# **IWA Climate Smart Utilities Recognition Programme**

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# **Application Form**

The international Water Association is calling on applicants to apply to its **Climate Smart Utilities Recognition Programme.** This Programme aims to inspire utilities, their managements, and political principles to transition to become increasingly Climate Smart and embrace the cultural shift on three interconnected pillars:

1. **Adaptation**: Resilience in the face of climate change is increased
2. **Mitigation**: GHG emissions are assessed and aim to be reduced
3. **Leadership:** you area national, regional or international champion

**This Recognition Programme builds on the** [**vision endorsement**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XNXTR2C) **(awareness step) to invite utilities who are already taking any kind of “climate smart” action to apply to be celebrated as utilities on the journey to being more and more Climate Smart.** The first Recognition Programme event, or “climate Smart Utilities celebration” will take place at the IWA World Water Congress and Exhibition (WWCE), in Copenhagen, 12-15 September 2022. This first edition is brought to the water community thanks to the support of [Xylem](https://www.xylem.com/).

Your application is an opportunity to self-reflect on your progression on the journey to becoming "Climate-Smart", articulating your utility actions around each of the three pillars against 3 to 4 components, each described in the [guidance document](https://iwa-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Annex1_CSU_Application-guideline.pdf) with a text depicting an ideal Climate Smart Utility.

# **HOW TO APPLY**

Utilities can apply by filling the offline application form and sending it to carlos.diaz@iwahq.org or by submitting the [online form via surveymonkey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M2DPZQF).

# **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Submissions will be reviewed within two (2) weeks after the submission deadline, by a jury based on the following criteria:

* The Application is sound (Yes/No)
* Sharing the application content will provide value to IWA members (Yes/No)
* The overall approach presented is ambitious – considering the utility context and current challenges (1 to 3)
* Some of the components presented are easily replicable for utilities facing a similar context and challenges (1 to 3)
* Some of the components presented are innovative (1 to 3)

Utilities will be notified on July 15th if they will be recognised for climate smart journey during the Recognition event in Copenhagen, 12-15 September 2022.Those who applied for travel support to Copenhagen would be notified by 22 July 2022.

1. Contact Information

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| First Name: |
| Last name: |
| Organisation: |
| Role at organisation: |
| Country of Residence: |
| Email: |
| IWA Membership no (If applicable): |

*Note: we recommend that all applying utilities contract an IWA membership to facilitate future knowledge exchange. However, you may submit your application even if you have not finalized your membership.*

1. Specify your utility type

*Tick the most appropriate*

[ ]  Water Utility

[ ]  Wastewater Utility

[ ]  Water and Wastewater Utility

[ ]  Urban Drainage Utility

[ ]  Water, Wastewater and Urban Drainage Utility

1. Submission Requirements

Application should include the filled-out form on the next page, as well as the following optional information:

* Pictures with sources
* Contact details of relevant persons to discuss technical content
* Provide any additional document you want to share with the Jury

IWA will provide travel support for 1 (one) person for utilities in emerging economies. Please indicate if you would need this support.

[ ]  Yes, I want to apply for travel support

[ ]  No, I don’t need travel support

*Refer to* [***Annex 1***](https://iwa-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Annex1_CSU_Application-guideline.pdf) *- The Guidance Framework for the Application to guide the narrative submitted by the applicant utility.***(NB: It is not mandatory to complete the annex of indicators but serves as a guide to support your narrative).**

Submission

In a maximum of 3 pages the applicant should submit a narrative summarising their Vision and the key actions taken towards being a Climate Smart Utility, considering the aspects under the 3 pillars described in the guidance framework ([Annex 1](https://iwa-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Annex1_CSU_Application-guideline.pdf)), providing ***a description of the actions taken, the actions in planning, and the gaps or challenges the utility identifies or is not planning on addressing.*** *Note: If a component under any of the pillars has not been addressed by your utility, please mention “yet to address or implement”*

***Keep always in mind that 3 pillars of a Climate Smart Utility are:***

1. ***ADAPTATION: Essential services are delivered while reducing the risk of failure in the face of climate change threats (refer to Annex 1 for topics under this pillar)***
2. ***MITIGATION: GHG emissions are reduced (refer to Annex 1 for topics under this pillar)***
3. ***LEADERSHIP: The utility is a local, national, and international leader (refer to Annex 1 for topics under this pillar)***

*For more information about the IWA Climate Smart Utilities Recognition Programme, please consult the Guidance document -* [*Annex 1:* *Guidance Framework for the Application*](https://iwa-network.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Annex1_CSU_Application-guideline.pdf) *or contact Carlos Diaz at**carlos.diaz@iwahq.org*

Please type or copy-paste here your Climate Smart narrative (3 pages maximum).

[ ]  I agree to the assessment conditions and to be contacted in relation to the application.

[ ]  I understand that the information submitted (mandatory 3-page narrative and non-mandatory supporting documents and indicators) is going to be treated as confidential and will only be used for the purpose of the Recognition Programme.

[ ]  I am aware that the 3-page narrative is the principal component of the application. All supporting documents and indicators are not obligatory but will be used to assess the soundness of the application if needed.