

APPLICANT BROCHURE



AUSTRALIA'S BEST PRACTICE COMPETITION **2026**

- WINNERS WILL BE RECOGNISED AT THE BEA GALA AWARD DINNER 2026 -

RECOGNISING THE BRILLIANCE OF *AUSSIE BUSINESSES!*



How to Apply for Australia's Best Practice Competition 2026

1. Applicants to Australia's Best Practice Competition enter the International Best Practice Competition (IBPC) 2026.
 2. The highest Star Rating for a best practice from Australia will be recognised as the winner of Australia's Best Practice Competition.
 3. Dependent on the number of applicants from Australia, Category Awards for Australia may also be given. (Please refer to page 6 of this brochure for the Award Categories).
- **The *WINNERS* of Australia's Best Practice Competition 2026 will be *recognized* at the *Business Excellence Australia (BEA) GALA Award Dinner 2026*.**
 - **Australia's Best Practice Competition awards provide a pathway to Australia's national business excellence award.**
- Enter the competition at: <https://bestpracticecompetition.com/>

International Best Practice Competition (IBPC) 2026

The Second Call for Applications will close on:

April 10, 2026 (Friday)

BEST PRACTICE SHARING
EXTRAVAGANZA (SEMIFINALS)

17 JUNE - 27 JULY 2026

BEST OF THE BEST -
AWARDS SPECTACULAR (FINALS)

18-20 AUGUST 2026

Awards For

- 7-Star ★★★★★★ International Best Practices (Role Model, World-Class, Wow!)
- Winners of the 21 Categories of Excellence
- Pioneer in Excellence Prizes for applicants with the Highest Number of Best Practices rated highly, from 4 Stars ★★☆☆ and Above, up to 7 Stars ★★★★★★)
- Certificate of Distinction awarded to organisations achieving three or more International Best Practices assessed at 5 Stars and above
- Special recognition to the highest Star Rating for Small-Medium Enterprises (SME) - 50 employees or less

Practices graded 5 Stars ★★★★★ and above are considered an international best practice, with 7-Star ★★★★★★ indicating world-class.



Our Vision

To foster a global community of organizations committed to excellence by facilitating the exchange of best operational and managerial practices, setting new standards of efficiency, effectiveness and leadership, and inspiring a culture of positive change globally.

Our Mission

Whilst the IBPC assesses best practices and gives them a Star Rating, with 7-Star

★★★★★★ indicating world-class practices, its main purpose is to facilitate organizational learning and improvement.

We can't wait to see your participation!



All organisations from all sectors are welcome to apply for the 12th International Best Practice Competition (IBPC) 2026.



Venue: The 2026 Competition will be a virtual event to maximise participation.

Competition Highlights

- Dynamic best practice sharing global platform: The purpose of the awards is to enable sharing and learning from international best practices.
- Assessment of applications: Assessments are conducted by international experts with written feedback to strengthen the applications.
- Live access to the Competition webinars: Applicants can watch all the presentations from fellow participants across all the webinars to learn from them.

There is no limit on the number of best practice entries from one organisation for the International Best Practice Competition!



INTERNATIONAL
**BEST
PRACTICE
COMPETITION**

Certification Criteria to Assess the Best Practice Applications

- International Best Practice
(Role Model, World-Class, Wow!)
(7 Stars, ★★★★★★★)
- International Best Practice
(Outstanding)
(6 Stars, ★★★★★★★)
- International Best Practice (Excellence)
(5 Stars, ★★★★★)
- Local Best Practice (Excellence)
(4 Stars, ★★★★★)
- Strong Practice (Advanced / Effective)
(3 Stars, ★★★)
- Competent (Professional)
(2 Stars, ★★)
- Deficient (Inadequate)
(1 Star, ★)

Organisers



IBPC Assessment Criteria

The IBPC award criteria
assesses these areas:

1. Clarity of the Best Practice
2. Level of Deployment
3. Innovation
4. Results
5. Best Practice Evidence
6. Review/Next Steps Planned

Supporters



21 Award Categories

2026

There are 21 IBPC categories of excellence for which recognition will be given.

