

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



# **Environmental Awards**

**2023**

**Guidelines for Participation -  
Supermarkets/Hypermarkets**

## 1. Background

The World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June every year. To mark this event, the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change is organising an Environmental Awards Ceremony to recognise the best environmental initiatives of stakeholders in various sectors, both private and public.

This Awards Ceremony will reward efforts in taking sustainability measures and best environmental initiatives to inter-alia reduce carbon footprint, optimize use of resources, minimize waste generation and curb down environmental nuisances. In this respect, 11 thematic sectors have been retained for the Award Ceremony. These include: Textile Manufacturing Industry; Food Manufacturing Industry; Supermarkets/Hypermarkets; Media; Non-Governmental Organizations; Waste and Resource Management; Banking/Finance Sector; Tourism Industry; Local Authorities; Public Sector and Educational Institutions.

For the sector of Supermarkets/Hypermarkets, various stakeholders from the public and private sectors, as well as academia, are collaborating with the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change to make this event a success.

## 2. Eligibility criteria

- ❖ Registration is open to all supermarkets, hypermarkets, “superettes” under the sector Supermarkets/Hypermarkets.
- ❖ The Sector of Supermarkets/Hypermarkets will be categorised as follows:
  - (i) outlets with a sales surface area of at least 400 square metres; and
  - (ii) outlets with a sales surface area of less than 400 square metres.
- ❖ **Only** companies/organisations locally based **in Mauritius** are eligible for participation.
- ❖ Participants should hold the relevant permits/licenses with concerned authorities for their operation.

## 3. Submission process

- ❖ Participants should submit the following documents to the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change via email on **wedsupermarkets@gmail.com**, ***not later than 08<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at latest by 10hrs00:***

- ❖ The participation form should be duly filled and signed (e.g., digital signature) by the Head of the company/organisation. The participation form should include:
- ❖ A summary of the best environmental initiative(s) implemented by the company/organisation (*not exceeding 500 words*)
- ❖ A comprehensive write up of the best environmental practice(s) initiated and sustained within the company/organisation (*not exceeding 2000 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 submission of participation form on the email address [wedsupermarkets@gmail.com](mailto:wedsupermarkets@gmail.com), at latest by 10hrs00 on 08<sup>th</sup> May 2023 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 Environmental Law and Prosecution Division on 203 6200.*
- ❖ *For each company/organisation, only one submission is allowed.*
- ❖ *Contact details must be correctly and clearly written for future correspondences.*

#### 4. Submission format

- ❖ Participation form should be submitted electronically as a pdf document.
- ❖ Submissions should be in English language
- ❖ All entries should include a summary of not more than 500 words
- ❖ The write up should also demonstrate the aims and objectives, positive impacts and benefits of the project on the environment and the community, targets achieved and degree of success, as well as the replicability of the project

## 5. Selection process

### Jury

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

### Evaluation criteria

The projects will be assessed based on all the activities and services provided by the company in its endeavor to achieve sustainability and contribute towards a cleaner and greener Mauritius. The **whole facility of the organisation/company will be evaluated** (including the sales surface area; warehouse/storage area; cooling facilities; parking space; yard premises etc), on the following main criteria:

- Organisational Culture
- Use of Resources
- Environmental Impacts
- Infrastructure
- Any other environmental initiatives

Please refer to Section D of Participation Form for more details.

## 6. Prizes

A trophy and an award certificate will be rewarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner and 2 runner ups.

## 7. Phases in the competition

- ❖ Registration will close on **08 May 2023 at 10hrs00**
- ❖ It is understood that once an enterprise enters the competition, jury members will be allowed to access premises of enterprises for on-site evaluation which might consist of inspection and interviews with relevant staffs.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Selected nominees will be informed at latest by **end of May 2023** via email.
- ❖ The winners will be announced during an Environmental Awards Ceremony to be held in the context of the World Environment Day Celebrations on **Monday 5th June 2023**.

## 8. Terms & Conditions

- ❖ **Only one** submission per organisation/company is allowed.
- ❖ Participants should provide all required information in their participation form. 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, the organiser can terminate 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 Organiser 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 and project summary and write up.

*For further queries, please contact officers of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environmental Law and Prosecution Division) on  
Tel: 203 6200*