



Indian Society for Quality



Quality Earth Forum presents IAQ Quality Sustainability

Awards 2026

IAQ is proud to announce the launch of the sixth Quality Sustainability Award. In previous years over 250 projects have been applying for this prestigious award, that wants to promote the use of quality management to improve the sustainability of organizations. The award process has been consolidated so nothing much has changed and we have kept the administration to a minimum, making sure all organizations can participate, regardless of size or activity. So don't hesitate to share your project with the world and show good examples to inspire others to commit to sustainability..

Indian Society for Quality, in its sixth year of partnership with IAQ is happy to call for applications for Quality Sustainability Award 2026 (QSA 2026) from Indian contestants.

For Indian contestants, ISQ will hold a domestic contest towards the Quality Sustainability Award.

Seven projects from India were awarded **The Global IAQ Quality Sustainability** award in the last five years.



2020
Phosphate Sludge Reduction in Cabin Pre-treatment Line at Ashok Leyland in India

2022
Transformation to Sustainability through Carbon emission reduction in Paint shop by Ashok Leyland, India

2024
Promoting sustainable growth Scaling Up Paint Shop Capacity while protecting the environment

2021
The Conversion of non-usable metalized BOPET film waste into raw material by unique de-metallization and recycling process

2022
Build technical capability to produce BOPET films using up to 90% of RPET by SRF Limited, Packaging Films Business, India

2023
IOT enabled, digitally integrated air conservation using predictive analytics

2025
Smart CBG-Fired Galvanizing System For Sustainable Manufacturing and Emission Reduction

Applying for the 2026 Quality Sustainability Award (QSA)

The purpose of the QSA is to recognize projects and project teams that make a measurable contribution to sustainability through the use of quality methods.

1. Project criteria:

- Proven results on at least one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Proven use of quality management methods leading to the results.
- Not older than 3 years, so finished after 01-01-2023.
- The project can be part of an overall organizational effort, but the application must show the results and approach of the individual project.
- The project must be undertaken collaboratively, and it should be explicitly clear who the team leader is and who the team members are.

2. Application package

The application package consists of the following:

- The filled-in the 2 to 4 pages application form. Download format of [application document](#)
- A one page summary. Download format for [one page summary](#)
- A voluntary technical report, if deemed important by the applicant, for clarification and visualization. This report should not contain information different from the application. It can clarify (if necessary) through pictures, graphs, etc.
- The one-page summaries submitted by participants will be published on the IAQ award website and must be in English.

The information in the application document is used to evaluate the projects and will also be used for research purposes. However, this data will not be published with traceability to any individual organization. It is only for research, learning, and continuous development of our award.

The application document and the technical report can be in the local language for the local contest, but all finalists must present an English version of the application document.

3. Application method

IAQ works with local partners. For India, Indian Society for Quality will be receiving the application and following is the process of application.

The one-page summary, the application form must be in English. Document format is pdf.

4. Fees, registration and feedback

The applications may be uploaded in the portal <https://www.isqnet.org/QSA26/> For the Indian applicants, the application fee details are given in the table in next page. The registration fee should be paid while submitting the application either to the account number mentioned or through razor pay link provided in the portal.

For more details about the IAQ Quality Sustainability Award, visit <https://www.iaquality.org/qsa>

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ACTIVITY	DETAILS/REMARKS	TIMELINE
Apply for QSA 2026 (from Indian contestants)	Refer footnote to download applications. Fee per application: (Rs. 4,250/- + GST (18%)) Total Rs. 5,015/- inclusive of tax	Last date to submit the application: 30 06 2026 Account details(current a/c) Indian Society for Quality Account No: 00272000001288 IFSC Code: HDFC0000027
Evaluation and selection of the projects for online national competition (presentation round)	Well experienced team of evaluators and Jury members – the best in the subject with relevant knowledge and experience.	First level evaluation of projects by ISQ: 16 08 2026
Final presentation round at national level & announcement of national winning projects who can apply for global contest.	Only the contestants who confirm their participation in global contest if selected, will be allowed to participate in the presentation round)	Presentation round: 15 09 2026 Announcement of Projects for Global Contest and submission by 15 10 2026
Registration for global contest to IAQ by the National Winners and payment of fees. (USD 400)	Fees for global contest is to be paid directly to IAQ along with application and one page summary. (In English only)	On or before 01 11 2026
Presentation Video of 10 minutes to IAQ by National Winners with a high resolution picture of the project team.	(Contestants to accept the video to be posted on IAQ YouTube Channel. Team pictures can be published in IAQ communications)	Before 15 11 2026
Global Award Evaluation and Ceremony	By IAQ.	DECEMBER 2026

Note:

Follow the instructions correctly. Please keep in mind that the examiners are not necessarily technical experts in the subject of your project.

Write clearly and focus on the essence of the project with proven sustainability results in one or more of the seventeen UN SDGs area through quality management principles. It is the applicant's responsibility to prove to examining committee on the worthiness of the projects for the award.

By confirming the project's participation in the final global event, contestant agree that the IAQ can use all the materials gathered before and at the event (video recordings, Images, etc.) on the Academy's website and affiliated social media for educational, knowledge-sharing and promotional purposes.

Uploading the applications

- Application form, format of one page summary can also be downloaded by visiting Events page and then going to International Events subpage of the website www.isqnet.org
- To upload completed application, one page summary and technical report [click here](#).
- Applicants after uploading the documents may send a confirmation to office@isqnet.org
- For more information about the award write to office@isqnet.org or call 7798238774, 8012580850

Introduction to the IAQ

IAQ is an independent, self-supported, non-profit, non-governmental organization that is administered by a collegial assembly of individuals who have been elected by their peers from among the most respected, active and experienced protagonists of quality in the world.

Academicians are invited proportionately from among the major regions of the worlds and are approximately divided into thirds from Asia, America, and Europe-Middle East and Africa (EMEA). Individuals may not apply for membership as the Academy identifies and recruits both thought leaders and exceptional practitioners to receive invitations for membership. Currently, members represent over 45 nations. To know more visit <https://www.iaquality.org/>

Quality in Planet Earth Concerns Think Tank (QiPECTT)

Chair: Sunil Sinha (IAQ Academician) (who is also the current Chair- Awards committee, ISQ)

Co-Chair: Anders Fundin (IAQ Academician)

Its members include N. Ramanathan, (past President, ISQ) who founded the Think Tank and was its Chair until 2020. <https://www.iaquality.org/quality-in-planet-earth-concerns> for more information.

Introduction to the IAQ Quality Sustainability Award

The Quality Sustainability Award recognizes projects with positive results in sustainability corresponding to the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals, through the use of quality management principles, methodologies & techniques.

Advantages of participating include:

- ❖ Demonstrate project contribution to sustainability.
- ❖ Inspire others to integrate quality and sustainability.
- ❖ Be recognized for your achievements.

Visit <https://www.iaquality.org/qsa> for more information.

About ISQ

Indian Society for Quality (ISQ) is a not-for-profit society established in 1996 to fill the need for a national forum for interaction among quality professionals, leaders, practitioners and academics. ISQ is a non-partisan, independent body that attracts and invites individual members from business organizations, health care and educational institutions, government agencies and NGOs. Members share their knowledge and learn from each other. ISQ is thus engaged in both creating and disseminating knowledge.

Its mission is to contribute to the thriving of humanity in a healthy planet.

ISQ is well linked to similar national quality bodies in other countries. It is a board member from its very inception and has represented India in the Asian Network for Quality (ANQ).

To know more visit <https://isqnet.org/about-us/index.html>