



South African Photovoltaic Industry Association

2026 SAPVIA INDUSTRY AWARDS CATEGORIES

Solar Horizons: Powering The Next Decade Together

Event Details

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Location: Johannesburg

More event details to follow.

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2026 SAPVIA AWARDS

The SAPVIA Industry Awards celebrate the people, projects, and organisations driving the growth and transformation of South Africa's solar photovoltaic (PV) sector. Building on the success of its inaugural edition, the awards return to recognise excellence across the full value chain, highlighting innovation, technical achievement, leadership, and meaningful impact.

As South Africa's energy landscape continues to evolve, the solar PV industry plays an increasingly critical role in delivering a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable energy future. These awards reflect the progress being made across the sector, from pioneering technologies and large-scale project delivery to skills development, localisation, and industry leadership.

More than a celebration of achievement, the SAPVIA Industry Awards aim to inspire continued advancement by showcasing best practice, recognising excellence, and encouraging broader participation across the industry. They provide a platform to honour those who are not only contributing to the sector's growth, but actively shaping its future. We invite you to be part of this journey by submitting nominations and joining us in recognising the individuals and organisations powering South Africa's energy transition.

Awards Categories:

**Visionary Executive
Award**

**Excellence in
Energy Storage**

**Woman Powering
Solar Award**

**Solar EPC
Award**

**Empowerment
Through Skills Award**

**Solar PV Localisation
Champion**

**PV R&D Leadership
Award**

**Developer/IPP
Excellence Award**

**SSEG Installer of
the Year**

Developer/IPP Excellence Award

This award recognizes the outstanding solar PV developer or IPP whose vision, expertise, and execution are transforming the energy landscape. It honors the entity that has demonstrated exceptional ability to originate, finance, and deliver high-quality solar PV projects. The award celebrates not just the megawatts added to the grid, but the innovation in business models, the commitment to community and environmental stewardship, and the leadership in driving the industry toward a sustainable future.

Judging Criteria

- **Contribution to industry growth and sustainability** - The nominee must demonstrate a measurable impact on expanding the solar PV sector and contributing to long-term energy sustainability. This goes beyond simple capacity addition to include the quality and strategic importance of their projects.
- **Unique collaboration efforts** - Recognizing partnerships between different stakeholders (e.g., businesses, government, communities, financiers, or technology providers) that were essential to driving meaningful industry progress and overcoming project hurdles.
- **Pioneering business models or first-of-its-kind projects** - Innovative financial, operational, or technical approaches that set new industry benchmarks. This rewards the nominee for taking calculated risks to pioneer new ways of doing business that can be replicated by others.
- **Demonstrated impact in transforming the solar energy landscape** - Initiatives or projects that have significantly influenced solar energy adoption, policy, or market transformation. This criterion focuses on the nominee's leadership and influence beyond their own project portfolio.
- **Project Execution & Operational Excellence** - A track record of delivering projects on time, on budget, and with high standards of quality, safety, and performance. This criterion values the "boring but brilliant" work of turning a vision into a reliably operating asset.
- **Community & Environmental Stewardship** - A demonstrated commitment to going beyond compliance in engaging with local communities and minimizing environmental impact. This recognizes developers who build social license to operate and ensure a just energy transition.

