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# World CleanTech StartUPS Awards 2023 announce global call for entries from innovative cleantech startups

*Newly instituted "Paddy Padmanathan Award" to honor innovators and visionary disruptors in clean technology*

**Paris, France; Dubai, UAE, May 3, 2023 - The World CleanTech StartUPS Awards 2023 (WCSA2023) announced today the launch of their annual global competition to recognize the most innovative ideas in clean technology. The Platform is now accepting entries from CleanTech startups worldwide. The awards recognize and celebrate the most innovative, sustainable, and visionary technology disruptors driving positive change towards a greener, more sustainable, and regenerative future.**

Formerly part of the World CleanTech Awards, the WCSA2023 Awards has evolved into a specific awards platform that recognizes and supports promising innovators and startups in the clean technology field to emphasize their crucial role in accelerating the cleantech transformation.

The WCSA Awards' Jury announced the Visionary Technology Disruptor (Paddy Padmanathan Award) which has been created to recognize innovators and visionary disruptors in clean technology. It will be presented to the startup with the most impactful, visionary, and disruptive technology innovation.

The newly instituted award is in honour of Mr. Paddy Padmanathan's outstanding achievements in energy and water sector over a career spanning over four decades. Mr. Padmanathan, who until recently was the President and CEO of ACWA Power, a leader in energy transition, played a spearheading role in the company's immense growth and success.

"The World CleanTech StartUPS Awards 2023 - Visionary Technology Disruptor (Paddy Padmanathan Award) provides a unique platform for CleanTech startups to showcase their innovative solutions and receive recognition for their efforts towards building a sustainable future," said Prof. Anis Jouini, CEO of CEA-INES (The French Solar Energy Institute), CBC Chair of CleanTech StartUp Hub and Chair of the Awards. "We are

thrilled to launch this initiative and encourage startups worldwide to participate in this exciting opportunity.”

Powered by ACWA Power with strategic partnerships with Dii Desert Energy, CEA-INES (The French Solar Energy Institute) and the CleanTech Business Club, the WCSA2023 Awards judging panel includes industry experts and leading CleanTech entrepreneurs.

The awards will recognize outstanding contributions across various CleanTech sectors, including renewable energy, process optimization, smart cities, digital solutions, green hydrogen, waste management, sustainable mobility, and water treatment.

“As Steve Jobs said, Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower.” quoted Thomas Altmann, Executive Vice President - Innovation & New Technology at ACWA Power and Co-Chair of the Awards. “ACWA Power's growth strategy is driven by innovation, and we are excited to invite visionary startup founders and innovators to join us in our mission of paving the way to a sustainable greener future. This competition is a thriving ground for them to pitch their ideas to a panel of expert judges and network with the industry professionals. The winner will be recognized and given the opportunity to visit our offices in Dubai and meet our experts. ACWA Power as the leading developer will support the next steps of the idea development and innovation.” he added.

“ACWA Power, founded in 2004 has grown under Paddy Padmanathan's leadership into a global leader in power generation, water desalination and green hydrogen with a market capitalization of approximately \$25 billion and assets in 12 countries worth over \$75 billion,” remarked Cornelius Matthes, CEO of Dii Desert Energy, CBC Chair for the Middle East and the Awards Jury member. “His exceptional contributions and impressive track record make it fitting to name the WCSA2023 Awards after him.”

Startups can submit their entries by May 20, 2023, and the winner will be announced at the WCSA2023 Awards ceremony on June 14, 2023, in Munich, Germany, on the occasion of The Smarter E – Europe's Largest Platform for the Energy Industry.

For more information on the awards and how to apply, please visit [www.worldcleantechawards.com/wcsa2023](http://www.worldcleantechawards.com/wcsa2023)

### **About the Awards:**

The World CleanTech StartUPs Awards (formerly a part of the [World CleanTech Awards](#)), is an annual global competition that acknowledges and honors the most disruptive CleanTech startups across the globe. The competition strives to motivate and foster growth within the CleanTech industry by granting startups an opportunity to exhibit their innovative and disruptive solutions and attain acknowledgement for their endeavors in constructing a more sustainable and regenerative future.

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