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# Young Climate Prize

## About

The Young Climate Prize, founded by The World Around, identifies, empowers, and celebrates young climate leaders addressing urgent social and environmental challenges.

Each cycle, 25 finalists under the age of 25 are selected through a global open call and paired with leading architects and designers who serve as their mentors.

Through the Young Climate Prize Design Academy, finalists participate in training sessions, lectures, and workshops that help them strengthen, **scale**, and deepen the impact of their projects.

The cycle culminates with three prize winners and one special jury honoree presenting their work on stage at The World Around Summit in New York City.

The World Around Inc is a 501c3 non profit insitution and public charity in New York State.

# Young Climate Prize

To date

**08**

Winners presented their work on stage

**50**

Young Climate Prize 25 under 25 alumni

**82**

Design Champions and mentors

**02**

Young Climate Prize Cycles and cohorts

**34**

Masterclasses hosted by the Design Academy

**27**

Countries represented



# Young Climate Prize

## Cycle 02 Winners & Mentors



**Amara Nwuneli**

Amara Nwuneli is a 17yo climate activist and founder of non-profit G.R.E.E.N in Nigeria. Under the trailblazer's leadership, G.R.E.E.N. is transforming an underutilized plot of land in a low-income Lagos community into a first-of-its-kind park, creating a vibrant space for climate education, activism, and recreation.



**Joseph Zeal-Henry**

Joseph Zeal-Henry (Amara's mentor) is a designer, curator and writer who is now part of Amara's organization's Advisory Board. Joseph is currently serving as Director of Cultural Planning for the City of Boston and Assistant Professor at Columbia GSAPP.



**Blossom Eromosele**

Blossom Eromosele creates sustainable solar-powered modular housing for refugees. Crafted from recycled tarpaulin and aluminum, and drawing inspiration from traditional African huts, these solar-powered housing units are affordable and locally produced in Nigeria.



**Katie Swenson**

Katie Swenson (Blossom's mentor) is a Senior Principal at MASS Design Group, where she leads the Advocacy team with Amie Shao. Katie's work explores how critical design practice can, and should, promote economic and social equity, environmental sustainability, and healthy communities.



**Mohamed Salem**

Mohamed's project, "The Nomad Garden," is sited in Algeria's Smara refugee camp, where the arid climate has forced Sahrawi refugees to rely heavily on humanitarian aid for their sustenance. Mohamed is using his unique garden to experiment with alternative approaches to desert agriculture as potential solutions to growing food insecurity within his community.



**Brendan McGetrick**

Brendan McGetrick (Mohamed's mentor) is a writer, designer and curator. Brendan is currently the Creative Director of the Museum of the Future in Dubai.



**Dayana Blanco**

Dayana Blanco is an Aymara indigenous woman that has been adapting the ecological knowledge of her ancestors to restore the Uru Uru lake to health. Using collected plastic waste and harnessing the absorptive abilities of totoras, a native reed, the team's efforts have so far reduced contamination in parts of the lake by up to 30%.



**Sebas Acampante**

Acampante (Dayana's mentor) is a catalyst for Latinamerican design. He is the co-founder of TRIMARCHI, a design gathering that has brought together thousands of designers inside a stadium for the past 20 years.

# Young Climate Prize

## Winner highlight

Since winning The World Around's Young Climate Prize, Blossom Eromosele has significantly expanded her practice and gained international recognition, including a feature in Dezeen.

During her time at Young Climate Prize, Eromosele was mentored by Katie Swenson, which led to a week-long design workshop with MASS Design Group in Kigali to further develop AllSpace's modular housing systems for displaced communities in Nigeria.

As part of the Young Climate Prize, Blossom also met with Cycle 01 alumni Stanley Anigobu, who later collaborated with her on integrating sustainable lighting into AllSpace's designs.

In 2025, Blossom was selected for the Swarovski Creatives for Our Future cohort — the first Nigerian woman to receive this honor — and spoke at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, sharing her vision for equitable, climate-responsive housing.