Supporting documents

- **Project Reports & Portfolio Summary** - One-page overview of projects (last 18–24 months), including capacity, location, and COD.
- **Growth Metrics** - Chart or table showing year-on-year growth (capacity, revenue, or pipeline).
- **Sustainability Impact** - Data on CO₂ avoided, households powered, or contribution to national targets (incl. ESG report links).
- **Case Studies** - 1–2 pages examples of partnerships, challenges, and outcomes.
- **Stakeholder Testimonials** - Quotes or letters from partners (e.g. community, government, financiers).
- **Co-funded / Co-executed Evidence** - Photos, press releases, or joint publications demonstrating collaboration.
- **Innovation Case Studies** - 1-page summaries outlining the innovation, how it differs from standard practice, and the problem solved.
- **Business Model Summary** - Simple explanation or diagram of financial/operational model.
- **Media Coverage** - Articles highlighting the project or model.
- **Financial Impact Summary** - Non-confidential data showing positive outcomes (e.g. reduced LCOE).
- **Policy Contributions** - Participation in consultations, regulatory submissions, or industry bodies.
- **Project Execution Summaries** - Evidence of projects becoming templates or benchmarks for others.
- **Industry Reports & Thought Leadership** - Reports, articles, or conference presentations.
- **Industry/Government Endorsements** - Support letters from regulators, grid operators, or associations.
- **Safety Statistics** - TRIFR/LTIFR over 2–3 years, benchmarked to industry.
- **Performance Data** - Plant availability or performance ratios exceeding benchmarks.
- **Project Delivery Timelines** - Percentage of projects delivered on time and within budget.
- **Community Engagement** - Local hiring, skills development, or community benefit initiatives.
- **Environmental Impact Summary** - Measures to minimise ecological impact (e.g. biodiversity, land use).
- **Community Testimonials** - Support letters from community leaders or environmental groups.



Excellence In Energy Storage Award

The Excellence in Energy Storage Award honors a groundbreaking project, technology, or initiative that is significantly advancing the role of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in South Africa's clean energy transition. This award recognizes innovation and impact in deploying storage solutions that enhance grid reliability, enable greater renewable energy integration, unlock new market opportunities, and address the unique challenges of South Africa's energy landscape. It celebrates the pioneers who are demonstrating that storage is not just a complement to solar but a transformative technology in its own right.

Judging criteria

- **Technological Innovation** - Implementation of novel approaches in system design, software, integration, or application that improve the performance, efficiency, or capabilities of energy storage.
- **Market Transformation** - Evidence that the project is opening new markets, tapping into multiple value streams, and creating a replicable model for commercial success.
- **Grid Impact & Reliability** - Demonstrated contribution to increasing grid reliability, resilience, and efficiency, such as through frequency regulation, peak shaving, load shifting, voltage support, or black-start capabilities.
- **Scalability & Sustainability** - The project's potential for scalability and its contribution to a more sustainable and decarbonized energy system.
- **Localization & Skills Development** - Contribution to local manufacturing, assembly, installation capabilities, or skills development in the energy storage sector within South Africa.
- **Safety & Risk Management** - Demonstrated commitment to safety in storage system design, installation, and operation, including fire safety, thermal management, and compliance with evolving storage safety standards.

Supporting documents

- **Technical Description** - Clear summary of the innovative technology, design approach, or application.
- **Performance Data** - Evidence of efficiency gains, response times, cycle life, or other key metrics vs industry benchmarks.
- **Patents or IP** - Details of any intellectual property arising from the innovation.
- **System Design Documentation** - Single-line diagrams, equipment specifications, or architecture overviews.
- **Software / Controls Description** - Overview of proprietary algorithms, energy management systems, or optimisation software.
- **Third-Party Validation** - Test reports, certifications, or independent assessments verifying performance.
- **Business Model Description** - Explanation of the commercial structure and financial viability.
- **Market Creation Evidence** - Examples of new market segments or applications enabled.
- **Replicability Case** - How the model can be scaled or replicated in other locations or use cases.
- **Financial Performance** - Summary of returns, payback periods, or investor confidence.
- **Peak Shaving Evidence** - Data showing reduced peak demand or avoided network upgrades.
- **Load Shifting Analysis** - Evidence of shifting energy to peak or high-value periods.
- **Black-Start Capability** - Proof of islanding or black-start capability (tests or real events).
- **Load Shedding Mitigation** - Case studies showing support of critical loads during outages.
- **Scalability Analysis** - Assessment of deployment potential at larger scale or across locations.
- **Pipeline Evidence** - Planned or upcoming projects using the same approach.
- **Lifecycle Assessment** - Overview of environmental impact across manufacturing, operation, and end-of-life.
- **Recycling & Second-Life Plans** - Plans for battery recycling or second-life applications.
- **Decarbonisation Contribution** - Quantified emissions reductions enabled by the project.
- **Environmental Approvals** - Evidence of regulatory compliance and impact assessments.
- **Local Content** - Percentage of local content achieved.
- **Local Supplier Partnerships** - Collaboration with South African suppliers, integrators, or service providers.
- **Training & Technician Development** - Evidence of training programmes, upskilling, and knowledge transfer to local teams.
- **Safety-by-Design** - Third-party certifications confirming safety compliance.
- **Fire Detection System** - Details of installed fire detection and alarm systems.
- **Fire Suppression System** - Description of active fire suppression measures used.



