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Nominate people for the M&G's Greening the Future awards

"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

Despite setbacks, there are dedicated people and organisations working to make the world a better, more equal and sustainable place.

Are you one of them?

Last year, Mail & Guardian's flagship annual environmental awards, Greening the Future, saw 60 winners in the categories of business, non-profit organisations, water management, energy efficiency and carbon management, innovation in renewables and institutions.

Are you or your organisation actively working to make the world a better place through innovative sustainability solutions?

The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** is delighted to share that we are partnering with the **Mail & Guardian** prestigious flagship project **Greening the Future Awards 2022**.

The theme for the 2022 M&G **Greening the Future** awards is **Supporting Climate Resilience and a Just Energy Transition in Africa** ahead of this year's 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27). COP27, which is to be held in Egypt in November 2022 has been called the "African COP" and is an opportunity for the continent to put forward Africa's climate needs.

Climate threats are amplified on the African continent, where impacts are further exacerbated by high levels of social and economic vulnerability. Africa continues to be the hardest hit by the physical impacts of climate change. Climate change is one of the biggest threats to our economies, but tackling it is also one of our big economic opportunities. The South African climate response is a development and investment opportunity which must be realised to achieve a Just Transition to net zero emissions as well as ensure competitive and resilient economies and societies across the continent.

Climate change is here and we need to work together to transition properly and not leave anyone behind. It demands climate finance and innovative ways to move in that direction.

We have Guardians who are already working for a greener and cleaner future and the Mail & Guardian would like to celebrate their innovative and sustainable ways. Which is why we are calling on you to nominate those who are deserving of this prestigious award.

To nominate visit the [greening the future website](#)

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 below categories to enter the awards.

We wish everyone the best of luck

Please submit your nominations by 16 October [here](#)



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