



## 2026 Global LEAP Awards for Repairability

### Terms and Conditions

#### Background

The critical role and potential of appliances to advance energy access, maximize developmental impacts of electrification and drive greenhouse gas emission reduction is well documented<sup>1</sup>. This is especially true in emerging markets where a large portion of the population remains unelectrified (estimated 685 M) or have access to unreliable power (estimated 1.6 B)<sup>2</sup>. Efforts to bridge the energy access gap have seen the rise of off grid solar systems over the last decade including uptake of technologies such as solar lanterns, multi light systems and solar home systems. At the same time, this has created a massive market opportunity for solar appliances and productive uses of energy<sup>3</sup>.

To ensure sustainable growth of the solar appliances markets, it will be important to incorporate circularity principles in the approaches we take to developing them. In their white paper, Solar Aid, identify repairability as a more salient approach in addressing the challenge of non-functioning solar products, highlighting the almost 75% of 150 M Solar energy kits that have ceased functioning<sup>4</sup>. As per EforA's study, improving appliance repairability helps protect end users' financial investment in appliances (which is significant), ensure delivery of energy services and protect the environment<sup>5</sup>.

Awards and competitions, designed and delivered appropriately, can lead to transformative changes as proven by CLASP experience. EforA's Global LEAP Awards programs have enabled identification, promotion and uptake of high quality off and weak grid products across markets in Africa as well as development of quality standards for solar appliances.

It is therefore important to ensure that a good repair model underpins the deployment of appliances as it has direct implications on a) continued use of the appliance and extension their lifespan, b) reduced waste and contribution to the circular economy for businesses, and c) realization of full energy services benefits of appliances for the users.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://efficiencyforaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/Leave-No-One-Behind\\_September-2024.pdf](https://efficiencyforaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/Leave-No-One-Behind_September-2024.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.esmap.org/sites/default/files/esmap-files/MTR-Design\\_Oct8-web.pdf](https://www.esmap.org/sites/default/files/esmap-files/MTR-Design_Oct8-web.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099235110062231022/pdf/P175150063801e0860928f00e7131b132de.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [https://solar-aid.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SolarAid-Whitepaper-off-grid-solar-repair-in-Zambia-12.10.2023\\_compressed.pdf](https://solar-aid.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/SolarAid-Whitepaper-off-grid-solar-repair-in-Zambia-12.10.2023_compressed.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [https://efficiencyforaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/Closing-the-Loop\\_EforA\\_Solar-Appliance-Repairability-Report\\_Oct-2024.pdf](https://efficiencyforaccess.org/wp-content/uploads/Closing-the-Loop_EforA_Solar-Appliance-Repairability-Report_Oct-2024.pdf)

## Description of the Awards

The primary objective of the Global LEAP Awards for Repairability is to identify and promote innovative business models and practices to enhance reparability for off and weak grid appliances and equipment specifically targeted for solar water pumps (SWPs), fans, and refrigerators.

Combined learnings from literature, EforA research on repair, learnings from the solar e-waste challenge point to the following principles underlying a good repair model:

- **Embed repairability in core business operation:** Where repair is embedded in the core business model and not only thought of as a warranty compliance tool. This means businesses by the design of their operations can capture the full value of appliances by ensuring a) extended product lifespan which reduces waste and preserves embedded material value, b) repair and refurbishment delay replacement cycles, and lower lifecycle costs
- **Partnerships to strengthen repair practices:** Strong partnerships and collaboration with vital stakeholders in the repair value chain e.g., upstream with manufacturers and downstream with repair technicians, users etc. This will help ensure there is broader availability of affordable and reliable spare parts, appropriate tools and testing equipment, and access to repair and diagnostic information. This enhances consumer protection by ensuring the ability to use the appliance for their complete lifespan
- **Investments in training:** There is investment in technician training and continuous learning systems. Intentional efforts to train and upskill technicians improves quality, safety and consumer trust. In addition, it will be critical to bridge informal expertise with formal supply chains and quality standards.
- **Communications and customer engagement:** There are strong communication protocols and engagement channels to support customers. In case of a product fault or damage, there should be clear pathways outlined for users on what to do, who to reach out to, how long repair process takes, pricing, alternative options for users during product repair etc. This is central in building customer trust and improving their experience.
- **Financial sustainability:** – repair models must structure revenue streams (service fees, maintenance contracts, refurbishment resale) to ensure stable cash flow. Access to working capital will also be important.