Empowerment Through Skills Award

This award recognizes an organization that has made an outstanding contribution to skills development across the entire solar PV value chain. It celebrates impactful training initiatives that have strengthened workforce capabilities, driven meaningful inclusivity, and aligned with industry needs for long-term sector transformation. The award honors organizations that are not only training individuals but are actively building a skilled, diverse, and sustainable talent pipeline that powers the growth of South Africa's solar industry.

Judging criteria

- **Value Chain Coverage** - The extent to which the skills development initiatives cover different segments of the solar PV sector, from installation and maintenance to design, sales, manufacturing, and project management.
- **Inclusivity and Empowerment** - Active inclusion of youth, women, and individuals from underserved communities in skills development initiatives, ensuring that the benefits of sector growth are broadly shared.
- **Industry Alignment** - Alignment with PV industry qualifications, PVGC Endorsement, accreditation frameworks, and national skills development priorities, including QCTO-accredited qualifications, SAQA-registered unit standards, and National Development Plan objectives.
- **Partnership and Collaboration** - Engagement with industry bodies, training authorities, education institutions, government agencies, or community organizations to strengthen the design, delivery, and reach of skills development initiatives.
- **Number of Trained and Certified Individuals** - Demonstrated scale and reach of training and certification initiatives, including the volume of individuals successfully trained and, where applicable, certified across the Solar PV value chain.

Supporting documents

- **Training Program Portfolio** - Overview of training offerings across the solar PV value chain (e.g. installation, O&M, design, manufacturing, project management, sales, inspection).
- **Curriculum Outlines** - Brief descriptions of course content per programme.
- **Training Delivery Data** - Number of courses delivered and participant distribution across value chain segments.
- **Skills Gap Analysis** - Evidence of research or consultation guiding programme focus.
- **Participant Demographics** - Breakdown of trainees by age, gender, and location (urban/rural/township).
- **Targeted Initiatives** - Programmes designed for youth, women, or underserved groups.
- **Barrier Removal Strategies** - Measures enabling participation (e.g. transport, flexible hours, childcare, language support).
- **Post-Training Outcomes** - Data on job placement, further study, or entrepreneurship.
- **Testimonials** - Quotes or stories from programme beneficiaries.
- **Curriculum Mapping** - Alignment with unit standards or qualification outcomes.
- **Accreditation Evidence** - QCTO, SAQA, or equivalent accreditation/registration.
- **Industry Endorsements** - Support letters from industry bodies or employers.
- **National Priorities Alignment** - Contribution to NDP, renewable energy skills strategies, or Just Energy Transition goals.
- **Partnership List** - Summary (with photos) of collaborating organisations (e.g. industry bodies, TVETs, universities, SETAs, NGOs, government).
- **Joint Program Examples** - Co-designed or co-delivered training initiatives with partners (incl. photos).
- **Industry Body Engagement** - Participation in skills forums, working groups, or curriculum development.
- **Training Volume Data** - Total individuals trained (past 2–3 years), with annual breakdown.
- **Certification Rates** - Number and percentage achieving certification or qualifications.
- **Training Intensity** - Breakdown by course duration and level (entry vs advanced).
- **Retention & Tracking** - Systems used to track graduates and employment outcomes.
- **Geographic Reach** - Training locations demonstrating provincial or national coverage.



