



THE
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PRIZE



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THE 2026 GOLDMAN ENVIRONMENTAL PRIZE

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THE 2026 GOLDMAN PRIZE WINNERS



AFRICA

Iroro Tanshi

NIGERIA



ASIA

Borim Kim

SOUTH KOREA



EUROPE

Sarah Finch

UNITED KINGDOM



ISLANDS &
ISLAND NATIONS

Theonila Roka Matbob

BOUGAINVILLE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA



NORTH AMERICA

Alannah Acaq Hurley

UNITED STATES



SOUTH &
CENTRAL AMERICA

Yuvelis Morales Blanco

COLOMBIA

CHANGE STARTS WHERE YOU STAND

This year's theme, "Change Starts Where You Stand," highlights that you don't have to cross oceans to find environmental leadership—you might find it next door.

Meaningful change is always within reach. Global movements begin in backyards and town halls, in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities—led by regular people. We believe that courage has the power to reshape the world.

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SHORT VERSION

Congratulations to the 2026 Goldman Environmental Prize winners! 🏆🌍

These six extraordinary women show that you don't have to cross oceans to find environmental leadership—you might find it next door. #ChangeStartsWhereYouStand

Discover their stories: goldmanprize.org/2026

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Congratulations to the 2026 @goldmanprize winners! 🏆🌍

For the first time ever, all #GoldmanPrize winners are women.

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🌟 Iroto Tanshi (@irorotanshi) of @smaconafrika

🌟 Borim Kim of @youth4climateaction.kr

🌟 Sarah Finch of @wealdactiongroup

🌟 Theonila Roka Matbob (@theonila_rokamatbob)

🌟 Alannah Acaq Hurley of @unitedtribesofbristolbay

🌟 Yuvelis Morales Blanco (@yuvelismorales) of @colombianofrack

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Iroro Tanshi

AFRICA
2026 RECIPIENT, NIGERIA



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Congratulations to 2026 @GoldmanPrize winner Iroro Tanshi! 🏆🌍

Conservationist @irorotanshi launched a groundbreaking community-led wildfire prevention program with her team at @smaconafrika, successfully protecting Nigeria's rainforests and the habitat of the endangered short-tailed roundleaf bat.

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Borim Kim

ASIA
2026 RECIPIENT, SOUTH KOREA



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Congratulations to 2026 @GoldmanPrize winner Borim Kim! 🏆🌍

Borim and @youth4climateaction.kr made history by winning Asia's first successful youth-led climate lawsuit, mandating emissions reductions that could prevent millions of tons of carbon pollution.

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Sarah Finch

EUROPE
2026 RECIPIENT, UNITED KINGDOM

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Congratulations to 2026 @GoldmanPrize winner Sarah Finch! 🏆🌍

Sarah and the @wealdactiongroup won a landmark UK Supreme Court victory, creating the game-changing “Finch ruling” that now requires all new fossil fuel projects to account for their comprehensive climate impact. The ruling could reshape environmental policy throughout Europe.

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Theonila Roka Matbob

ISLANDS & ISLAND NATIONS
2026 RECIPIENT, BOUGAINVILLE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Congratulations to 2026 @GoldmanPrize winner Theonila Roka Matbob! 🏆🌍

@theonila_rokamatbob achieved the impossible by persuading Rio Tinto, the world’s second-largest mining company, to formally acknowledge decades of social harm and environmental devastation in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea. The company has now committed to addressing the impact of its long-abandoned Panguna copper mine.

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Alannah Acaq Hurley

NORTH AMERICA
2026 RECIPIENT, UNITED STATES



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Congratulations to 2026 @GoldmanPrize winner Alannah Acaq Hurley! 🏆🌍

A Yup'ik leader with @unitedtribesofbristolbay, Alannah helped mobilize 15 Indigenous nations, NGOs, and other Alaskans to stop the Pebble Mine project and save Alaska's Bristol Bay. The victory protected 25 million acres of wilderness and the world's largest wild salmon runs from North America's biggest proposed open-pit mine.

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Yuvelis Morales Blanco

SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA
2026 RECIPIENT, COLOMBIA



INSTAGRAM

Congratulations to 2026 @GoldmanPrize winner Yuvelis Morales Blanco! 🏆🌍

@yuvelismorales and @colombianofrack helped elevate fracking as a national issue in Colombia, preventing commercial fracking from entering the country. The campaign halted pilot fracking projects along the Magdalena River.

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About the Goldman Environmental Prize

The Goldman Environmental Prize honors the achievements and leadership of grassroots environmental activists from around the world, inspiring all of us to take action to protect our planet.

“People of ordinary backgrounds doing extraordinary things to save our Earth.”

—Richard Goldman, philanthropist and co-founder

Each year, the Goldman Prize solicits nominations from our alliance of nominating partners. The global reach and on-the-ground knowledge of our partners enables the Prize to identify a diverse cohort of grassroots environmental changemakers across the world. Prize winners are then selected each year by an expert, international jury.

The Goldman Environmental Prize honors grassroots environmental heroes from roughly the world’s six inhabited continental regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Islands & Island Nations, North America, and South & Central America.

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