Leadership

Governance

Social Responsibility

Environmental Sustainability

Strategic Planning and Deployment

Performance Measurement and Management

Customer and Market Focus

Design of Products/Services

Supplier Relationships & Partnerships

Education, Training, Development, & Learning

Employee Teams, Empowerment, Motivation, Satisfaction

Employee Health, Safety, & Wellbeing

Workforce Planning, Recruitment, & Retention

Process Management & Improvement

Change Management

Innovation Systems and Approaches

Innovation Projects

Management of Assets

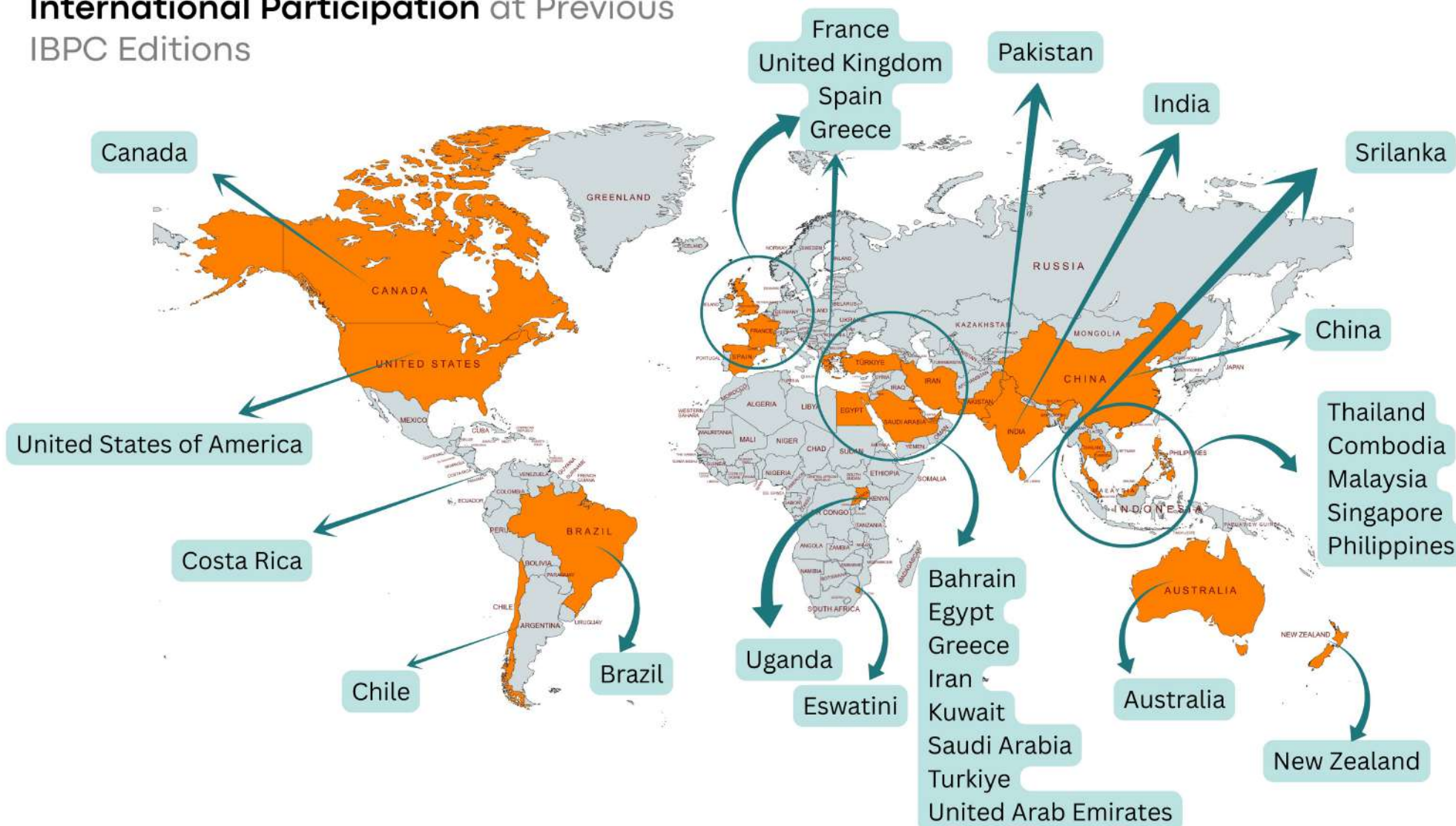
Risk Management

Digital Transformation

Automation and Technology



International Participation at Previous IBPC Editions



Award Beneficiaries and Attendees:

- CEOs, Senior Executives, Leaders, Managers, Project Heads, and Team Members who wish to showcase their best practices to the world while indulging in an enriching experience to learn from international best practices.
- Business consultants, subject matter experts, researchers, and enthusiasts
- Policy and decision-makers
- Anyone with a desire to learn, excel and innovate



at the Previous IBPC Editions



In 2026, there will be over [70 international experts](#) on the judging panel.

