

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



Environmental Awards

2024

**Guidelines for Participation for 'Media'
Sector**

1. Background

In the context of World Environment Day (WED) 2023, the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change in collaboration with various stakeholders had organised the First Edition of the Environmental Awards. Efforts of institutions in taking sustainability measures and best environmental initiatives that, *inter alia*, reduce their carbon footprint, adopt durable and sustainable plastic alternatives, optimise use of resources, biodiversity conservation, or otherwise curb down environmental nuisances, amongst others were rewarded. Showcasing these best environmental initiatives would encourage similar future endeavours for a green and clean society.

After the resounding success of the First Edition of the Environmental Awards, the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change in collaboration is pleased to launch its Second Edition on **25th March 2024**. The Awards Ceremony will be held on 05 June 2024 to commemorate the WED 2024.

2. Eligibility criteria and participation details

- ❖ Registration is open to all ‘journalists’ and ‘freelance journalists’ of Mauritius, bearing a valid carte de presse.
- ❖ The ‘Media’ sector will be categorised as ‘Journalism’ which includes print, radio (not more than 5 minutes), and electronic media (including TV or multimedia).
- ❖ The reporting timeline will be as from January 2023 till the date of submission of the participation form.

2.1 Category -Journalism

Will include print, radio (not more than 5 minutes), and electronic media (including TV or multimedia).

3.0 Assessment Criteria

- Submission of broadcasted or published article or content on Environment in Mauritius.
- Up to 2 entries per journalist would be considered (in case of 2 entries please submit two different participation forms);
- Content language should be English language, French language or Kreol Morisien

- A summary explaining how the content was created, in what context, and what impact it created to be submitted.
- Was the entry broadcasted or published between January 2023 and date of submission of the participation form?
- Does the entry tell the story in a fair, comprehensive and objective manner?
- Does the entry demonstrate journalistic ethics and principles, research, and innovation?
- Is the entry produced in English language, French language or Kreol Morisien?
- Participation will be open for journalists based in Mauritius.
- For journalists working for a media outlet, the signature of the ‘Rédacteur en chef’ needs to be submitted in the participation form.
- For freelancers journalists, a copy of the ‘carte de presse’ needs to be submitted along with the participation form.

4.0 Submission and selection

Eligible and interested participants should submit the duly filled participation form to the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change via email on wedmediasector@gmail.com , *not later than 19th April 2024 at 16 00 hrs.*

- ❖ The form will be available on the website of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (<https://environment.govmu.org>).
- ❖ The participation form, duly filled and signed (e.g., digital signature) by the journalist/ rédacteur en chef (where applicable).
- ❖ During the screening exercise, candidates may be requested to provide additional information on their initiatives.
- ❖ The Ministry will produce a short video clip that will be viewed during the award ceremony. Selected candidates will be kindly requested to facilitate the shooting of the video clip.

- ❖ All materials be to submitted in electronic format as follows:
 - Print and online articles – PDF (scanned) copy of the published article or the link to the published article
 - Radio (not more than 5 minutes) - link to the audio or via transfer platform.
 - TV/Multimedia – link of the video/online publication or via transfer platform

5.0 Award

The winners (one winner and two runner-ups per category) will be announced during an Awards Ceremony to be held in the context of the World Environment Day Celebrations on **Wednesday 5th June 2024**.

6.0 Important Note:

- ❖ Only submission of participation form/s on the email address wedmediasector@gmail.com , **not later than 19th April 2024 by 16 00hrs** will be accepted. Other means of submission will be automatically rejected.
- ❖ Upon submission of a participation form, an acknowledgment email will be sent within 5 working days. In the event participants do not receive same, they are requested to contact the Coordination and Project Implementation Division on 203 6200 (Extension: 225/325/324/354/335).
- ❖ Up to 2 entries per participant will be considered.
- ❖ Contact details must be correctly and clearly written for future correspondences.

7.0 Submission format

- ❖ Participation form/s should be submitted electronically as a pdf document.
- ❖ Submissions should be in English, French or Kreol Morisien language.

8.0 Selection process

Jury

An independent panel of jury members will assess the submissions or entries and select 3 best submissions for which prizes will be awarded.

9.0 Prizes

- 1st prize winner – Cash prize of Rs 75,000 + a trophy and an award certificate
- 2 runners up - A trophy and an award certificate

Note: The names provided in the application form will be used for certificates and engraving on shields. It is therefore the responsibility of the participants to ensure that the correct names are provided in the application form.

10.0 Phases in the competition

- ❖ Submission of participation will close on **19th April 2024 at 16 00hrs.**
- ❖ Selected nominees will be informed by email/ phone, followed by scheduled on-site visits. The initiatives of the selected nominees will be filmed in order to produce a short video for dissemination during the award ceremony and posting on the website of the Ministry.
- ❖ The award winners will be commended during the Environmental Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 5th June 2024.

11.0 Terms & Conditions

- ❖ **Participation is open to all. However, winners and runners up of the first edition can participate subject to submission of new initiatives.**
- ❖ Eligible and interested participants should provide all required information in their participation form/s. Failure to do so and non-compliance to the guidelines of the competition will result in disqualification.
- ❖ If the information submitted in the Participation Form is not true and or correct, the Organiser can terminate application form from further participation in the Awards. The Organiser also reserves the right in its absolute discretion to dismiss the applications contrary to the spirit of the Award Terms or the intention of the Awards.
- ❖ The decision of the Jury Panel shall be final and irrevocable.

- ❖ The Organiser may use the names of the winners, quotes, photos, videos from the Award Ceremony where the participants are visible in any media channels.
- ❖ The Organiser is allowed to publish any details related to the winners, brief descriptions of their actions fostering sustainability and innovation development, their organisation names, and other related information deemed appropriate subject to the consent of the winners.
- ❖ 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 reasons such as network connectivity or hardware issues experienced while submission of participation form and project write up.

12.0 Data Protection

The Organisers undertake to treat personal data confidentially and securely in line with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2017, (DPA) as amended.

For further queries about the competition, please contact officers of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Coordination and Project Implementation Division) on Tel: 203 6200)