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## Water Air Food Awards' Contribution to UN Sustainable Development Goals

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In order to meet the needs of the future, we must recognize that we are part of a global ecosystem in which there are interactions between the different parts. This recognition is inherent in the 17 Sustainable Development goals (SDGs) adopted by UN member countries. The Water Air Food Awards (WAFA)'s global platform contributes directly to achieving the SDGs.

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WAFA recognizes that the interactions between water, air, and food are critical to human well-being and it promotes grassroots sustainability pioneers who have ensured their communities enjoy healthy water, air, and food in world that is rapidly changing – not least of which as a result of the growing climate crisis . Certified by international experts, the original low-cost, low-tech [solutions](#) developed by the pioneers receiving WAFA awards are self-sustaining, scalable and replicable among similarly challenged communities around the world.

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WAFA awards [encourage](#) the “silent heroes” of the world, who make a difference for the people around them but whose breakthroughs are often unknown outside their communities. In many cases, the awards lead to valuable [exposure](#) that can give rise to additional support.

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