A group of young people are sitting on a large, thick tree branch in a natural, outdoor setting. The focus is on their legs and feet, which are wearing various styles of sneakers. The background is filled with green foliage and branches, creating a sense of being in a forest or park. The lighting is soft and natural, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

# 2025 Events & Initiatives

"Through the Young Climate Prize, The World Around didn't just recognize me: they transformed me! With powerful mentorship and global visibility, they helped turn my ideas into real impact. I'm proud to be part of a community shaping a more hopeful, equitable future."

Joshua Ichor  
Young Climate Prize Alum

# 2025 Events & Initiatives

## Overview

### WINTER

Jury Session to select Cycle 02 Winners  
Press Breakfast at Brunswick Arts  
Young Climate Prize Cycle 02 Winner announcement

### SPRING

The World Around Summit  
Young Climate Prize Award Ceremony  
Young Climate Week activities  
Young Climate Stories Production (ongoing)

### SUMMER

Climate Film Festival x Young Climate Prize  
Climate Week Workshop with Mariam Issoufou

### FALL

Young Climate Stories Launch and pre-screening at MillerKnoll  
Young Climate Stories pre-screening at Soho House  
The World Around Annual Dinner  
Young Climate Visionary Award Ceremony



# Event Highlight

## New York City Climate Week

As it has every year since 2008, Climate Week — the world’s largest annual climate event held alongside the UN General Assembly — took place in September in New York City.

This year marked the first time The World Around Young Climate Prize participated in Climate Week programming.

On September 22, 2025, The World Around partnered with the Climate Film Festival for a special panel exploring how storytelling can scale youth-led climate solutions, featuring members of the Young Climate Prize Cycle 01 cohort.

On September 25, 2025, architect and TWA Board member Mariam Issoufou hosted an intimate workshop for Young Climate Prize alumni and other next-generation climate innovators at her New York studio.

These engagements reinforced the Prize’s unique role within the climate conversation, positioned at the intersection of youth leadership and design.



# Initiative Highlight

## Young Climate Stories

*Young Climate Stories* is an original documentary video series spotlighting young changemakers leading scalable and innovative climate solutions in their communities.

In 2025, Young Climate Stories production began with:

- Shoot and editing for Mohamed Salem Mohamed Ali's story in Algeria
- Written piece and Social Media post about Mohamed Salem Mohamed Ali
- Shoot and editing for Amara Nwuneli's story in Nigeria
- Written piece and Social Media post about Amara Nwuneli
- First shoot for Carlos Ayzavian's story in Lebanon
- Shoot for Dayana Blanco Quiroga's story in Bolivia
- Two private screening opportunities took place in NYC and Episode 01' pilot was featured at The World Around Summit in MoMA

[Watch Episode 01s pilot here.](#)



