

Are you a women-owned start-up, innovative, locally driven, and climate-resilient enterprise?



Is your enterprise making a significant contribution to address the challenges of climate change?

Is your enterprise a champion of change to alleviate poverty in its community and country?

Apply for the South Africa Women Entrepreneurs Climate Change Awards (SiAWECCA) to take your enterprise to the next level. Up to 4 prize packages will be awarded to women-led, locally-driven and early-stage enterprises, which have the potential to replicate and expand or leverage their innovative solutions to tackle climate change challenges in their communities and in South Africa.



**FOUR WINNERS
RECEIVE 6-MONTHS
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT
SUPPORT AND MENTORSHIP**

About the South Africa Women Entrepreneurs Climate Change Awards

The South African Women Entrepreneurs Climate Change Awards (SiAWECCA) are South Africa's first women entrepreneurship award focused on showcasing the most innovative climate smart women owned enterprises in South Africa. The awards are hosted by Indalo Inclusive South Africa in partnership with Gender CC Southern Africa, The Innovation Hub-Climate Innovation Centre South Africa and the United Nations Environment Programme. The aim of the awards is to promote entrepreneurial mind-set that advance a Green Economy transition in South Africa whilst supporting gender equality.

SiAWECCA Aim To:

- Profile the contribution of women owned enterprises in the Green Economy in South Africa
- Contribute to the transition towards a green climate resilient economy
- Enhance gender equality by promoting full and effective participation of women in economic opportunities in South Africa
- Support the development of climate smart enterprises in South Africa
- Support scale-up of women owned enterprises



SiAWECCA Winners will receive the following:

Grant

The winners will receive a non-reimbursable grant funding of up to R45 000.00.

Replication Support

Enterprises ready and willing to replicate their business activities in their community and country will receive a replication support package.

Profiling

SiAWECCA winners will be profiled nationally through an awards ceremony and through Indalo Inclusive SA, Gender CC Southern Africa, The Innovation Hub-CIC SA and the United Nations Environment Programme's marketing and promotional activities such as websites, blogs, social media and on-ground events.

Materials and Tools

Self-help tools such as conducting customer and market analysis and developing a funding strategy will be provided to enable enterprises to prioritise and address their most urgent needs.

Network Building

Indalo Inclusive South Africa, Gender CC Southern Africa, The Innovation Hub-CIC SA and the United Nations Environment Programme will facilitate connections with valuable support organizations, such as funders, policy-makers, Indalo Inclusive and SEED South Africa Alumni, other SMEs, as well as Partners and Associates.

Eligibility Criteria

You are eligible to apply for the South Africa Entrepreneurs Women Climate Awards if your enterprise meets the following criteria:

- At least 75% women owned and managed
- Be registered in South Africa
- Be at least operational for 1 year with a minimum annual turnover of R50 000
- Women business owner with a pro-active attitude and entrepreneurial drive for advancing inclusive Green Economy
- Deliver economic, social and environmental benefits
- Has potential for scale-up and replication
- The owner is a role model in her community/support local (grassroots climate change mitigation and/or adaptation)
- Innovative technologies, approaches contributing to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and nature based approaches that benefit ecosystems and livelihoods
- Should demonstrate how they are addressing COVID-19 and the climate crisis, and how they would work to increase their resilience to future crisis

Indalo Inclusive SA is a SEED South Africa Hosting Partner and below are some examples of the SEED South Africa Climate Adaptation Award Winners and Finalists and Previous SEED Winners



BAOBERRY

2019 SEED SOUTH AFRICA CLIMATE ADAPTATION AWARD, FINALIST

Works to make innovative products such as the wetland in a box, floating treatment wetlands, mycelica, bacteria, phytoremediation research and uses applied biotechnology research with nature-based solutions. Provides ecological engineering and biotechnology services and products to NGO's, governmental organisations, private sector and to the public on a local and global level.



UMGIBE FARMING ORGANICS & TRAINING INSTITUTE

2017 SAG-SEED AWARD WINNER

Protecting the environment through the Umgibe system by using little water and no chemical fertilizers or pesticides as well as diverting more than 10,000 plastic bags from landfills by utilising them as growing bags.

Application process

You can apply online by clicking the button below. Please make sure to submit your application before the **30th of September 2020**

APPLY 

Contact details

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Submissions will be accepted until **30 September 2020, 23h59**. Late submissions will not be considered.

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