

## 2021 GOLD MEDAL JURY CITATION

The World Environment Center Gold Medal Jury is pleased to announce Microsoft as the 2021 recipient of WEC's Gold Medal for International Corporate Achievement in Sustainable Development. The Jury selected Microsoft's application for integrating sustainability into the core of their business, the company's strong sustainability record and ambitious commitments. The Jury recognized Microsoft for advancing global progress beyond its core business by its investment in carbon removal, its Climate Innovation Fund, and its public policy engagement on climate change.

The Jury recognizes the Microsoft has already reduced its carbon emissions by 730,000 metric tons and strives to become carbon negative, water positive, and zero waste by 2030, while also creating a Planetary Computer to gather data that will help improve the world's biodiversity. Microsoft is committed to transparency by subjecting the data to third-party review and to accountability by including progress on sustainability goals as a factor in determining executive pay. In addition to its commitment to become carbon negative by 2030, Microsoft will remove all the carbon the company has emitted since its founding by 2050. Furthermore, the company established its Climate Innovation Fund to invest \$1 billion over four years into new green technologies and expand access to capital to people worldwide.

"The World Environment Center's Gold Medal for corporate sustainability emphasizes the importance of holistic, company-wide approaches to sustainability," said Microsoft President Brad Smith. "To reach an equitable, net-zero future, society requires a similarly thoughtful approach, where everyone does their part. That's why we're committed to taking responsibility for our own emissions, and why we are helping to empower our partners, customers and suppliers to do the same."

The Jury congratulates Microsoft not only for driving sustainability throughout its corporate strategy, policies and operations, but also for its commitments to enhancing the livelihoods of those within and beyond its global supply chain.