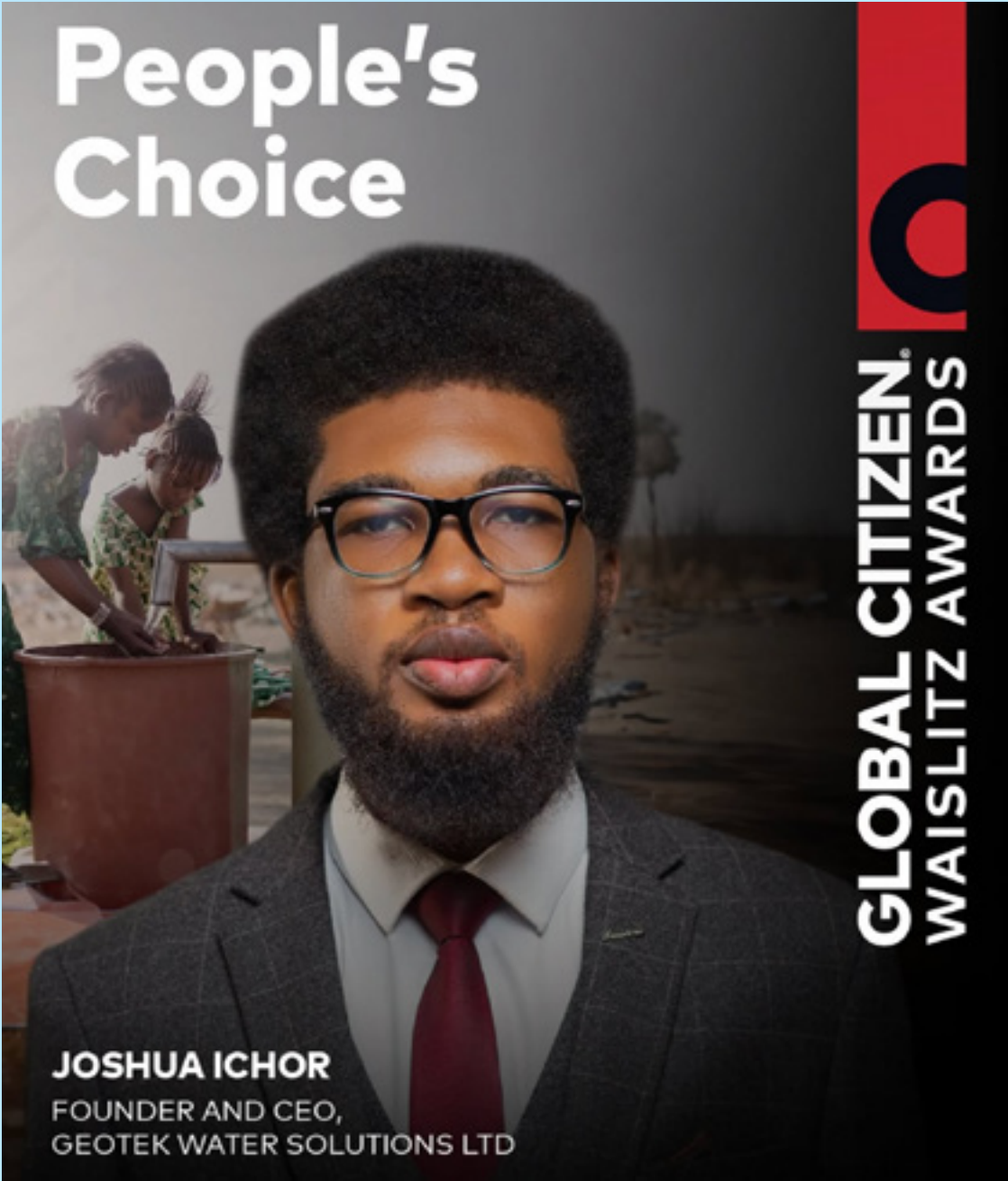
# Alum Highlight

## Continued Impact

Since being part of Young Climate Prize (Cycle 01), water engineer Joshua Ichor has scaled his leadership and impact as CEO and Founder of Geotek Water.

In 2025, Joshua was invited to speak at The World Around Annual Dinner, where he connected with leaders across architecture, design, and philanthropy, including Julia Watson and Daniel Perlin, relationships that have since developed into ongoing mentorship and strategic guidance.

His work has also attracted sustained institutional support. Joshua is a Climate Fellow at the 776 Foundation, a Creative Fellow with the Swarovski Foundation, a Global Citizen 2025 winner, and a recipient of the \$100,000 Mulago Foundation Fellowship for Water Entrepreneurs (2026), supporting the continued scaling of Geotek Water's impact.



# 2025 Brand Exposure

A group of approximately 20 children of various ethnicities are standing on a sandy beach, holding a long white banner. The banner is covered in colorful drawings of children, including faces, hands, and abstract shapes. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, there are several tall palm trees and a clear blue sky. The ocean is visible on the left side of the frame.

"Architecture and design have a fundamental role in society, and The World Around Young Climate Prize celebrates their impact, versatility, and constructive hope."

