

Apply Now for The Africa Grows Green Awards

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Small Industries and the Ministry of Environment, “The **Africa Grows Green Awards**” was launched by the **Association for Sustainable Quality of Living “Istidama”** an Egyptian based NGO - charter No.1137 for 2019.

This is the African region’s premier celebration of all stakeholders’ efforts to combat climate change, including the COMESA member states, a region which is highly susceptible to climate induced risks and is currently under the leadership of Egypt and President Abd EL Fattah EL Sisi, as the Chair of the COMESA Authority.

The *long term* objectives of the awards is to help the climate change entrepreneurship ecosystem develop business know-how, market connections, technical capacity and access to finance to scale up business towards creating a better Africa.

The Africa Grows Green Awards are composed of 4 categories ,namely:

- 1. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Technology** : targeting startups and SMEs
- 2. She Goes Green**: targeting female led startups and SMEs
- 3.Green Finance**: targeting banks, VCs ,insurance companies and angel investors
- 4. Climate Research & Education**: targeting Academic Institutions and innovation centers

The criteria upon which the awards are based, includes the ability of candidates to demonstrate **impact, innovation and scalability**. Entries are scored by independent local and international experts.

Applications opened on the 27th August and closes on 10th of October,2022.

Applications are submitted through our online portal

<https://africagrowsgreen.com/>

Winners will be celebrated in the Green Zone side events at COP 27.