International Jury

Trish Wilson, New Zealand

Jury Member, IBPC 2025

The International Best Practice Competition is a showcase of excellence. It offers participants, attendees, and judges alike a rewarding opportunity to learn from innovative ideas and outstanding practices being implemented globally.

Dr. Sunil Gupta, Oman

Jury Member, IBPC 2025

What I appreciate the most about the International Best Practice Competition is that we get to hear and learn from the best globally.

Tonnis Van Dam, The Netherlands

Jury Member, IBPC 2025

What I appreciate the most about the International Best Practice Competition is that everyone can participate, Organisations from all sectors and of all sizes are welcome.



Why Participate: Benefits



Global Participation

To date, over **800 Organisations** from various industries and sectors have applied for the IBPC awards.



Global Recognition and Credibility

Participating in this competition places your organization on the global stage and reflects a clear commitment to excellence. All applicants receive a star rating, with a five-star rating or above signifying an internationally recognised best practice.



Learning & Improvement

Participants gain access to hundreds of global best practices, strengthening organisational learning and knowledge sharing.



Expert Feedback

Written feedback from IBPC assessors helps organisations improve their application before it is assessed by the jury panel.



Industry Leadership

Recognition across 21 category-specific awards reinforces your organisation's credibility and leadership within its field.



Benchmarking

Drive significant performance improvement by benchmarking against leading organisations worldwide.



Brand Exposure

Gain global exposure through IBPC press releases, social media, and promotional materials, attracting customers and partners.



Networking Opportunities

Build connections with industry leaders, potential clients, and partners, unlocking collaboration and growth potential.



Employee Engagement

The competition drives higher employee morale, reinforces a culture of excellence, and strengthens employer brand positioning.



Recognising Excellence

In 2025, over **110 Best Practices** from 14 countries qualified to enter Round 2 of the International Best Practice Competition (IBPC).

FREE Access to BPIR.com

Self-paced Learning with Complimentary BPIR.com Membership

All IBPC applicants receive a **complimentary annual membership** to BPIR.com, the Best Practice Improvement Resource. This provides free on-demand access to current and past best practices, helping participants enhance and refine their organisational processes. Each best practice entry comes with three free access passwords.

BPIR.com offers a rich collection of resources, including **articles, videos, and webinars**, covering most business processes and industry sectors. The content is organized according to business excellence model criteria, making it easy to find relevant information.



BPIR.com offers you access to the **TRADE Best Practice Benchmarking methodology** – a systematic and proven approach to identifying and implementing best practices, as used by many previous IBPC winners.

Featuring Winners on LinkedIn:

- Participation will enable you to be visible via various official websites and social media pages, such as the International Best Practice Competition website.
- A global audience of 500+ is expected across all the webinars with thousands viewing the recorded event.
- 7-Star and 6-Star Winners and IBPC participants are featured and promoted on the official BPIR.com LinkedIn page with 1000s of video views.
- Winners are featured and promoted in the COER Newsletters – going to over 7,000 recipients.
- Winners are featured and promoted in the BPIR.com Newsletters – going to over 6,000 recipients.

The screenshot shows the BPIR.com website homepage. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the BPIR.com logo, links for Best Practice Search, Benchmarking Training, IBPC, Events, News, and a JOIN NOW button. The main content area features a welcome message: "Welcome to the Best Practice Improvement Resource - The premier resource for benchmarking -". Below this, it states: "Learn from international best practices, research, and expert opinion to achieve productivity gains and business success. Search our content via business excellence model criteria (Baldrige / EFQM and more) and benchmark with others to accelerate your improvement / innovation journey!". To the right is a video player showing a BPIR.com video. Below the main content, there is a search bar and a list of categories: All, Case Studies, Award Recipients, Expert Opinions, Self-Assessments, Measures/Benchmarks, Best Practice Reports, Latest News, Author/Reference, Research Studies, and Tools & Techniques.