Paola Antonelli  
Design Champion

# Brand Exposure

## Newsletters & Social Media

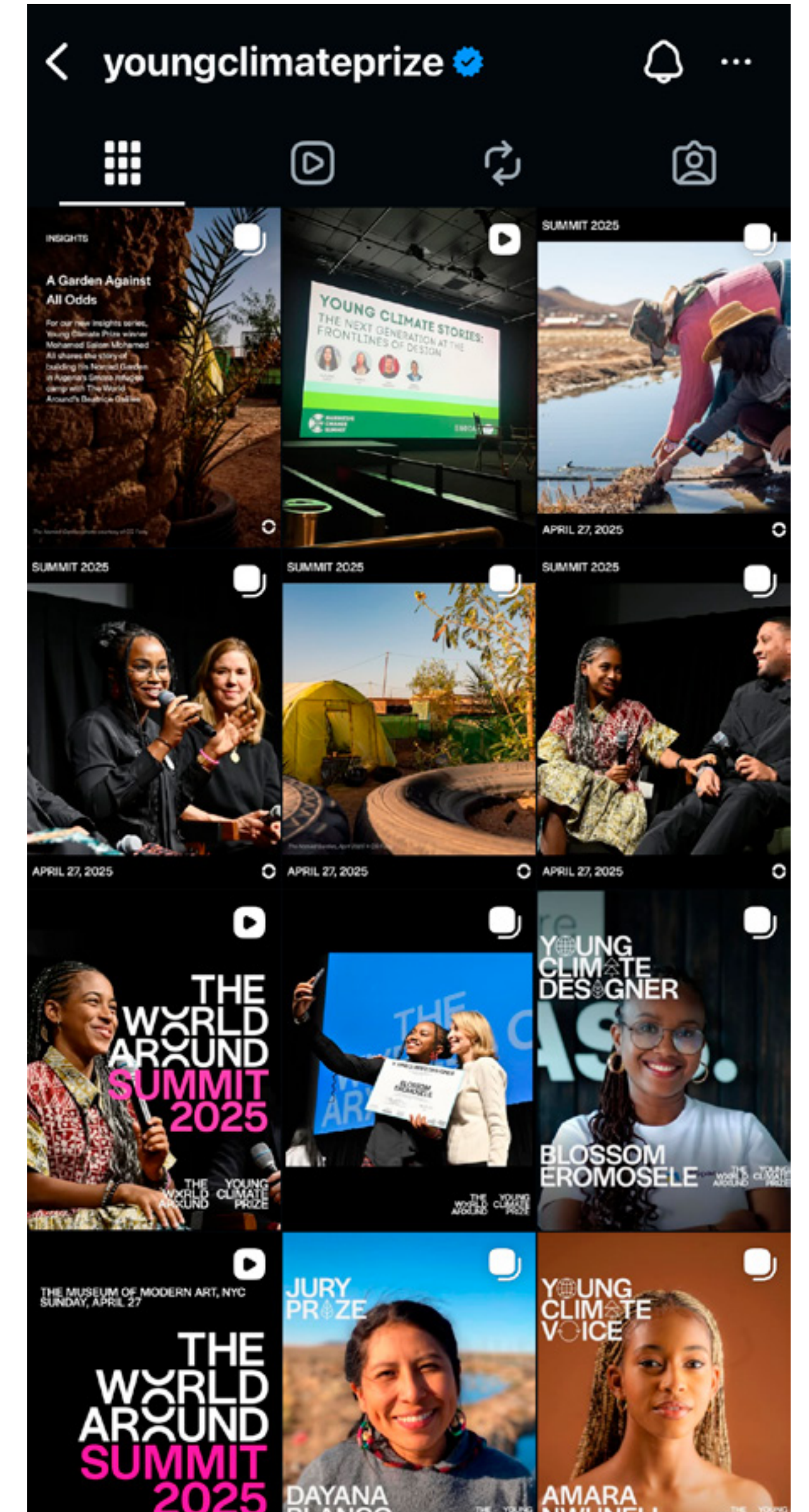
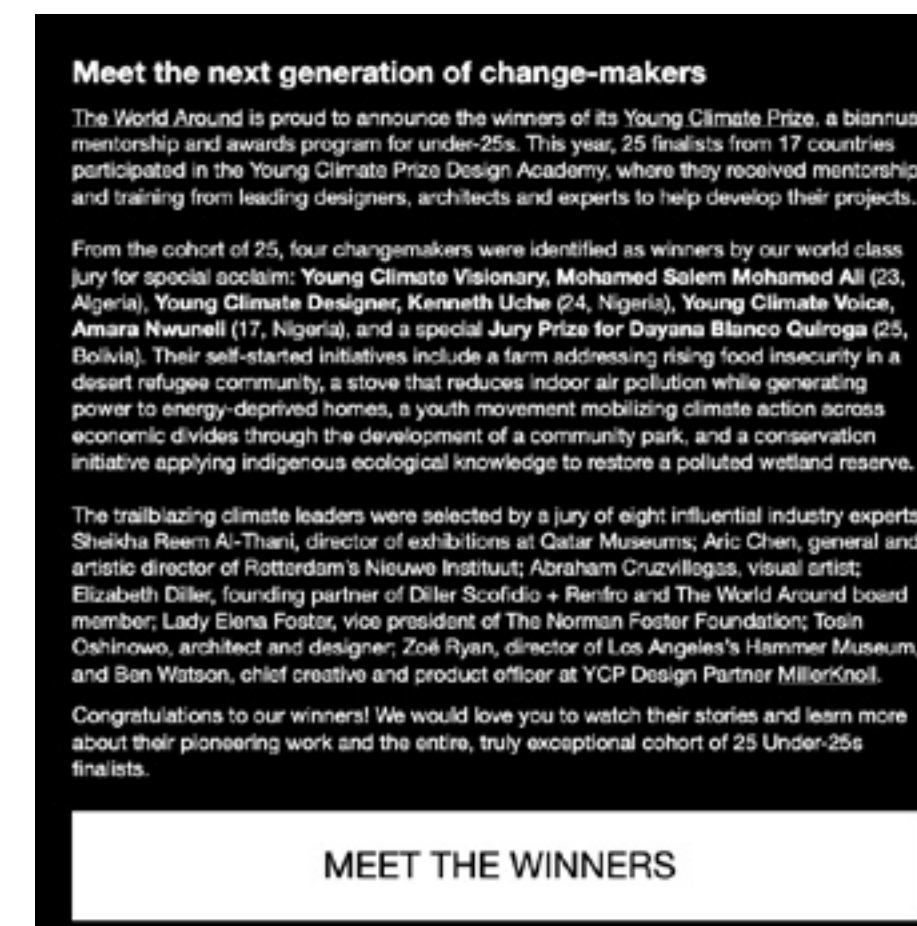
