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AfriSam SAIA awards

Entries for the AfriSam-SAIA Award for Sustainable Architecture + Innovation are closed. This year saw a record 47 entries in the four award categories.

The adjudication panel will now evaluate the 47 entries in the four award categories. The adjudicators will visit the shortlisted projects and the final results will be announced in October at the awards event.

The bi-annual AfriSam-SAIA Award for Sustainable Architecture + Innovation recognises contributions that bring sustainable innovation to human living environments through an integrated approach to communities, planning, design, architecture, building practice, natural systems and technology.

The online entry system may well have contributed to the record number of entries by reducing the cost and time of couriering large quantities of printed material. Real time support from the agency offices meant any missing documentation could be quickly and conveniently submitted in hours rather than days.

This Award Programme has further evolved to include two new

categories. The two mainstay categories of Sustainable Architecture and Research in Sustainability are now joined by Sustainable Products and Technology and Sustainable Social Programmes. This means that the full spectrum of design, innovation and sustainability is now covered by the award categories.

The AfriSam-SAIA Award acknowledges and showcases buildings and projects that are the result of an integrated approach to architecture, natural systems and technology. They show that design and sustainability can and should be mutually reinforcing. Entries were received in all four categories.

The awards will once again highlight that South Africa is at the forefront of sustainable and innovative design and that sustainability is part of the design culture.

The adjudicators for the awards are convener, Kevin Bingham along with Daniel Irurah (sustainable architecture academic), Llewellyn van Wyk



(sustainable architect, CSIR), Sebastian Badenhorst (AfriSam representative), Eric Noir (Africa region director of the International Union of Architects' work programme, Architecture for a Sustainable Future) and Richard Stretton (Eminent architect and furniture designer). ■