



CALL FOR APPLICATION FOR THE "ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS 2019"

DEADLINE: May 5, 2019

1. AWARDS RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES

Air pollution is among the greatest environmental public health threats. Currently air pollution is considered as the fourth-highest cause of death worldwide especially in poor Countries.

The Government of Rwanda devoted to take comprehensive measures in order to reduce anthropogenic pollution from the main source especially road traffic, domestic fuel burning and industry.

In order to assume its mandate to sensitize people on environmental issues, Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) is organizing an "Environmental Awards 2019" for Districts, Private Sector, Higher Learning Institutions (HLIs) and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVETs) as well as Media that have demonstrated best practices and innovation on Air pollution.

The "Environmental Awards 2019" aim to inspire and motivate Private Sector, Media, Young Entrepreneurs as well as local authority at District level to ensure a healthy environment with good air quality.

The "Environmental Awards 2019" will also contribute to document best practices and lessons learnt that will serve in awareness raising to fight against air pollution.

2. AWARD CATEGORIES

The awards are presented to individuals and community groups for projects and initiatives on air pollution management (prevention and control) that have been completed not more than **two years** from the date of the award application (from January 2017 to 10 May 2019). The awards comprise following four categories:

- ✓ **Category 1: District:** All District of Rwanda are eligible.
- ✓ **Category 2: Private Sector:** Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
- ✓ **Category 3: Higher Learning Institutions (HLIs) and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVETs)**
- ✓ **Category 4: Media:** The Award will recognize outstanding individual journalist that has contributed to promoting and raising awareness on air pollution.



3. AWARD CRITERIA

A judging panel will be established to evaluate and rank the applicants against a number of award criteria. These criteria relate to the extent to which the District, Private Sector Company, Student HLIs or TVETs and Media individual has demonstrated best practices and innovation on air pollution. More detailed selection criteria for each award category are herewith attached.

4. APPLICANTS' REQUIREMENTS/ELIGIBILITY

All applicants should be based and registered in Rwanda.

- a) **District:** All Districts are eligible;
- b) **Private Sector:** Must be a registered Small or Medium Enterprises (SME).
- c) **Higher Learning Institutions and TVETs:**
 - A registered student from TVET located in Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation (LAFREC) project intervention Districts namely Rutsiro, Ngororero, Nyabihu and Rubavu.
 - A registered student from University or IPRC Countrywide;
- d) **Media (Radio, Television, Print/Internet):** Individual journalist from media house registered to High Media Council.

5. PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE AWARD

Date	Activity
April 12, 2019	Registration period opens. Only online application will be accepted
May 5, 2019 at 12 am midnight	Registration period closes
May 6-8, 2019	Pre-qualification and shortlisting (tentatively top 3)
May 7, 2019	Selected applicants are notified
May 14-17, 2019	A site visit shall be made to prequalified by the technical team to verify the conformity of information provided in the application materials
May 21-22, 2019	Review and scoring contestants by a panel of judges to select the award winners
June 5, 2019	Awards during WED celebration

6. APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- ✓ All applications must be submitted online by filling an **online application form** on REMA website www.rema.gov.rw or by filling the official **application form and return it in PDF** format by sending it to the following email: application@rema.gov.rw .
- ✓ The deadline is 5th May 2019 at 12 midnight. Application received after the deadline will not be accepted;
- ✓ Applicant must indicate the awards category, her/his complete contact information;
- ✓ Application is allowed for one award category only;
- ✓ The project/ activities must not have been completed more than **two years** from the date of the deadline of award application (from January 2017 to 5th May 2019).
- ✓ Applications should be submitted in English.



7. AWARDS EVALUATION AND SELECTION

- A team of judges including REMA staff and external experts from relevant Ministries and Agencies will evaluate all submissions and pre-select four (6) best contestants in award category 1 and (4) best contestants in other remaining categories.
- Pre-selected applicants will be notified in writing for field verification.
- The decision of the judging panel is final.
- All preselected award winners will be requested to attend the Award Ceremony at a date to be advised.
- The winners will be announced and awarded on 5th June 2019 during the celebration of World Environment Day (WED). The location will be communicated in due course.

8: AWARDS PRIZE

- ✓ All preselected applicants will receive certificates.
- ✓ Winners will be honoured and receive in-kind prizes.

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Done at Kigali on, **12 APR 2019**

For 

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