PV R&D Leadership Award

This award celebrates outstanding contributions to solar photovoltaic research and development, recognizing academic institutions, research organizations, and industrial innovators whose work is advancing the solar PV sector. It honors both technological breakthroughs and non-technical research that drives industry progress—from improving cell efficiency and manufacturing processes to shaping policy frameworks, financing models, and creative applications. The award seeks to highlight research that translates into real-world impact, accelerating the energy transition through knowledge, innovation, and evidence-based solutions.

Judging criteria

- **Contribution to Solar PV Technology Advancement** - Recognizes academic or industrial research that has meaningfully improved solar PV technology, including but not limited to cell efficiency, module performance, system components, balance of plant, or integration solutions.
- **Research Impacting Policy, Financing, or Creative Solar Applications** - Honors studies or projects that have influenced solar PV policy frameworks, financing mechanisms, or enabled unique and creative applications of solar technology.
- **Innovations in Manufacturing, Waste Management, and Resource Optimization** - Celebrates breakthroughs in improving solar PV component production, minimizing waste across the value chain, increasing resource efficiency, or advancing circular economy principles in the solar industry.

Supporting documents

- **Peer-Reviewed Publications** - Links or copies of papers in accredited journals, conference proceedings, or industry publications.
- **Technical Reports** - Research reports, white papers, or technical briefs outlining the innovation and impact.
- **Collaboration Evidence** - Partnerships with industry, technology transfer offices, or commercial entities.
- **Policy Contributions** - Inputs to government consultations, regulatory assessments, or policy/standards development.
- **Financing Framework Contributions** - Research informing lending criteria, green bonds, insurance, or de-risking tools.
- **Media Coverage** - Articles highlighting the research and its sector impact.
- **Manufacturing Innovation Data** - Evidence of reduced energy use, material efficiency, or improved production yields.
- **Waste Management Research** - Studies on recycling, material recovery, or module decommissioning.
- **Resource Efficiency Metrics** - Data on water savings, reduced material use, or extended component lifetimes.
- **Industry Adoption Evidence** - Examples of implementation by manufacturers/recyclers, with testimonials or case studies.



SSEG Installer of The Year Award

This award recognizes SSEG installers who set the industry standard through exceptional service, uncompromising safety, technical excellence, and a commitment to responsibly powering South African homes and businesses.

Judging criteria

- **Geographical Reach & Market Accessibility** - Demonstrates broad accessibility and impact by successfully delivering installations across diverse geographical regions, including a mix of urban, peri-urban, and rural areas.
- **Commitment to Quality, Safety & Industry Compliance** - Shows unwavering adherence to high-quality standards, thorough safety protocols, and full compliance with all relevant industry regulations, grid codes, and municipal requirements.
- **Innovation in Installation Approaches & Customer Engagement** - Demonstrates the use of new technologies, creative design solutions, and modern customer interaction models to improve installation efficiency, system performance, and the overall customer experience.

Supporting documents

- **Installation Heat Maps or GIS Data** - A visual representation (map) of South Africa showing the concentration and spread of their installation sites, highlighting reach into different provinces and area types.
- **Demographic & Market Breakdown** - A summary table showing the percentage of installations in urban vs. rural vs. peri-urban areas, or a breakdown by province.
- **Case Study Example** - A one-page feature on a challenging installation in a remote location, detailing the logistical hurdles overcome.
- **Project Expansion Plans** - A brief narrative or slide on their strategy for entering new geographical markets, including any partnerships with local stakeholders in those areas.
- **Compliance Certificates** - Copies of valid accreditations and endorsements (e.g., PVGC approved installer certificates, Electrical Contracting Board [ECB]), professional registrations.
- **Regulatory Approvals** - Examples of successful permit applications and grid connection approvals from municipalities, demonstrating their ability to navigate red tape on behalf of customers.
- **Quality Assurance Reports** - Internal inspection checklists, post-installation audit results, or a summary of their quality management system (e.g., ISO 9001 principles).
- **Safety Audits & Statistics** - A summary of safety record (e.g., number of days without a lost-time injury), safety training records for staff, and results of any third-party safety audits.
- **Technical Descriptions** - A summary of any proprietary installation techniques, innovative mounting solutions for complex roofs, or unique system designs that maximize energy yield in challenging orientations.
- **Digital Tool Showcase** - Screenshots or a short video demonstrating their use of design software (e.g., HelioScope, PVsyst), customer portals for monitoring, or drone-based site assessment.
- **Customer Satisfaction Surveys** - A summary of results from post-installation surveys, including key metrics like Net Promoter Score (NPS). Include a few anonymized, direct quotes from satisfied customers.
- **User Experience Reports** - Case studies or testimonials highlighting how their customer engagement model (e.g., transparent communication, clear warranties, responsive after-sales support) led to exceptional customer outcomes.
- **Social Media/Review Platform Evidence** - A summary of their average rating and key themes from reviews on platforms like HelloPeter, Google Reviews, or Facebook, showing consistent positive feedback.



