



The AfriSam-SAIA Award

The 2015/2016 AfriSam-SAIA Awards for Sustainable Architecture + Innovation recognise contributions that bring sustainable innovation to human living environments.

This requires an integrated approach to planning, design, architecture, building practice, natural systems and technology.

Two new award categories have been added this year, significantly expanding South Africa's most important built environment sustainability awards.

The two mainstay categories include Sustainable Architecture and Research in Sustainability. This means that a full scope of visionaries working in the field of sustainable architecture, construction and innovation will now be recognised by the prestigious award presented bi-annually by AfriSam and the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA).

"The role of architects and their project partners is to ensure that South Africa plays its part in the global journey to sustainability. AfriSam's CEO, Stephan Olivier, says that sustainable design has to be an integral part of the building industry from the very start of a project."

"The emphasis is no longer on just the architecture and building practice," adds Kevin Bingham, Vice President of SAIA. Both SAIA and



AfriSam support this global shift: SAIA through encouraging its members to incorporate sustainability in building design at an early stage and AfriSam by its commitment to sustaining the environment through responsible manufacturing processes.

All four categories are geared towards the recognition of regenerative whole systems design. Project entries are required to demonstrate their positive impact through the embodiment of sound sustainable practices, carrying the hallmarks of great architectural or social design and demonstrating innovative thinking in the field of sustainability.

The adjudicators will consider four elements: Harmonisation, People Upliftment, Evolutionary Paradigm

and Placemaking Performance.

The adjudicators include Convener: Kevin Bingham and Daniel Irurah (sustainable architecture academic), Llewellyn van Wyk (sustainable architect, CSIR), Sebasti Badenhorst (AfriSam representative), Eric Noir (Africa region director of the International Union of Architects' work programme, Architecture for a Sustainable Future) and Richard Stretton (architect and furniture designer).

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