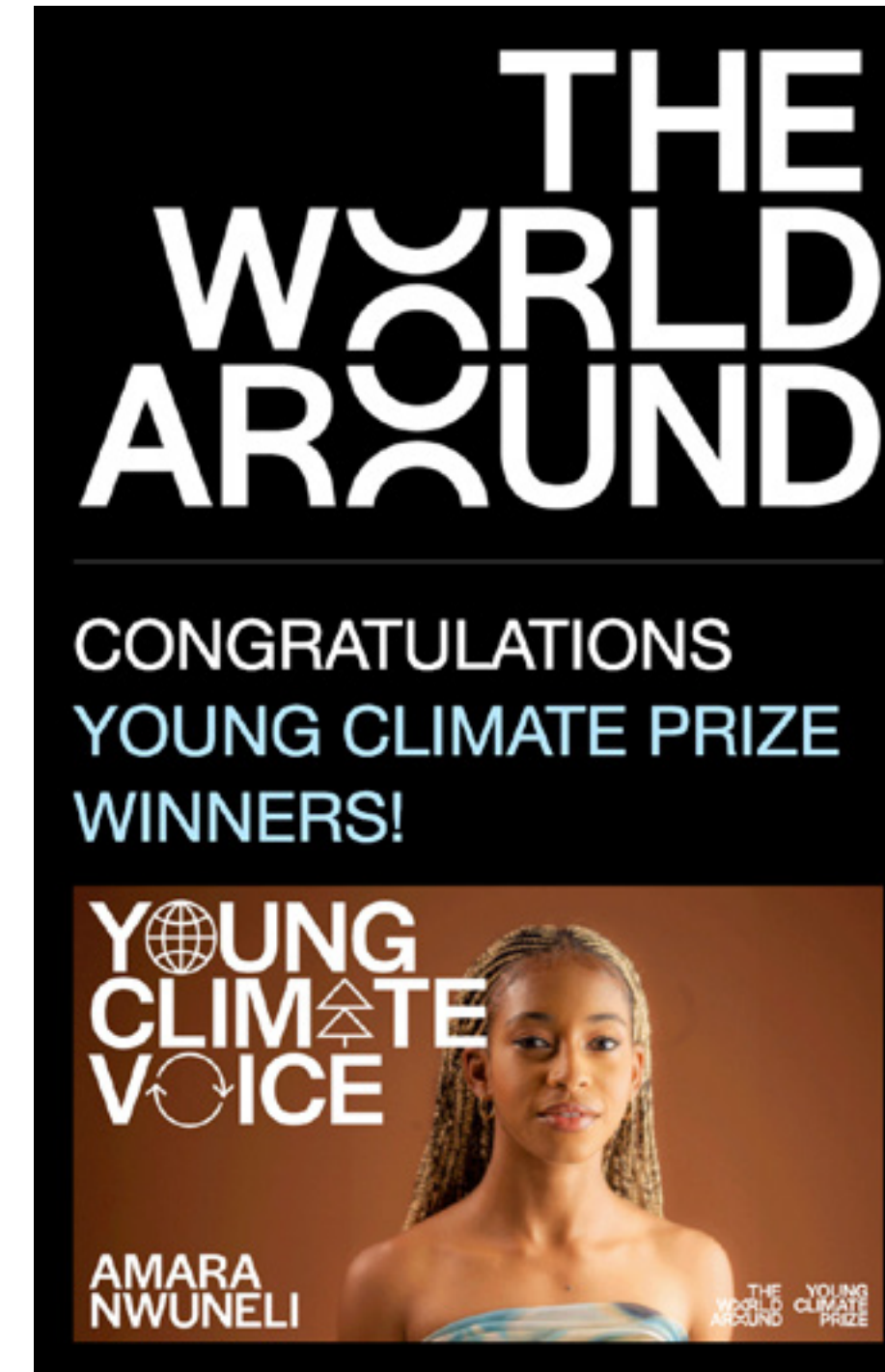
Through winners announcements, speaker reveals, and event updates, we ensured consistent touchpoints that kept our audience informed and energized.

