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Call for Nominations: The Mail and Guardian (M&G) Greening the Future Awards 2021

“We are the first generation to feel the effect of climate change and the last generation who can do something about it.”

~ BARACK OBAMA, FORMER US PRESIDENT

Certain Individuals and organisations have remained committed to curbing climate change and the preservation of the environment, despite the debilitating global pandemic.

Is your organisation one of them?

The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** is delighted to share that we are partnering with the **Mail & Guardian** prestigious flagship project **Greening the Future Awards 2021**.

Now in its 17th edition, the Mail & Guardian’s Greening the Future flagship awards is uniquely positioned to recognise individuals, corporates, academia, civil society and government departments that are efficiently adapting and positively affecting the environment and communities through innovative, impactful environmental projects in South Africa.

This year, the awards are aligning to the much awaited 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) as a significant moment for the world to take action on climate change. The theme for this year is therefore *Celebrating Collaborative Initiatives for the Management of Climate Change*. The ten categories this year are as follows:

- Agribusiness and 4IR
- Clean air and the quality of life

- Clean renewable energy projects
- Green building
- Green financing
- Protection of Oceans and Waterways
- Preservation of natural habitats
- Sustainable design
- Safeguarding the quality of water
- Waste management practice

Nominations for the Greening the Future Awards can be submitted via the [Mail & Guardian webform](#) on their website. The nomination form only takes a few minutes to complete, it is a wonderful way to recognise organisations doing good work in one of the above categories. **Nominations close on 8 October 2021.**

This year's Greening the Future Awards will be hosted as a virtual keynote discussion on the project's focus points encompassing current global initiatives on climate change, specifically, the COP26 summit. The winners will be announced on **11 November 2021** during this live virtual discussion.

The Greening the Future focus points and objectives are aligned to the agenda put forward for the upcoming COP26 global summit on climate change to ensure a cohesive message that is in line with their theme of collaboration:

- **Green economy recovery initiatives:** Southern African strategies for smarter waste management, creation of employment and aspiring to achieve a global zero-waste status.
- **Global fundraising:** Has the global kitty to tackle climate change reached its target? How has the Covid-19 pandemic affected the availability of funds for environmental campaigns?
- **Protection and preservation of Oceans and Waterways:** Management of plastic and biohazardous pollution in Oceans, protection of marine life, water harvesting and treatment of water for domestic and industrial use.
- **Emissions reductions:** Exploring Carbon Markets - Unpacking the regulation and management of policy. What does the law say?
- **Clean and renewable energy** - Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers (REIPPPP) and support for Southern Africa's power grid.
- **Policy frameworks and collaborative partnerships** to achieve the national environment sustainability development goals.
- **Preservation of Indigenous communities and natural habitats:** Looking within - local traditional solutions to slow down climate change.
- **Sustainable waste management:** The Circular Economy, best practise and innovation for waste disposal and re-use in Southern Africa.
- **Focus on 4IR's role** to support innovation in food production, packaging & distribution.

In line with NBI's vision of building a South African society and economy that is inclusive, resilient, sustainable and based on trust, the NBI is very happy to endorse this year's Greening the Future awards. We have chosen to endorse the awards in support of innovation, best practice and transformation as well as the overall drive for a greener South African economy.

It is important to note that while we endorse the awards, the NBI is not a judge of the Greening the Future awards. This means that the judging process, decisions of the judges and any outcomes of the judging process are not at our discretion, and we are therefore not necessarily endorsing the companies or organisations selected through the process.

The NBI would like to encourage any of our partners, stakeholders, members or organisations in our networks who are doing amazing work in line with the above categories to enter the awards.

We wish everyone the best of luck.



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