

d.light co-founder and CEO Nedjip Tozun named to the 2024 TIME100 Climate list for transformative impact on clean energy access

SAN FRANCISCO, CA., AND NAIROBI, KENYA – Tuesday 12 November 2024 – d.light co-founder and CEO Nedjip Tozun has been named one of the world's most influential leaders driving business to real climate action in [the 2024 TIME100 Climate list](#).

TIME's annual climate list recognizes the world's most innovative and impactful business leaders championing climate action and working toward a sustainable future. This honour celebrates Tozun's visionary leadership and commitment to transforming energy access for underserved communities across Africa and Asia.

Since co-founding d.light in 2007 at Stanford University, Tozun has led the company's mission to empower lives through sustainable, affordable, off-grid clean energy solutions. Under his leadership, d.light has reached over 180 million people, providing transformative products such as solar home systems, lanterns, and appliances, and connecting households and businesses to life-enhancing solar energy.

With a growing footprint across some of the world's most energy-challenged regions, d.light's innovative pay-as-you-go platform, Atlas, enables over six million transactions monthly, making clean energy accessible and affordable for millions.

"We are honoured to see Nedjip's dedication recognized by TIME as part of this esteemed climate list," said Wayne Keast, d.light board member and Managing Partner of Inspired Evolution. "His passion for bringing clean energy to the most remote communities is reshaping the future of energy, health, and opportunity in regions where the climate crisis hits hardest."

As a pioneer in clean, off-grid energy solutions, Tozun has not only driven unprecedented growth for d.light but has also challenged and changed the industry landscape. His work has made d.light a trusted partner in the global climate effort, positioning the company as a model for sustainable development and scalable solutions in emerging markets. With a goal of impacting 1 billion people by 2030, d.light continues to scale operations and forge partnerships to meet growing demand while addressing critical climate issues head-on.

"I'm truly grateful to be recognized by TIME for our work in advancing clean energy access," said Tozun. "This acknowledgment underscores the urgent need to prioritize equitable access to clean energy as we tackle climate change. d.light's work is rooted in the belief that everyone deserves access to energy, and I am proud of what we have achieved together with our team, partners, and the communities we serve."

Tozun's inclusion in the TIME100 Climate list highlights the impact of d.light's work across Africa and elsewhere. It follows d.light's recent nomination as a finalist in the [2024 Earthshot Prize](#), the international environmental award founded by the UK's Prince William that recognises groundbreaking sustainable solutions for repairing and regenerating the planet.

The full TIME100 Climate list is live at <https://time.com/time100-climate>.

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About d.light

Founded in 2007 at Stanford in California, d.light is a global leader in making transformative products available and affordable to low-income families. d.light has sold over 35 million products, including solar lanterns, solar home systems, TVs, radios, and smartphones, impacting the lives of 180 million people. In 2024, d.light was named as a finalist in Prince William's Earthshot Prize that recognises groundbreaking sustainable solutions for repairing and regenerating the planet. Our vision is to transform the lives of one billion people with sustainable products by 2030.

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