

International Anti-Corruption Collective Action Awards 2026

Methodology

1 Introduction

The Anti-Corruption Collective Action Awards acknowledge initiatives that showcase outstanding results, emerging best practices and innovation in the field of Collective Action to tackle corruption and raise standards of business integrity. By showcasing the achievements and ingenuity as well as the people behind the initiatives, it is hoped that the awards will also inspire the development of new initiatives. The awards are non-monetary in nature and will only be awarded to organisations, not to individuals. The winners will be announced at the International Collective Action Conference which will take place on 9 and 10 June 2026 in Basel, Switzerland.

2 Award categories and selection criteria

Awards will be granted in two categories:

2.1 Outstanding Achievement in Collective Action 2026

Organisations and initiatives awarded in this category will have made significant contributions towards fairer market conditions and the prevention of corruption through their engagement in Collective Action. Nominees will be judged against the following criteria:

- (1) The initiative's engagement with the business community and other stakeholders;
- (2) The results and impact on the targeted sector, region and/or country region, where such evidence is available;
- (3) The initiative as a source of inspiration or its potential to inspire others engaged in Collective Action.

2.2 Collective Action Inspirational Newcomer 2026

Organisations and initiatives awarded in this category will have been active in the field of Collective Action for less than two years. Nominees will be judged against the following criteria:

- (1) The initiative's engagement with the business community and other stakeholders;
- (2) The innovative nature and strength (including sustainability) of the approach;
- (3) The initiative's potential to serve as inspiration for others engaged in Collective Action based on what they have achieved so far and their potential for future impact.

3 Selection process

3.1 Eligibility Criteria

Only organisations active in the field of anti-corruption Collective Action are eligible for nomination to the Anti-Corruption Collective Action Awards. Formal registration of the Collective Action initiative as a legal entity is not a requirement. Individuals, government organisations and for-profit organisations are not eligible to be nominated for and receive the award.

3.2 Nomination Procedure

Nomination forms may be submitted directly per email to Ms. Lucie Jones (Binder) (Lucie.binder@baselgovernance.org) until **27 March 2026**. Organisations and initiatives may self-nominate.

Other persons familiar with a Collective Action initiative may also submit a nomination. If you are not self-nominating, please provide contact details of who to contact about the award nomination. Please ensure you have permission to share their contact details.

3.3 Selection of finalists by the jury

Eligible nominations will be transmitted to the jury together with scoring sheets for each entry. Jury members will score each initiative individually, awarding up to 10 points per criteria (see above). These points will be weighted according to the factors set out below. Nominees may score up to a maximum of 100 points.

Outstanding Achievement in Collective Action 2026

	Maximum points	Weight of points
(1) Stakeholder engagement	10 points	*2
(2) Results/impact	10 points	*5
(3) Potential to inspire others	10 points	*3

Collective Action Inspirational Newcomer 2026

	Maximum points	Weight of points
(1) Stakeholder engagement	10 points	*3
(2) Innovative strength	10 points	*4
(3) Potential to inspire others	10 points	*3

From the total points allocated by each individual jury member, the three highest-scoring initiatives will be considered as finalists.

In case the overall score is not decisive (i.e., initiatives receiving the same overall score), jury members will agree on the ranking of the top three initiatives.

3.4 Final vote by the jury and the public

From the selected finalists, each jury member will choose a winner.

Through an online public voting tool, the public will be able to vote for their preferred initiative among the three finalists. Public voting is available once per page visitor. Voting will be anonymous. Within the voting process, a cookie will be saved in your browser, ensuring that voting cannot be repeated. No personal data will be saved or retained and all data related to the voting process will be deleted after the award winners have been determined.

The public vote will be considered as one vote equal to the individual vote of each jury member as follows:

Jury Member 1	Jury Member 2	Jury Member 3	Jury Member 4	Public Vote
20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
			TOTAL	100%

The finalist that receives the most votes wins. In case of a tie, the initiative with the higher overall score from the jury during the finalists' selection phase will be considered the overall winner.

4 Conflicts of Interest

The nominees shall inform the Basel Institute of any existing or potential conflicts of interest in relation to the jury members. The Basel Institute will then seek to manage the conflict of interest so as to not adversely affect the integrity of the award.