**22K**  
subscriptions to  
TWA Newsletter

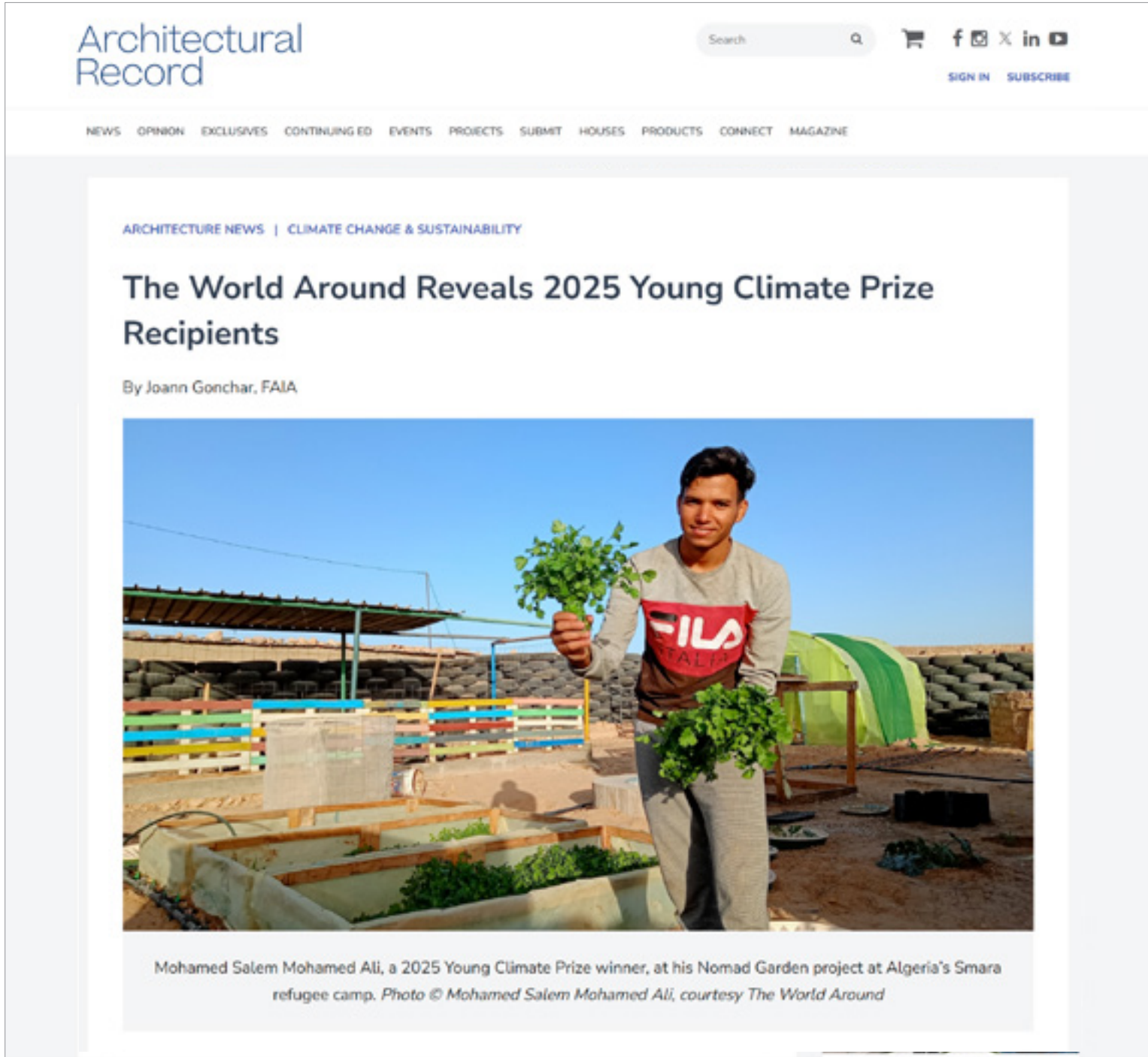
**15.5K**  
followers on social  
media platforms

