

**Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate
Change**



Environmental Awards

2023

Guidelines for Participation – Waste Management & Resource Recovery

1. Background

Solid waste management in Mauritius has been mainly focussed on landfilling, with over 95% of the total solid wastes generated in Mauritius being disposed of at the Mare Chicose landfill annually. Since 1997, the Mare Chicose landfill, the only landfill in Mauritius, has received over 10 Million tonnes of wastes and although the landfill has been ensuring the environmentally safe and sound management of solid wastes over the years, this is not considered to be a sustainable approach. Well conscious of this, Government has decided to shift the practice in solid waste management from a linear approach to a circular economy model.

In light of the above, in order to promote sustainable waste management and resource recovery in all spheres of the society, to encourage and recognize sustainable and innovative initiatives/projects being carried out by various local institutions/ organizations, the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change in collaboration with Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Business Mauritius and the University of Mauritius is launching an Environmental Award for the Waste Management & Resource Recovery Sector, in the context of the World Environment Day.

This award is intended to celebrate the achievements, commitment as well as provide inspiration to others to replicate same or do better for a more sustainable waste management practice.

2. Eligibility criteria

- ❖ Is open to **all entities be it private or public** engaged in solid or hazardous waste management chain starting from storage, collection to local recycling or further processing for exportation.
- ❖ **Only** local entities **in Mauritius** are eligible for participation.
- ❖ Only initiatives/projects, which have demonstrated tangible and sustainable results, will be considered.

3. Categories of awards for Waste Management & Resource Recovery Sector:

- ❖ **CATEGORY 1:** Best project/initiative on recovery of materials from Solid Waste;
- ❖ **CATEGORY 2:** Best project/initiative to minimise generation of Hazardous Waste from its business unit;
- ❖ **CATEGORY 3:** Best CSR project in Waste Management & Resource Recovery sector

Note: Applicants should apply for **only one category** for which they are eligible.

4. Submission process

- ❖ Participants should submit the following documents to this Ministry via email on **enviAwards2023swmd@gmail.com**, not later **08 May 2023 by 10:00 hrs at latest** :-
- ❖ The participation form should be duly filled in and signed by the Head of the organisation.
- ❖ A summary of your submission(s) (*not exceeding 500 words*), *mentioning the category in which you intend to participate*.
- ❖ A comprehensive write up demonstrating that the implemented system, including installations, resources and methodologies in the organisation are geared towards performance in accordance with the set respective objective under each category. (*not exceeding 2500 words*).

📌 Important Note:

- *The Participation Form can be downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (<https://environment.govmu.org>).*
- *Only entries/ submissions on the following email address enviAwards2023swmd@gmail.com received **not later 08 May 2023 by 10hr00** at latest by this Division will be accepted. Other means of submission will be automatically rejected.*
- *Upon submission of an application, an acknowledgment email will be sent within 2 working days. In the event, participants do not receive same, they are requested to contact the Solid Waste Management Division on 201 1667/201 2502 during working hours (09 00hrs - 16 00hrs).*
- *Contact details must be correctly and clearly written for future correspondence.*

5. Submission format for the project write-up

- ❖ **Only one submission** per organization to describe one or more initiatives/projects under the 3 categories.
- ❖ Each entry should be submitted electronically as a pdf document.
- ❖ Submissions must be written in English.
- ❖ All entries should include an executive summary of not more than 500 words.
- ❖ Cover page.

6. Selection process

Jury

An independent panel of jury members will assess the project reports and select the 3 best submissions per category for which prizes will be awarded.

Evaluation criteria

The initiatives/ projects will be assessed based on:

- the set objective of the respective category;
- its impact on the environment, innovation and sustainability; and
- its replicability.

7. Prizes

Shields and certificates will be awarded to the 1st Prize winner and 2 runner ups for each category.

8. Phases in the competition

- ❖ Registration will close on **08 May 2023 at 10hr00**
- ❖ It is understood that once an organisation participates in the award competition, jury members will be allowed to access premises of enterprises for on-site evaluation, which may consist of inspection and interviews with relevant staffs.
- ❖ The initiatives of the selected nominees will be filmed for the production of a short video to be disseminated during the award ceremony and posted on the website of the ministry.
- ❖ Selected nominees will be informed at latest by **end of May 2023** via email.

- ❖ The winners will be announced during an Awards Ceremony to be held in the context of the World Environment Day Celebrations on **Monday 5th June 2023.**

9. Terms & Conditions

- **Only one** submission per organization (which may however consist of up to three entries i.e for the three categories)
- Participants should provide all required information in their participation forms. Failure to do so and non-compliance to the guidelines of the competition will result in disqualification.
- If the information included in the project write-up submitted or in the participation form is found to be a misrepresentation, the Organizers may reject the application.
- The decision of the Jury Panel shall be final and irrevocable.
- The Organizer is allowed to publish details related to the winners, descriptions of their actions fostering sustainability and innovation development, their businesses' names, and other related information as deemed appropriate on any media channels.
- The Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change reserves the right **not** to proceed with the competition.
- The Organiser will not be held liable for any entries not received for any reason such as network connectivity or hardware issues experienced during submission of participation form, project summary, and write up.

For further queries, please contact officers of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Solid Waste Management Division) on Tel: 201 1667