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A First Global Prize for Methane Mitigation

Climate Curve and the Global Methane Hub (GMH) are launching the **Climate Curve Prize: Methane**, the first global prize to catalyze and accelerate solutions for mitigating methane emissions in the food and waste sectors. Methane is a highly potent and impactful greenhouse gas more than 80 times more impactful than CO₂ — responsible for 45% of temperature rise since the industrial revolution. The food system produces 60% of global human-caused methane emissions. Building upon the framework and success of the Keeling Curve Prize, this new prize will create a portfolio of solutions to address the critical challenge of methane emissions avoidance, beginning with agriculture and waste.

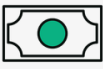
Categories [Learn more about the categories here.](#)



Mitigation



Social / Cultural



Finance



Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV)

Process

- **February 23 - April 17 2026:** Applications are open to organizations worldwide through April 17, 2026, at 11:59 PM IDLW (UTC-12), or until 500 eligible submissions are received.
- **April 17- July 2, 2026:** A team of expert methane **analysts** rigorously review and score each application based on holistic criteria., and 16 Finalists are announced July 2, 2026.
- **July - August 2026:** A committee of **judges** reviews the 16 finalists to select 8 winners for 2026.
- **September 2026:** We announce the 2026 Laureates at New York Climate Week. Winners are awarded \$25,000 each.

16 Finalists >>> **8 Laureates**

How is the Climate Curve Prize: Methane different from other climate prizes?

- **Climate Curve Prize: Methane is a first of its kind**
- **Sector-specific scientific vetting process**
- **Creates a network of support for all applicants**
- **Supports frontline community needs**
- **Trust-based, no-strings-attached funding approach**

WHY METHANE MITIGATION?

45%

Of global temperature rise is due to methane since the industrial revolution

>80x

The potential potency and impact of methane compared to CO₂

1.3M

Premature deaths could be avoided by investing in methane mitigation for food systems by 2050

60%

Of global human-caused methane emissions are caused by our food system

\$700B

Potential global economic value added by food system methane innovations by 2050 (USD)

118M

Jobs that could be created by food system methane innovations by 2050

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Pioneering Sponsor 2026: \$50,000 USD by July

Shaping Sponsor 2027: \$200,000 USD by December

Why Sponsor?

- **Lead the charge for the first food/waste methane mitigation prize**
- **Global publicity and recognition for support of this trailblazing prize**
- **Invitations to attend high-level prize events**
- **Expert-tailored search for aligned prize applicants through our Climate Impact Conduit**

Let's Connect

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