurship and innovation.
- applies solar technology in a productive way.
- has the intention and potential to become financially sustainable.
- is locally driven or locally led.
- delivers social, environmental and economic benefits.
- main activities and origin in non-OECD country and non-EU member state.
- entrants cannot be accepted who are sanctioned parties or from sanctioned countries prohibited by the laws of the United Kingdom, the United States, or other applicable jurisdictions.

More details on eligibility criteria are available at www.hoganlovellssolaraward.com.

Examples of enterprises we look for

- **SolarTurtle** converts shipping containers into mobile solar power stations and solar kiosks called “Turtles”. The company empowers women entrepreneurs to operate these secure fold-away power stations to sell clean and affordable energy to off-grid schools, clinics and individual community members. <http://www.solarturtle.co.za/>
- **ISOMET** manufactures and sells innovative solar cooking products like solar community cookers, solar ovens and solar cooling systems. The solar cookers and ovens are distributed through local women cooperatives via a franchising network. <http://www.isomet-bf.com/>

How to Apply

You can apply directly on the Hogan Lovells Solar Award website, or download an offline PDF application form via www.hoganlovellssolaraward.com and email it to apply@hoganlovellssolaraward.com.

If you are unable to submit your application electronically, please contact the Hogan Lovells Award team by email.

Submissions will be accepted until 16 August 2017, 23:59 CET. Late submissions will not be considered. Proposals that are shortlisted will be offered feedback and invited to submit additional information in October 2017.

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Further Information

For any queries related to the Awards and application process please contact us via apply@hoganlovellssolaraward.com.

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Up to ten Community Solar Innovation Awards 2017 are sponsored by Hogan Lovells. The Community Solar Innovation Awards 2017 is implemented by adelphi with outreach support managed by SEED and Barefoot College.

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