The Awards for Repairability will be looking to promote repair business models that encapsulate above principles. It will also seek to integrate the learnings from the Awards into broader sector initiatives, such as the Off-Grid Solar Repair Lab, which aims to embed repair into the off-grid solar sector.

In addition to above objectives, the Awards will create room to:

- a) Identify and map existing actors in the repairability space
- b) Forge extensive and inclusive engagements with key stakeholders to ensure buy in of recommended practices and approaches,
- c) Drive visibility and promotion of innovative solutions and best practices for repair
- d) Data gathering exercise to inform continued reparability index research across different appliances and markets

## **Approach Overview**

### **1. Eligibility:**

Participation in the Awards is limited to the following types of organizations:

- Productive use appliance companies (“PUE Companies”). This can include any type of company that manufactures and distributes productive use appliances specifically solar water pumps, refrigerators, and fans. We are focusing on these 3 technologies because we have repair indices tools developed for them.
- Other specialized service providers (“Service Companies”) with operations that are directly relevant to providing repair solutions for productive use appliances specifically the 3 mentioned above. This includes, for example, recyclers, repairers, refurbished appliance resellers etc.

Collectively, PUE Companies, and Service Companies participating in the Award will be referred to hereinafter as “Participants.”

Joint proposals by two or more Participants are welcome. In all such instances, a single Participant must serve as the lead applicant.

### **2. Geography**

All proposed activities must take place in either Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, or India.

### **3. Awards implementation stages**

The Awards for Repairability will be delivered in the following stages:

- a) **Application:** A general call for proposals will be issued at the launch of the Competition, targeting eligible participants operating in Africa and India. Applicants will be required to provide a comprehensive description of their repair business models, including how these models are structured and implemented. Submissions should highlight best practice areas, identify existing gaps or areas for improvement, and outline the specific actions proposed to address these gaps. In addition, applicants are expected to detail their partnership networks and demonstrate how their approaches incorporate innovation while maintaining affordability.

- b) Evaluation:** The CLASP team will appraise applications against the set evaluation criteria having checked for completeness and eligibility with the Awards requirements.
- c) Qualification & Implementation:** Successful applicants will be notified and tasked to deliver on a repair business model challenge. This is where participants articulate an area within their current repair model they would like to enhance or improve informed by what the Awards characterizes as good repair model. Applicants must present a clear and actionable improvement plan, including timelines, implementation strategies, and budget. The program team will monitor and evaluate progress based on set outputs and timelines.
- d) Spotlight Profiles for Participants** - Based on the delivery of the outputs from the repair challenge, companies will be profiled and promoted on CLASP networks and partners, including the Off-Grid Solar Repair Lab, highlighting their repairs models and improvements achieved.

#### **4. Awards Grants**

Successful participants will be awarded grants of up to **\$15,000** to implement solutions under the repair business model challenge. Applicants must submit a detailed budget outlining the activities for which the grant funds will be used.

The Awards grant is intended to support the implementation of readily actionable, high-impact initiatives (“low-hanging fruit”), while also enabling participating companies to develop and plan for longer-term strategies aimed at improving repairability.

#### **5. Proposal Requirements**

All proposed activities must take place **within three months** from receipt of the Award.

