

Global Change Award 2026
-Nominee Form Template-

Area of Transformation [Please select one]

- ☐ MINDFUL CONSUMPTION
- ☐ RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION
- ☐ SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS AND PROCESSES
- ☐ WILDCARDS

Sustainable Materials and Processes

What if the use of sustainable materials and processes were a given? Here, we are for example looking for low energy materials and new and recycled fibres, sustainable energy practices, alternative wet processes, treatments and finishes and new construction techniques.

Name of your solution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This section collects some basic information about you and your solution.

Your first name

Your last name

Your email address

Your telephone number (optional)

Country code	Telephone number

Your country of origin

Your date of birth

Your gender identity (optional)

ORGANISATION DETAILS

This section collects details about your organisation/entity and any co-founders

Organisation/Entity name (optional)

In which country is the organisation/entity registered?

LinkedIN (optional)

Additional social media channels (optional)

Do you have any co-founders?

<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Co-founders If you answered Yes, please provide the below information for each co-founder

Co-founders

Your first name

Your last name

Your email address

Your telephone number (optional)

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IDEA DEVELOPMENT

In this section, describe your solution and its development so far.

Provide a short description of your solution (max 100 words)

What problem does your solution aim to solve? (max 150 words)

What are the key root causes of this problem and how does your solution address them? (max 150 words)

In what year was your solution created?

How much time do you currently dedicate to working with your solution?

- ☐ Full time
- ☐ Part time

What stage is your solution in?

<input type="checkbox"/> Tinker Window	Idea to concept validation STATUS: Test and iterate idea CHANGEMAKER FOCUS: Refining the solution so it can be communicated and tested, prototyping, researching, networking, building CHANGEMAKER NEEDS: Finance for stability, R&D access and equipment, time, industry access and insight, peer support
<input type="checkbox"/> Model Development Window	STATUS: Real-world piloting CHANGEMAKER FOCUS: Finding pilot partners, generating PR, developing business model, building/ launching a company CHANGEMAKER NEEDS: Finance for investment, industry introductions, narrative and branding coaching, peer support
<input type="checkbox"/> Ready to scale	STATUS: Ready for take-off! CHANGEMAKER FOCUS: Adoption/acquisition, hiring, developing front-stage CX, systemising backstage processes, implementation CHANGEMAKER NEEDS: Finance for expansion, industry introductions, partnerships, leadership coaching

Describe the current stage of development your solution has reached. (max. 150 words)

What has been your most significant milestone or breakthrough to date? (max. 150 words)

Do you hold any intellectual property related to your solution (e.g. patents, trademarks, proprietary tech)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

How is your solution currently organised? (e.g. non-profit, university, NGO, startup, individual, etc.)

- ☐ NGO
- ☐ Non-Profit
- ☐ University
- ☐ Community Group
- ☐ Lab
- ☐ Startup
- ☐ Corporate entity
- ☐ Social Enterprise
- ☐ An individual with a great idea
- ☐ Other

Do you have team members working on your solution?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How has your solution been funded so far? (max. 150 words)

Include financial backers or grants received.

If you have received any funding, please explain how it has contributed to reaching your current stage and how you plan to use it to advance your solution further. (optional) (max. 150 words)

Does your solution currently generate any revenue?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

SOLUTION DETAILS

Tell us more about your solution and it's potential for industry impact.

Area of transformation selected:

Sustainable Materials and processes

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Why and how does your solution relate to the chosen Area of Transformation? (max. 150 words)

What's the story behind your solution? (max. 150 words)

What makes your solution unique? (max. 150 words)

Please highlight any details that offer insight into your solution and how it stands out from other solutions in the market.

Describe your solution using the NABC model. (max 350 words)

Needs: What important need do you want to solve? How big is this problem? For whom, specifically?

Approach: What is the solution, in rough terms? What or which technique do you think can solve the problem?

Benefit: What is the actual user benefit? Are there any benefits to other stakeholders?

Competition: Who are your main competitors and how do you differentiate from these?

How can your solution support the decarbonisation of the textile industry? (max 150 words)

How can your solution create a positive social impact on people in its value chains (e.g. foster greater inclusivity and diversity within the textile industry)? (max 150 words)

What could the future impact of your solution look like — short term (3–5 years), medium (5–10), and long term (+10)? (max 150 words)

How might your solution, if successful, impact the industry, workers, and communities in the future? Your response can include both potential positive and negative effects.

How might this impact be quantitatively measured? (e.g. kg of waste diverted, litres of water saved, products sold) (max 150 words)

What metrics or KPIs would you track in the short, medium and long term? (max 150 words)
short term (3-5 years), medium (5-10 years) long term (+10 years)

What are the core activities that drive your impact? (max 150 words)

Who are the key partners or stakeholders needed for your solution to succeed? (max 150 words)
E.g. community organisations, supplier partnerships, brand collaborations, lab and/or research institute collaborations? Are you already working with any partners or stakeholders?

Could your solution benefit other industries beyond fashion and textiles? If yes, how? (max 150 words)

How do you plan to scale your solution in the next 3–5 years? What are your key milestones? (max 150 words)

CHANGEMAKER SPIRIT

Now we'd love to learn more about you as a changemaker.

What core values are most important to you and how do they guide your life and work? (max 150 words)

How do your skills, life experiences or background support the development of your solution? (max 150 words)

What is a defining moment in your journey so far that you're proud of? (max 150 words)

What challenges have you faced in the development of your solution and how have you overcome them? (max 150 words)

Why does solving this problem matter to you personally? (max 150 words)

Please submit a short video (max 5 minutes) answering the following:

1. How does your solution work?
2. What inspires you to pursue it?
3. What impact do you aim to achieve?

Note: Your video must feature you speaking. AI-generated content or voice recordings will not be accepted.

Add link of video	
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GCA COMPATABILITY

Final reflections on your fit for the Global Change Award.

Have you received any awards or participated in any other accelerator programmes with this solution? If yes, please describe the award(s) and what you learned in the programme(s). (max 150 words)

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If yes, how could GCA add distinct value beyond what you have already received? (optional) (max 150 words)

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What impact would the grant and the GCA Changemaker Programme have on your solution, and how do you plan to maximise the opportunities offered during your year in the programme? (max 150 words)

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What types of expertise or new connections would you hope to gain through GCA? (max 150 words)

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Have you previously applied to or been nominated for the Global Change Award?

- ☐ Yes, applied
- ☐ Yes, nominated
- ☐ No

How did you hear about the Global Change Award? (max 50 words)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	I understand that the H&M Foundation may share the name, description and basic details of my solution with trusted stakeholders in the textile and fashion industry – with the goal of helping me increase exposure, build connections and explore potential collaborations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I agree to let the H&M Foundation process my personal data to send me marketing material, in accordance with the H&M Foundation Privacy Notice: https://hmfoundation.com/privacy-policy/
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions https://hmfoundation.com/gca/terms-and-conditions/

I'd like to subscribe to the GCA newsletter for updates about the challenge.

☐ Yes, nominated

☐ No