Solar EPC Award

This award recognizes an outstanding Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) company that has demonstrated exceptional performance in the delivery of utility-scale solar photovoltaic projects. The award honors the recipient's proven ability to execute complex projects safely, on time, and within budget, while maintaining the highest standards of quality and technical innovation. It celebrates the EPC firm that serves as a model for the industry in turning solar designs into reliable, operating assets that power communities and drive South Africa's energy transition forward.

Judging criteria

- **Project Execution Excellence** - Demonstrated ability to complete utility-scale projects on schedule and within budget, overcoming significant logistical, environmental, or operational challenges.
- **Quality & Safety Standards** - A proven track record of implementing strong quality control and safety protocols across all projects, with measurable improvements in safety performance and system reliability.
- **Impact on Industry** - Contribution to advancing the utility-scale solar sector by establishing new benchmarks for project delivery, scalability, sustainability, job creation, and community inclusion.

Supporting documents

- **Project Portfolio Summary** - One-page overview of utility-scale projects (last 2–3 years), including capacity (MW), location, and COD.
- **Schedule Performance** - Planned vs actual completion data, with explanations for variances.
- **Budget Performance** - Evidence of cost control, including projects delivered at or under budget.
- **Challenge Case Studies** - 1–2 paragraph examples of key challenges and solutions applied.
- **Client Testimonials** - Quotes or letters from project owners/developers on execution performance.
- **Safety Statistics** - Summary of key metrics (TRIFR, LTIFR, fatality-free days) over the past 2–3 years.
- **Safety Certifications** - ISO 45001 or equivalent certification.
- **Quality Management Systems** - ISO 9001 (or equivalent) and supporting quality control evidence (e.g. inspections, audits).
- **Performance Data** - Post-commissioning reliability (e.g. availability factors, performance ratios).
- **Safety Innovation** - Examples of safety initiatives, training, or technologies implemented.
- **New Benchmarks** - Innovations that set best practice or influenced industry standards.
- **Scalability Evidence** - Demonstrated growth in project size, complexity, or delivery capacity.
- **Sustainability Initiatives** - Environmentally responsible construction, waste, or biodiversity practices.
- **Job Creation Data** - Direct and indirect jobs created, including local vs expatriate and project phase breakdown.
- **Community Inclusion** - Community engagement, local procurement, skills or enterprise development initiatives.
- **Industry Leadership** - Participation in industry bodies, standards development, or thought leadership.



Solar PV Localisation Champion Award

This award recognizes a company or organization that has made a significant and measurable contribution to strengthening South Africa's solar PV manufacturing capabilities and supply chain resilience. It celebrates efforts to localize production, reduce import dependence, create sustainable employment, and drive industrial growth within the solar sector. The award honors entities that are not only building components but are also building a strong and healthy, competitive, and self-reliant local solar industry that supports the country's energy security and economic development goals.

Judging criteria

- **Industrial Growth & Economic Contribution** - Contributions that support industrial expansion, value addition, and broader economic activity within the South African solar PV sector.
- **Local Production vs. Demand Contribution** - Measures the proportion of locally manufactured solar PV components relative to market demand, demonstrating progress toward reducing import reliance and building local content capacity.
- **Job Creation & Skills Development** - Demonstrated efforts in creating new, sustainable employment opportunities and contributing to skills development within the local solar PV manufacturing and supply chain sector.
- **Innovation in Local Manufacturing** - Recognizes innovation in manufacturing processes, product design for local conditions, or development of unique locally relevant solutions.