Proposals must describe the following project elements:

- **Company information:** basic contact details, founding team composition (local or international) and their gender split, years of operation, current sales and/or repair volumes, estimated need for repair or failure rates etc.
- **Description of the current repair model,** including the PUE technology focus, target customer segments, partners they are working with, elements of their model that are showing best practice, areas of improvement, and how their approach incorporates innovation and affordability.
- **Proposed repair business model challenge/ solution:** Applicants are required to focus their repair model improvement activities within one of the five key areas

identified as underpinning an effective repair model (as outlined in the ‘Description of the Awards’ section above). The proposed actions should be ready actionable, implemented and completed within **a three-month period**. Each proposal must include clearly defined activities, expected outputs, anticipated outcomes and impacts, success indicators, implementation team composition, and a detailed budget.

- **Co-funding:** Applicant are encouraged to indicate if they will be leveraging any internal funding or other additional funding in the delivery of the proposed repairability solution.

## **6. Monitoring & Evaluation and Grant Disbursement**

All participants will have three months to implement activities described in their proposals. The Administrator will oversee a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) process across the implementation period to 1) ensure that Participants use the Repairability Awards appropriately, 2) assess project performance, and 3) capture lessons learned to inform improved repair model solutions broadly across the PUE sector.

The M&E process will include the following:

- Monthly tracking against set milestones and indicators
- Monthly reports on overall progress and lessons learned.
- In-person site visits from the Administrator and/or a designated agent.

Grants will be dispersed across the implementation period in no more than two tranches based on the completion of key milestones and provision of information on lessons learned.

Disbursement schedules will be agreed upon by Participants and the Administrator prior to project initiation.

Information provided through the M&E process will inform the content input for the Spotlight profile at the end Awards implementation.

## **7. Evaluation Framework**

Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of expert judges (“Judges”) and will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Relevance to program objectives:** The Judges will assess the degree to which the proposed solution aligns with one or more of the Awards objectives as listed above.
- **Viability:** The Judges will assess whether the proposed activities are realistic and achievable. This will include an evaluation of the overall project plan, proposed timeline and budget as well as other implementation risks such as whether relationships with key implementation partners already exist or not, regulatory risk, etc.

- **Potential impacts:** The Judges will assess the potential for projects to achieve long-term positive environmental, commercial, and/or consumer benefits
- **Scalability and/or replicability:** The judges will assess the potential for Participants to scale their solution rapidly beyond the life of the grant and/or for other companies to replicate the project's approach and activities.
- **Cost effectiveness:** The judges will assess if proposed activities are reasonable within the available grant size.
- **Capacity of applicant:** The Judges will assess the capacity of the Participant(s) to deliver the project based on prior experience and organizational capacity. This will include an assessment of capacity to comply with reporting requirements during project implementation.

Pending the number of proposals received, the review committee will prioritize diversity among the project elements listed in the Proposal Requirements section above when making decisions.

## **8. Submission Process**

Proposals should be submitted through the [online application form](#).

The Administrator can be contacted via email at [globalleap@efficiencyforaccess.org](mailto:globalleap@efficiencyforaccess.org).

The deadline for receipt of all proposals is 23:59:59 US EST on 17 April 2026.

Participants may submit questions to the Administrator via the email address listed above.

All questions must be submitted by 23.59.59 US EST on 10 April 2026. The Administrator will consolidate all questions and post answers to them publicly on the Awards [website](#)

## Timeline

Global LEAP Awards for Repairability	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Develop the draft program design								
Develop initial draft application Form								
Develop the 2-pager fact sheet								
Develop the promotional tool kit								
<b>Launch the Awards window</b>		1st						
Close the Awards Window		17th						
Initial Review of Application for Eligibility and Completeness		29th						
Complete Evaluation			8th					
Set up a review committee		2nd						
Distribute applications for review		27th						
Complete onboarding participants			29th					
Participants implement repair challenge								
Participants submit final reports								
Initiate design of the Spotlight profiles								
Finalize Spotlight profiles								

Please note that the timeline above is subject to change. All Participants will be notified of changes, if necessary.

## Additional Terms and Conditions

### 1. Excluded List Screening

The Administrator will conduct a responsibility determination before designating Participants to ensure that any award meets applicable laws, including regulations administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the US Department of Treasury. For more information see OFAC website: <http://www.ustreas.gov/ofac>.

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