



Terms & Conditions

Welcome to the official website of the **Responsible BMO Awards**, an initiative of the **Foundation for MSME Clusters (FMC)**.

By accessing or using this website, submitting an application, providing information, or participating in the BMO Awards, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agreed to these Terms & Conditions.

If you do not agree with these Terms & Conditions, please do not use the website or participate in the BMO Awards.

1. About the BMO Awards

The Responsible BMO Awards are an initiative of the Foundation for MSME Clusters (FMC) recognising Business Membership Organisations (BMOs) for responsible, innovative, sustainable, social, environmental, and digital initiatives supporting MSMEs.

The Award is conducted in accordance with the eligibility criteria, categories, evaluation parameters, assessment process, and timelines published for the relevant edition.

2. Eligibility

Participation is subject to the eligibility criteria specified for the respective edition of the BMO Awards.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they meet all applicable eligibility requirements before submitting an application.

FMC may request additional information or supporting documents to verify eligibility or clarify information submitted by an applicant.

3. Application and Information Provided

Applicants must ensure that all information, documents, statements, case studies, photographs, supporting materials, and other information submitted as part of the application are:

- True, accurate, complete, and not misleading;
- Relevant to the application and award category;
- Submitted by an authorised representative of the BMO; and
- Free from any unlawful, defamatory, infringing, or fraudulent content.

FMC reserves the right to seek clarification or supporting evidence where necessary.

4. Accuracy and Verification

FMC may verify information provided by applicants through documents, references, publicly available information, communication with relevant persons or organisations, or other reasonable means.



If any information is subsequently found to be materially inaccurate, misleading, fraudulent, or unsupported, FMC may withdraw or modify the applicant's eligibility, shortlisting, recognition, or award, as applicable.

5. Evaluation and Selection

Applications will be assessed in accordance with the applicable evaluation process and criteria published for the relevant edition.

The Award Jury and/or FMC may determine the number of applicants shortlisted or recognised under each category.

FMC reserves the right not to confer an award in a category if the Jury does not find a suitable application.

The decision of the Award Jury and/or FMC, as applicable under the Award process, shall be final and binding in matters relating to the assessment, shortlisting, selection, recognition, and award.

6. Modification of Categories and Process

FMC reserves the right to modify the award categories, eligibility criteria, evaluation parameters, timelines, assessment process, or other aspects of the Awards where considered necessary.

Any material changes will be communicated or published through appropriate channels.

7. Application Fee

Unless specifically stated otherwise for a particular edition or activity, there is **no application fee for participation in the Responsible BMO Awards**.

Any event-related arrangements, sponsorships, travel support, accommodation, or other benefits, where applicable, will be governed by the terms communicated for the relevant edition.

8. Intellectual Property

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9. Applicant Content and Usage Rights

By submitting photographs, case studies, descriptions, videos, testimonials, logos, or other materials as part of the BMO Awards, the applicant confirms that it has the necessary rights and permissions to submit and use such materials.

The applicant grants FMC permission to use submitted materials for purposes connected with the BMO Awards, including evaluation, documentation, publications, award-related communications, website content, reports, presentations, social media, and promotional or



knowledge-sharing activities, subject to applicable law and any specific confidentiality commitments communicated by FMC.

Applicants should not submit confidential or commercially sensitive information unless it is necessary for the application and the applicant is authorised to disclose it.

10. Confidentiality

FMC will handle application information with reasonable care and in accordance with applicable policies and laws.

However, applicants should clearly identify any information that they consider confidential or commercially sensitive. FMC shall not be responsible for information that is already publicly available or that the applicant has authorised for publication or dissemination.

Information relating to awardees, finalists, or recognised BMOs may be published or communicated as part of the BMO Awards and its related activities.

11. Privacy and Personal Information

Personal information collected through the website, application forms, contact forms, emails, or other Award-related activities may be used for purposes including:

- Processing and administering applications;
- Communicating with applicants;
- Conducting evaluation and verification;
- Organising Award-related activities;
- Preparing reports, publications, and communications;
- Maintaining Award records; and
- Complying with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

FMC will process personal information in accordance with applicable data protection and privacy laws and its applicable privacy practices.

Applicants should ensure that they have the appropriate authority and consent, wherever required, to provide personal information relating to other individuals.

12. Website Security and Acceptable Use

Users shall not:

- Attempt to gain unauthorised access to the website or its systems;
- Introduce malicious code, viruses, or harmful software;
- Interfere with the operation or security of the website;
- Use automated methods to improperly access or extract website content;
- Submit false, fraudulent, unlawful, defamatory, or infringing information; or
- Use the website for any unlawful or unauthorised purpose.



FMC reserves the right to restrict or terminate access where misuse of the website is identified.

13. Third-Party Websites and Services

The website may contain links to websites or services operated by third parties. FMC does not endorse or assume responsibility for the content, availability, security, privacy practices, or services of such third-party websites.

Users should review the terms and privacy policies applicable to third-party websites before using them.

14. Changes to the Website and Terms

FMC may update, modify, suspend, or discontinue any part of the website, Award information, services, or these Terms & Conditions at any time.

The updated Terms & Conditions will be published on the website and will become applicable from the date of publication, unless otherwise stated.

15. Limitation of Liability

To the extent permitted under applicable law, FMC shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, interruption, delay, or other consequence arising from the use of the website, submission of an application, participation in the Awards, technical issues, communication failures, or reliance on information published on the website.

16. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

These Terms & Conditions shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of India.

Any dispute arising in connection with these Terms & Conditions or the use of this website shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts at **New Delhi, India**, unless otherwise required by applicable law.

17. Contact

For any questions regarding the BMO Awards, applications, or these Terms & Conditions, please contact:

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