**45%**  
average newsletter  
open rate

**264K**  
total reach for  
YCP posts



# Brand Exposure Media Coverage



# Alum Highlight

## Media Attention

Since winning the Young Climate Prize (Cycle 01), Namra Khalid has advanced Karachi Cartography, an urban research project addressing climate-driven flooding and drought in Pakistan. Through YCP, she was mentored by Henk Ovink, Dutch Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, helping position her work within broader climate governance and water policy conversations.

Namra presented her work at The World Around Summit 2023 and was featured in a pilot episode of Young Climate Stories. Her project has since received support from the Swarovski Foundation and attracted interest from the BBC.

Currently, Namra Khalid's work is being developed into an upcoming BBC World Service documentary. The platform reaches around 418 million people weekly, which will extend the reach of Karachi Cartography into global public discourse.





# 2026 Outlook

"Through the Young Climate Prize, The World Around is changing the landscape of climate action one young voice at a time."

Karinne Tenenbaum  
Young Climate Prize Alum

# 2026 Outlook

## Young Climate Prize Cycle 03

### WINTER 2026

Open Call for Design Champions (ongoing)  
Nominations open (ongoing)  
Young Climate Stories (ongoing)  
In Focus: Transformation program in L.A.

### SPRING 2026

Awareness campaign for Young Climate Prize Cycle 03  
Young Climate Prize Cycle 03 Applications open!  
The World Around Summit 2026 at MoMA

### SUMMER 2026

Young Climate Prize Cycle 03 Applications Close & Finalists are selected

### FALL 2026

25 under 25 announced during Climate Week NYC  
YCP x Climate Film Festival activation  
Online Design Academy and mentorship program begins  
The World Around Annual Dinner  
Jury Announcement

### WINTER 2027

Finalists work on their videos  
Interdisciplinary Jury convenes  
Young Climate Prize Cycle 03 Winners Announced

### SPRING 2027

Winners Present on stage at The World Around Summit 2027 in NYC



# 2026 Outlook

## A new phase for YCP

After two successful and deeply enriching Young Climate Prize (YCP) cycles, filled with powerful learning moments and inspiring collaborations, we've identified three key goals to guide our next five years that will shape how we grow, support, and amplify the next generation of changemakers.

### Deepen the program's impact

Expand the reach and depth of the mentorship and educational offerings, ensuring long-term value for participants and alumni.

### Build global awareness and reach new audiences

Raise the visibility of the program and its participants through high-quality content, strategic partnerships, increased audience and targeted distribution.

### Become a key resource for young climate leaders

Position the Young Climate Prize as an essential platform for young leaders seeking impact, mentorship, and community.



# Thank you.

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