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WRI ROSS CENTER PRIZE FOR CITIES

Accelerating momentum for climate-ready communities

2023–2024



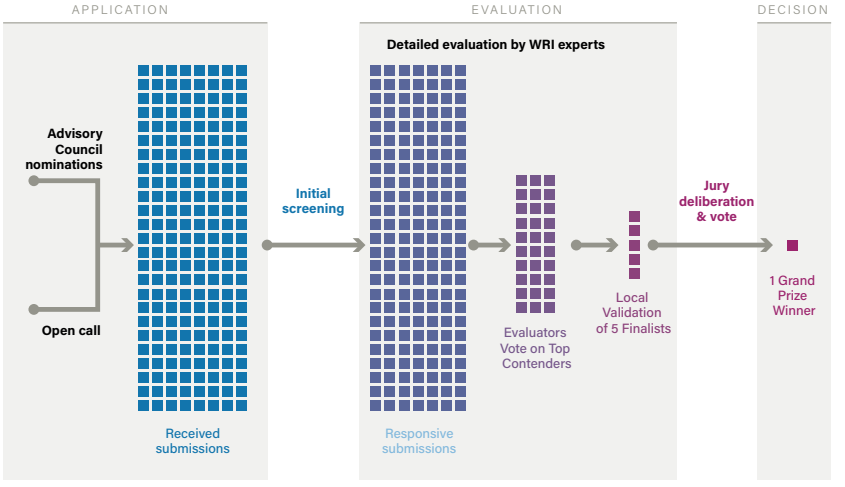
About the Prize

The WRI Ross Center Prize for Cities is awarded to trailblazing projects and initiatives based on their contribution to inclusive urban transformation and relevance to a cycle-specific theme.

WRI seeks to inspire urban changemakers across the globe by amplifying lessons learned and telling impactful stories of inclusive urban transformation. With the generous support of Stephen M. Ross, the Prize was awarded for the first time in 2019.

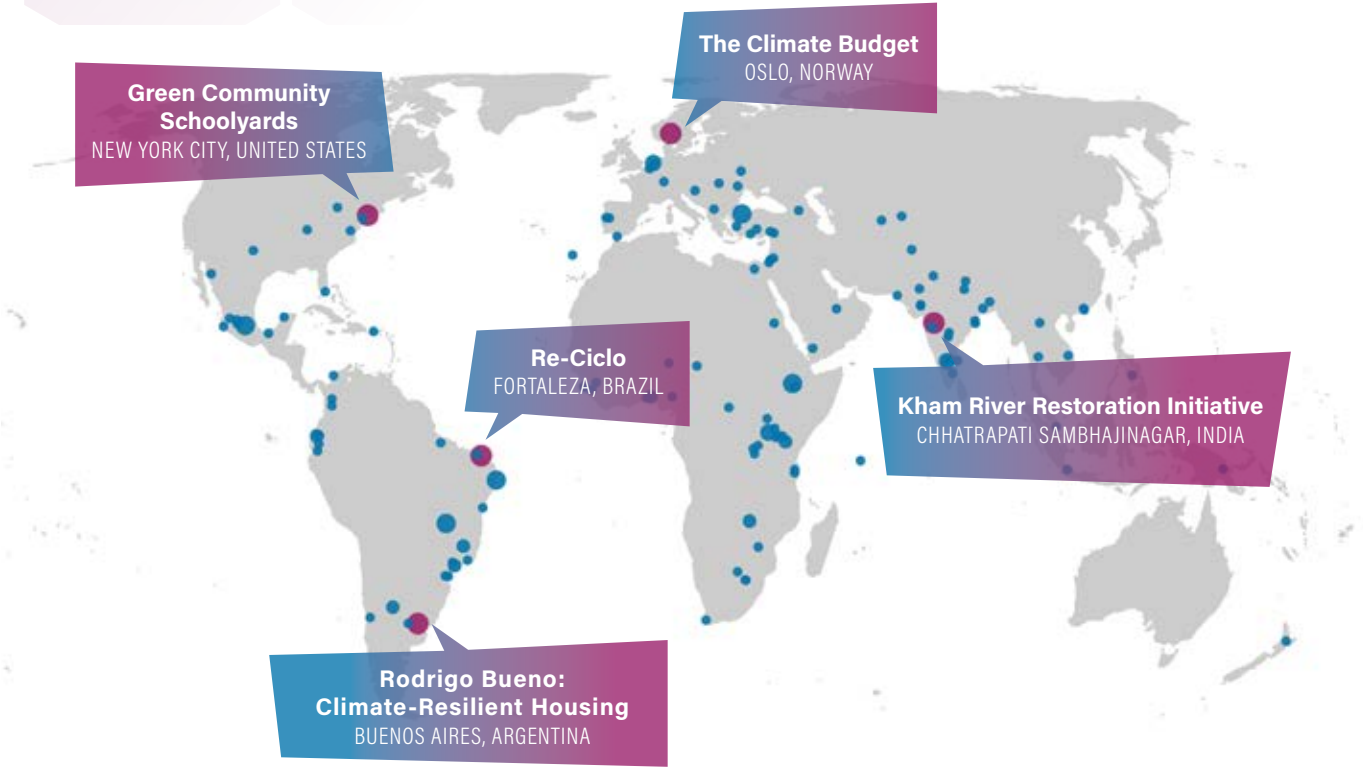
Submissions are sourced through an open call and from recommendations made by an Advisory Council, a network of leading urban practitioners and thinkers. From this pool, an international and multi-disciplinary evaluation team selects five finalists based on how they exemplify qualities to be emulated: they should apply big ideas to critical urban problems; demonstrate life-changing impact on people's lives and on their communities; and have ripple effects on institutions, the wider city and other cities.

The independent Prize Jury, composed of distinguished leader in urban affairs, selects the grand prize winner from five finalists through deliberation and voting based on their unique and diverse experiences and expertise. A cash prize of $250,000 is awarded to the grand prize winner and each runner up receives $25,000.



5 Finalists from Around the World

200 SUBMISSIONS • **148** CITIES • **62** COUNTRIES



2023-2024 Jury



Stephen M. Ross

Chairman of the Jury, Chairman and Founder, Related Companies

Stephen M. Ross is the Chairman of the Prize Jury and generously funds the WRI Ross Center Prize for Cities. In addition to his support for WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, he is the Chairman and Founder of Related Companies and a noted philanthropist and business leader.



Tatiana Bilbao

Chief Executive Officer, Tatiana Bilbao ESTUDIO



(Mochamad) Ridwan Kamil

Architect & Former Governor of West Java, Indonesia

The Award: Symbolizing the Relationship Between Cities and Nature

The physical WRI Ross Center Prize for Cities was created by award-winning designer Lucio Traficante, a native of Rosario, Argentina.

The Municipality of Rosario was awarded the 2020-2021 grand prize for Sustainable Food Production for a Resilient Rosario, an urban agriculture project that has helped the city tackle climate change in a more inclusive way as well as fostered the city's social, economic and environmental resilience. Traficante drew on his experiences in Rosario and love of nature and natural forms to design this award, which he says symbolizes the complex relationship between cities and nature.

"Healthy relationships between cities, nature and their people should be maintained forever," says Traficante.

With sustainability in mind, we elected to 3D-print the awards using sand. The manufacturing uses binder-jetting technology, a no-waste process that involves layering to print an object into shape. Layers of quartz sand are glued together by binder agents made from renewable resources including sugar cane, corn husks or rice hulls.

Traficante is a multidisciplinary design studio established in Barcelona.

