

10 Women4Climate Tech Challenge Finalists Announced

C40’s global competition celebrates women innovators and helps accelerate technological solutions to climate change

Winner will see their solution implemented in Paris and Tel Aviv

London, UK (10 January 2019) — Ten innovative technology solutions to the global climate crisis were today announced as finalists in the C40 [Women4Climate Tech Challenge](#). This global competition is designed to empower women to lead climate action through technical innovation. The finalists and their projects represent a diverse and inspiring range of ideas that will accelerate climate action in the world’s great cities. Sponsored by [Autodesk](#), the Women4Climate Tech Challenge aims to amplify women’s voices in both the climate conversation and in STEM fields.

The finalists are:

Finalists Name(s)	Project Name
Inna Braverman (Israel)	Eco Wave Power
Shir Esh & Liron Simon (Israel)	Airy
Elodie Grimoin (France)	Urban Canopee
Marine Doquet-Chassaing (France)	ACCENTA
Anaïs Ryterband (France)	Pandobac
Shimrit Finkel (Israel)	ECONcrete
Yael Gilad & Galit Shiff (Israel)	Solar Energy in the City
Meiling Gao (U.S.A)	Smarter Buildings for Healthier Communities
Elodie Stephan (France)	Bocage Urbain
Doris Sung & Karen Sabath (U.S.A)	InVert™ Self-Shading Window System

The winners of the Women4Climate Tech Challenge will be selected by a panel of mayors on 20th February, at the third annual Women4Climate conference, held in Paris. Winners will receive a fellowship, support and acceleration from C40 and its partners, and will have the opportunity to see their projects brought to life in Paris or Tel Aviv-Yafo. The Urban Lab from Paris&Co in Paris and The Platform: Urban Innovation Center in Tel Aviv-Yafo will support in the roll-out of the winning project in these cities.

Ultimately, the Tech Challenge aims to cultivate ground-breaking climate solutions and create opportunities to see winning projects scaled and implemented in other C40 cities.

“Women are building the foundation for the bold, healthy, resilient and just future we all want,” said **Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris and Chair of C40 Cities**. “I congratulate each of the Women4Climate Tech Challenge finalists. These inspiring women have refused to recognize a ceiling for their talents and for what is possible in terms of climate action. We look forward to supporting their bold visions as they lead the way for generations to come.”

The Women4Climate initiative, launched in 2016 by C40 Chair and Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo, empowers young women taking bold climate action in the world’s leading cities. Through the Tech Challenge, C40 will extend the Women4Climate initiative and its successful [mentorship program](#) into the innovation community, driving action that will help cities tackle climate change with measurable impact.

Women are often disproportionately impacted by climate change but have also proven to be some of the world’s fiercest advocates for action. Women mayors, entrepreneurs, and leaders across society have been a driving force behind meaningful climate action that is steering cities, businesses and NGOs toward sustainable, long-lasting solutions. The leadership and participation of women is critical to solving this global crisis, and the Women4Climate initiative aims to bring more women to decision-making tables around the world.

The Women4Climate Tech Challenge was [launched](#) in September 2018 at the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco, California. For more information on Women4Climate and the Tech Challenge, please visit <https://w4c.org/tech-challenge>.

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About the Women4Climate Annual Conference:

On February 21, 2019, Mayor of Paris and Chair of C40, Anne Hidalgo will bring together fellow mayors of the world’s leading cities, CEOs, climate experts and inspiring young women leaders for the third annual Women4Climate conference. This half-day event will demonstrate and accelerate the power of women who are committed to creating a healthier, greener and more economically prosperous future.

Journalists wishing to register for the conference should submit their [details here](#).

About C40 Cities:

C40 Cities connects more than 90 of the world’s greatest cities to take bold climate action, leading the way towards a healthier and more sustainable future. Representing 700+ million citizens and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at the local

level, as well as to cleaning the air we breathe. The current chair of C40 is Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo; and three-term Mayor of New York City Michael R. Bloomberg serves as President of the Board. C40's work is made possible by our three strategic funders: Bloomberg Philanthropies, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and Realdania.

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