By entering the 2021 UNIDO Global Call for Innovative Solutions in Cleantech and Sustainable Land Management, participants agree to the following Terms and Conditions:

1.1 Entry Criteria

- The competition is open to private sector entities, namely micro, small, medium, and large companies & startups.
- Close relatives of employees of UNIDO and partner organizations, who are involved in the organization of the Global Call, are excluded from participation.
- To enter the competition, participants must fill in the online entry form. No postal submissions or e-mail will be accepted (only for those countries where the online submission site is blocked, a submission by e-mail to the relevant UNIDO Field Office/Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) may be accepted on an exceptional basis).
- A maximum of two entries may be submitted by any one participant.
- In case of early-stage proposals, the applicant should submit a clear timeline of activities up to finalization of the proposal, and effectively be available and achievable within a time frame.
- Each individual submission should clearly state the focus area by selecting the most applicable category in the application form.
- The description of the intervention should not be written in a promotional tone, but use neutral, factual language.
- The opening date for entries to the competition is 1 July 2021 and the closing date is 2 August 2021.
- UNIDO reserves the right to extend the duration and closing date of the competition or to cancel the competition if an insufficient number of quality entries are received.
- Only submissions in English will be accepted.
- No responsibility can be taken by the organizers for entries that are incorrectly submitted.
- UNIDO reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not pass the internal due diligence process.

1.2 Judges – Panel Composition and Judgment Criteria

UNIDO, in consultation with partner organisations, will conduct a preliminary review and screening of the entries, and a shortlist of maximum 15 submissions per category will be further evaluated by a panel of judges. The decision of UNIDO, its partners and judges on all matters relating to the competition is final, and no correspondence will be entered into at any stage.

In addition to ensuring that submissions respect the requirements in section 1.1 on Entry Criteria, submissions should also be aligned with basic environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria, and will be judged on the following criteria:

a) Innovative content of the proposal (30% of weighted vote)

b) Potential contribution to international climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts and environmental sustainability (25% of weighted vote)
c) Proven applicability, scalability and possibility of expansion to different geographical and socioeconomic contexts (20% of weighted vote)

d) Economic and social long-term sustainability (15% of weighted vote)

e) Expected occupational return (job creation and income generation potential) (10% of weighted vote).

The absence of the participants’ conflict of interest, the process’ transparency and tracking, certifications obtained from recognized bodies, and motivations of merit identified by the jury will be considered as key elements in the evaluation process.

1.3 Awards and Rewards

- There will be a maximum of 12 rewards, in line with the four categories and three subcategories of the competition. Should an insufficient number of quality entries be received, UNIDO reserves the right to reduce the number of subcategories/awards to one award per category, for one or several categories.
- Among the proposed rewards, the participation in trade shows and international events are subject to confirmation with the organizers of these events.
- The prizes offered are not exchangeable for cash and are not transferable.

1.4 Intellectual Property

- Where UNIDO publishes information on any of the entries, including images or footages, UNIDO will endeavour to ensure that the name of the applicant/company appears in the following manner: UNIDO, applicant/company.
- The participant declares that any images or footages involved in the submission were taken by him/her or that he/she received permission to use them in his/her submission, and that the images and footages may be used by UNIDO as provided for in these Terms and Conditions. The participant also declares that, where required, permission to submit the entry in this competition has been given by his/her employer. The participant accepts that he/she will be contacted on follow-up activities arising from this competition by UNIDO and its partner organizations.

1.5 Final provisions

- The UNIDO disclaimer applies.
- Nothing in, or relating to, these Terms and Conditions or the competition will be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of UNIDO.