

Young Entrepreneurs Competition 2009 Call to Entries

Sukuma Afrika calls for Social Entrepreneurs to send in their plans to be recognized for their outstanding efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals in Africa

After the great success of this year awards ceremony held in June at the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs day in Cape Town at the margin of the WEF on Africa, Sukuma Afrika is glad to officially open its call-to-entries for the 2009 edition of the Young Entrepreneurs' Awards.



Sukuma Afrika 2008 winners, team and partners: Magali Bongrand, Prof. Schwab, Sylvia Mwichuli, Tajudeen Abdul Raheem, John Mucheru, Margaret McNeilage, John Odeyo, John Ghansah, Hilde Schwab, Gamuchirai Chituri, Pancho Ndebele, Lawrence Tandha, Hubert Danso, Futhi Mtoba, Salil Shetty

The Young Entrepreneurs Awards

Sukuma Afrika was established in recognition of the critical role young entrepreneurs and the Diaspora play in the fight against poverty as the generation that will be responsible for reaching the Millennium Development Goals in 2015. The competition encourages young people across Africa to engage in ventures with a social angle and is opened to African youth up to 35 y/o presenting a for-profit business model which contributes to one of the MDGs.

The competition is organized in 5 categories:

- Category MDG 1 on poverty and hunger
- Category MDG 2 on education
- Category MDG 3 on gender equality
- Category MDG 4,5,6 on health related issues
- Category MDG 7 on environment

The Awards Ceremony

The competition aims to bring exposure to the outstanding efforts of the winners and to connect them with stakeholders in a position to help them expand their businesses. To that end, Sukuma Afrika targets prime events to hold its yearly awards ceremony.

The 2009 Awards Ceremony will be held at a business roundtable focusing on the MDG's and responsible investment. This roundtable will be a side event to the United Nations General Assembly.

The Competition timeline

- 16th October 2008: Opening Call-to-entries
- 16th April 2009: Closing Call-to-entries
- 16th May 2009: Announcement of the shortlisted candidate selected by the Sukuma Afrika Team
- 16th June 2009: Announcement of the finalists after Jury Deliberation
- 16th September 2009: Awards Ceremony

Candidate can apply to the competition by returning the forms attached to competition@sukumaafrika.org

Spread the word

If you are an individual, help your friends and inform anyone you know who might benefit of enrolling in the competition by simply forwarding this message.

If you are an organization, do not hesitate to inform your members or former finalists of this event. For partnerships, cooperations and the press please contact Magali Bongrand at +33 6 14 05 34 44.

Stand up Against Poverty

On October 17th to 19th, join the UN Stand up Campaign to break the world record of number of people Standing up Against Poverty around the world to ensure governments worldwide hear your demands to end poverty and inequality. Find all registered events at: www.standagainstopoverty.org.

More info at: www.sukumaafrika.org