

ANNUAL GALA DINNER

Business Excellence Awards 2026

DATE: FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2026 | VENUE: THE WANDERERS CLUB | THEME: THE GATSBY



Deutsche Industrie- und Handelskammer für das südliche Afrika
Southern African-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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BUSINESS EXCELLENCE IMPACT AWARD

Application Deadline: 9 October 2026

The Southern African-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SAGCC) is proud to recognise organisations that are driving meaningful change through innovative business practices, measurable economic contribution, and positive social impact.

By applying for the Business Excellence Impact Award 2026, your company will have the opportunity to:

- Share your compelling story
- Gain recognition at the 2026 Business Excellence Awards Gala Dinner – 6 Nov 2026
- Finalists will be invited to present their initiative at the SAGCC Business Excellence Awards Gala Dinner.

Why Apply?

We want to showcase the exceptional ways in which SAGCC members are creating meaningful and lasting impact through initiatives that benefit both their organisations and the broader communities in which they operate.

This award recognises projects and programmes that successfully demonstrate three key elements:

Community Impact

- 1 Initiatives that positively influence employees, communities, customers, suppliers, or other stakeholders through social development, skills transfer, empowerment, wellbeing, or environmental stewardship.

Sustainability & Scalability

- 2 Projects that are designed for long-term success, can be expanded or replicated, and create lasting value beyond a once-off intervention.

Economic Development & Contribution

- 3 Initiatives that contribute to business growth, job creation, skills development, investment, enterprise development, industry advancement, or stronger German-Southern African economic relations.



Award Categories

**Membership Group categories according to the SAGCC Membership*

SME Award

Open to companies from groups* 1, 2 and Euro: 1- 100 employees

Large Enterprise Award

Open to large organisations from group* 3-5: 101 – 3000+ employees

2 WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED IN EACH CATEGORY BY THE JURY TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR PROJECT DURING THE GALA DINNER FOR AUDIENCE VOTING.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- SAGCC Membership: Open to current members only.
- Event Participation: A representative of the company submitting the nomination must attend the 2026 Business Excellence Awards Gala Dinner – 6 Nov 2026
- Declaration: Applicants must confirm eligibility on the application form.
- Submission Deadline: 9 October 2026
- Previous award-winning projects may not be resubmitted. Winners are encouraged to enter new or significantly enhanced initiatives.

Selection Process

Phase 1: Nomination Review

An independent jury will review all eligible submissions and score each nomination against the judging criteria.

Phase 2: Finalist Selection

The two highest-scoring companies from each category will be shortlisted:

- Top 2 SME Finalists
- Top 2 Large Enterprise Finalists

Phase 3: Live Final Presentation

Finalists will be invited to present their initiative at the SAGCC Business Excellence Awards Gala Dinner.

Each Finalist will receive: 3-minute presentation

Phase 4: Winner Selection

The audience will do a live vote during the programme of the Gala Dinner.



Apply Now and let your Business Excellence Impact shine!

Application link: [Business Excellence Impact Award 2026](#)

For more information, please contact:

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Disclaimer

The ExcellenceAwards category nominations are reviewed by an independent nominated panel. Staff of the Southern African-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry have no role in the review or nomination process. Previous award-winning projects may not be resubmitted. Winners are encouraged to enter new or significantly enhanced initiatives.



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