The screenshot shows a LinkedIn post from BPIR.com (Best Practice Improvement Resource). The post has 1,766 followers and was posted 4 months ago. The headline is "TOP 60 POTENTIAL FINALISTS ANNOUNCED". The text of the post says: "We are pleased to announce the Top 60 Potential Finalists of the Best ...more". Below the text is a video thumbnail showing a city skyline at night with the text "Best Practice No. 11", "Equipment Quality & Usage Inventory Platform", and "Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), Malaysia".

In addition to the IBPC, we have three additional awards for 'organisation-wide' initiatives rather than specific best practices. Organisations can also participate in the following awards:

Environmental, Social, & Governance (ESG) Excellence Award

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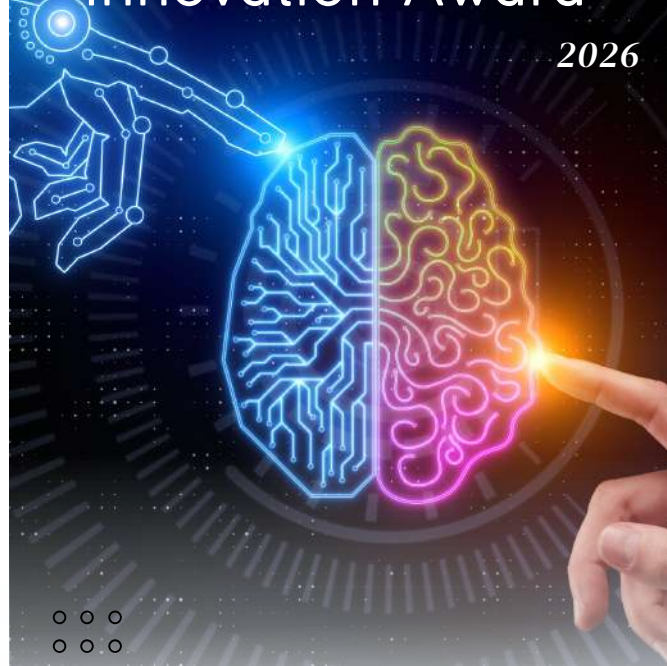
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The **ESG Excellence Award** is aligned to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The award recognizes organisation's that are leaders in embracing and promoting sustainable and responsible business practices into an organization's overall strategy. Companies that prioritize ESG considerations aim to contribute positively to the well-being of the environment, society, and corporate governance. **Entry Form [HERE](#).**

Organisation-wide Innovation Award

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Organisation-Wide
Innovation Award

The **Organisation-Wide Innovation Award** recognises organisations that have embedded best practice learning with their own ideas and creativity to become highly innovative. The award recognises organisations that excel in inculcating an innovation culture throughout all facets of their operation, from the leadership to employees and all stakeholders, leading to innovative processes, products, and services. **Entry Form [HERE](#).**

Global Benchmarking Award 2026

The **Global Benchmarking Network's (GBN) Global Benchmarking Award** investigates these four areas within an organisation:

- Leadership commitment to benchmarking
- Pervasiveness of benchmarking
- Formality of benchmarking
- Results achieved

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Entry Form [HERE](#).



GLOBAL
BENCHMARKING
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AUSTRALIA'S BEST PRACTICE COMPETITION 2026



This certificate is awarded to
Name of the Organisation

For its best practice of
Title of Your Best Practice

Presenter and Q&A participants
Name/s and Position

IBPC Best Practice Certification Scheme Rating: 7 Stars
Date: 26 August 2026



International Best Practice (Role Model, World-Class, Wow!)

Romy Baker
CEO, Business Excellence Australia
On behalf of the Organising Committee



Digital Badges & Certificates

All participants of Australia's Best Practice Competition receive verified badges and certificates, displaying their star rating that can be shared via social media platforms, such as LinkedIn and Facebook.



Digital Badges & Certificates

Additionally, all the IBPC winners and participants receive verified badges and certificates, displaying their star rating.



IBPC 2026 - Timeline



The below timeline is for: **Organisation-Wide Innovation Award (OWIA)**, **Global Benchmarking Award (GBA)**, and the **Environmental, Social, & Governance (ESG) Excellence Award**



ENTRY FEE details here: <https://bestpracticecompetition.com/pay-your-entry-fee/>

Proudly Australian!

Your success story could inspire the nation and the world!



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[Details & Entry Forms Here](#)



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