Supporting documents

- **Economic Impact Assessment** - Summary quantifying contribution to GDP, tax revenue, or industry multiplier effects.
- **Investment Summaries** - Capital investment in local manufacturing, equipment, or infrastructure (past 2–3 years).
- **Local Procurement Data** - Percentage spend on local suppliers, components, and services.
- **Value Addition Metrics** - Evidence of local value addition (e.g. assembly, finishing, customisation).
- **Supplier Development Initiatives** - Programmes supporting and developing local SMEs in the supply chain.
- **Customer Adoption Evidence** - Testimonials or case studies from EPCs, developers, or installers.
- **Production Volume Data** - Annual output (units, MW, or tonnage) of locally manufactured products.
- **Market Share Analysis** - Estimated contribution to South African demand in relevant product categories.
- **Import Substitution Evidence** - Data showing reduced imports or increased local content penetration.
- **Product Specifications** - Technical datasheets and certifications confirming quality standards.
- **Staff Testimonials / Case Studies** - Examples of employee growth and career progression.
- **Employment Data** - Workforce size, including breakdown by contract type, employment status, and departments.
- **Job Creation Metrics** - Year-on-year employment growth (past 2–3 years).
- **Skills Development Programs** - Training, learnerships, apprenticeships, or TVET partnerships.
- **Workforce Demographics** - Breakdown by age, gender, and designated groups.
- **R&D Investment** - Expenditure and activities focused on manufacturing improvement.
- **Manufacturing Process Innovations** - Innovative production methods, automation, or quality control systems.
- **Locally Adapted Products** - Products designed for South African conditions (e.g. durability, anti-theft, grid resilience).



Visionary Executive Award

Recognizes a seasoned chief executive whose strategic vision and operational leadership have resulted in outstanding company growth, industry influence, and organizational success. This award celebrates leaders who have navigated complex market dynamics, built sustainable enterprises, and left an indelible mark on South Africa's solar sector.

Judging criteria

- **Strategic Vision & Execution:** Development and successful implementation of a long-term strategy that has resulted in significant market share growth, profitability, and competitive advantage.

Supporting documents

- **Strategic Plan Summary** - High-level overview of the company's strategic direction under the nominee's leadership.
- **Major Milestones** - Key achievements (e.g. project completions, funding raised, market entries).
- **Growth Metrics** - Evidence of revenue growth, market share expansion, or geographic reach during tenure.
- **Publications & Thought Leadership** - Articles, white papers, or opinion pieces authored by the nominee.
- **Media Features** - Profiles, interviews, or quotes in industry or mainstream media.
- **Awards & Recognition** - Relevant industry awards or honours received.
- **Industry Body Leadership** - Roles in industry associations (e.g. SAPVIA, SAWEA), including boards, committees, or working groups.



Woman Powering Solar Award

The Women in Solar Leadership Award celebrates the outstanding women who are driving innovation, shaping policy, and leading organizations within South Africa's photovoltaic industry. This award recognizes individuals whose vision, dedication, and achievements are making a significant impact, regardless of their age or specific role. It aims to highlight role models who are paving the way for a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive solar future, inspiring the next generation of women to lead the energy transition.

Judging criteria

- **Leadership & Vision** - Demonstrated exceptional leadership within their organization or across the industry, with a clear vision that has driven progress in the solar PV sector.
- **Industry Impact** - Evidence of significant, personal contributions that have advanced the PV industry, whether through technological innovation, project development, market expansion, policy influence, or advocacy
- **Community Engagement & Social Impact** - Contributions that extend beyond the industry to engage communities, promote energy access, or address social challenges through solar energy.

Supporting documents

- **Testimonials** - Letters or quotes from colleagues, supervisors, or industry peers attesting to the nominee's leadership qualities and impact.
- **Strategic Contributions** - Examples of initiatives, projects, or strategies the nominee has led or significantly influenced.
- **Vision Statement** - A brief personal statement from the nominee (or on their behalf) articulating their vision for the solar PV sector and their role in advancing it.
- **Project Leadership** - Examples of solar projects, programs, or initiatives the nominee has helped drive or deliver.
- **Innovation Evidence** - Patents, technical publications, or descriptions of innovative approaches introduced by the nominee.
- **Policy Contributions** - Evidence of involvement in policy development, regulatory submissions, or advocacy campaigns that have shaped the operating environment for solar.
- **Market Expansion** - Examples of how the nominee has helped open new markets, segments, or applications for solar PV.
- **Industry Body Involvement** - Leadership roles in industry associations, working groups, or technical committees.
- **Awards & Recognition** - Previous industry awards, speaking invitations at major conferences, or media features acknowledging the nominee's contributions.
- **Community Project Involvement** - Description, photos or videos of the nominee's direct involvement in community-based solar projects or energy access initiatives
- **Educational Outreach** - Shown leadership in programs bringing solar education, awareness, or training to schools, universities, or community groups
- **Volunteer Leadership** - Evidence of unpaid leadership in non-profit organizations, community trusts, or social enterprises related to energy or women's empowerment
- **Pro Bono Services** - Professional services provided free of charge to community causes



2026 SAPVIA Awards Process

Nominations for the 2026 SAPVIA awards will be open to SAPVIA members and industry stakeholders on the 17 April 2026 and close on the 02 June 2026. The process will unfold as follows:

Call for nominations

A formal call for nominations will be issued to the industry on the 17 April 2026. This call will specify the categories, eligibility criteria, and judging criteria for the awards, ensuring clarity and transparency for all participants.

1

Nomination Submission (Online)

Companies, organisations, and individuals can submit nominations through an online portal. Each submission must be supported by relevant documentation, such as evidence of achievements, industry performance, and impact. This will ensure that the nominations are well-documented and the judging panel has all the necessary information to make informed decisions.

2

Industry Recommendations

Industry stakeholders may also submit nominations based on their knowledge of a candidate's contributions and influence within the industry. These nominations will be considered alongside submissions received through the online nomination process.

3

Judging Panel Review

A diverse panel of industry experts will review the nominations. They will assess each submission against a set of established criteria, which will include measurable contributions to the solar PV industry, innovation, leadership, and overall impact. The judging panel will be carefully selected to ensure balanced representation across gender, age, race, and professional expertise to reflect the diverse nature of the industry.

4

Announcement of Nominees and Winners:

Following the review and deliberation process, the nominees will be announced ahead of the event, allowing the industry to recognise and celebrate the shortlisted candidates. The winners will then be revealed at the SAPVIA Awards Ceremony Gala Dinner, where they will be honoured for their outstanding contributions to the sector.

5

2025 Winners

Congratulations once again on being recognised as a 2025 SAPVIA Industry Award winner. Your achievement reflects the highest standards of excellence and continues to inspire progress across South Africa's solar PV sector.



Collaboration and Partnership Award:
African Women In Energy and Power
NPC



C&I Solar PV Excellence Award:
Solar Africa Energy



Excellence in Local Manufacturing and Supply Chain:
Onvlee Engineering



Empowerment Through Skills Development Award:
Green Solar Academy



Solar Excellence Award:
Sola Group



Solar PV Research & Development (R&D) Award:
Wetility



Socio-Economic Development Award:
GreenCape's ASDU



SSEG Installer of the Year Award:
SEM Solutions



South African Photovoltaic Industry Association

Nominate Today!

We invite you to take part by nominating individuals, organisations, and projects that have demonstrated exceptional achievements in the sector.

Submit your nominations today and play a key role in shaping the future of solar energy in South Africa.

**Click here or scan the
QR code to submit your
nomination!**

Closing Date: 02 June 2026



Queries & Additional Information

For any questions regarding the nomination process, judging criteria, or event details, please feel free to reach out to us. Our team is available to assist with any inquiries to ensure a smooth and transparent process for all participants.

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