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The 3ACCA Conservation Agriculture Awards

Theme:

Building a Resilient Future in Africa through Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Mechanization



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1. Conservation Agriculture Awards Objective:

The main objective of the Conservation Agriculture (CA) Awards is to recognize extraordinary Africa women, men, and institutions/organization whose outstanding contributions to promotion and adoption of Conservation Agriculture towards transformation of African agriculture to more sustainable, productive and environmentally friendly agriculture.



2. Conservation Agriculture Awards Categories

The foundation of the CA Awards categories is informed by the myriad of challenges hindering the promotion, adoption and practice of Conservation Agriculture in Africa. These challenges require contributions of different stakeholders in the sector in order to elevate the adoption and practice the technology. Different stakeholders have in diverse means innovatively maneuvered through the daunting challenges; making it important to share their unique innovations and recognize them as role models. The Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture (ACCA) therefore, clustered its award scheme according to different roles in promotion of CA, the intention being to reward pioneering or champion efforts to overcome CA promotion and adoption obstacles and encourage others to follow their role model.



During the 2023 3ACCA, four distinct categories of awards will be recognized, which include:

A1. The Conservation Agriculture Male and Female Challenge Award:

This award is intended to honor and recognize CA male and female champion who has practiced CA under the most challenging conditions e.g. rainfall variations, challenging Policy environment, or Labour challenges. The Awards under this category will include:

- 2023 CA Male Challenge Award
- 2023 CA Female Challenge Award

A2. 2023 CA Media Award:

This award is intended to honor a Journalist and/or a Media House for their active contribution in raising awareness about Conservation Agriculture through Print media, Social Media, television and e-news portals. The Awards under this category will include:

- 2023 CA Journalist Award
- 2023 CA Media House Award

A3. 2023 CA Model Farmer Award:

This award is intended to honor and recognize CA model farmer. A farmer who has adopted CA, is practicing and has influenced other farmers to start CA. under this category FIVE awardee were recognizes CA Farmer champions (selection will be, One CA farmer each from Southern Africa, Eastern Africa, Central Africa, West Africa and North Africa). The awards in this category will include:

- 2023 CA Model Farmer Southern Africa Award
- 2023 CA Model Farmer Eastern Africa Award
- 2023 CA Model Farmer Central Africa Award
- 2023 CA Model Farmer Western Africa Award
- 2023 CA Model Farmer Northern Africa Award

A1. 2023 Conservation Agriculture Champions Award:

This award is intended to recognize and honor an Individual or Organization who has championed the cause of CA in Africa.



2.1. Category eligibility, selection and nomination procedure

For each category, different eligibility criteria, selection process and nomination procedures will apply as described below:

A. The Conservation Agriculture Male and Female Challenge Award	
Purpose	To honor and recognize a CA male and female champion who has practiced CA under the most challenging conditions e.g. rainfall variations, challenging Policy environment, or labour challenges.
Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nominee should be practicing Conservation Agriculture in Africa• Should be able to demonstrate the challenging condition under which they practiced. <p>Submission format</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submitting format shall be in a Video clip, U-tube video, with supporting documents like certificates of recognition, training in CA and photographs that depict your involvement in the practice.• Documents like publications where one has been profiled are acceptable.
Selection of Award recipient	Members of the awards committee will review the nomination documents prior to the selection process and subsequent communication and announcement of the winner. This category will honor ONE CA Champion
Nomination Procedure	Nominations for the CA Award may be submitted by individuals, Organizations or regional bodies Responsibilities of Nominator: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact Nominee well before nomination deadline to inform candidate that a nomination document is being prepared.• Fill in online nomination form and upload the required supporting documents. <p>Note: Support from a community leader or head of an organization will strengthen the nomination.</p> <p>Responsibilities of Nominee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve request to be nominated for the CA Award.• Forward approved request to: awardscongress@act-africa.org

B. 2023 CA Media Award

Purpose	To honor a Journalist and/or a Media House for their active contribution in raising awareness about Conservation Agriculture through Print media, Social Media, television and e-news portals
Eligibility Criteria	<p>Journalist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must belong to registered Media house in Africa• Is a certified practicing Journalist• Has contributed significantly to raising awareness about CA with objectivity and insight through articles, publications, and reports in both local and foreign media, talk shows documentary production.• The work has invoked debate, critic in the way CA is practiced in Africa <p>Media House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a registered media house in Africa.• Has consistently aired CA related News, documentary over the last three years?
Selection of Award recipient	<p>Members of the Awards committee will review the nomination documents and will communicate to the successful applicant. All entrants will be acknowledged.</p> <p>This category will honor ONE Journalist and ONE Media House</p>
Submission procedure	Application or nomination by fill in the online application/nomination form and uploading all the supporting documents.

C. 2023 CA Model Farmer Award

Purpose	To honor and recognize an upcoming CA farmer. A farmer who has adopted CA, is practicing and has influenced other farmers to start CA.
Eligibility Criteria	<p>The farmer must be practicing CA in Africa Can be a Youth Farmer, a Woman farmer or an elderly farmer Should be able to demonstrate when they changed from conventional farming to CA</p> <p>Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submitting format should be in a Video clip, with supporting documents like certificates of recognition, training in CA and photographs that depict your participation.• Documents like publications where one has been profiled are acceptable. <p>Submit online nomination form and upload the required supporting documents</p>

A. The Conservation Agriculture Male and Female Challenge Award

<p>Selection of Award recipient</p>	<p>Members of the awards committee will review the nomination documents prior to the selection meeting. An award recipient must receive majority support from all members of the Awards Committee, who are composed of distinguished people in the field of CA. This category will award FIVE CA Farmer champions (<i>selection will be, One CA farmer each from Southern Africa, Eastern Africa, Central Africa, West Africa and North Africa</i>)</p>
<p>Nomination procedure</p>	<p>Nominations for the CA Farmer Award may be submitted by individuals, Organizations or regional bodies</p> <p>Responsibilities of Nominator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Nominee well before nomination deadline to inform candidate that you are nominating them. • Fill in online nomination form and upload the required supporting documents. <p>Note: Support from a community leader or head of an organization will strengthen the nomination. Support should be in the form of a written recommendation signed with an official stamp and uploaded.</p> <p>Responsibilities of Nominee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve request to be nominated for the CA Award. • Forward approved request to: awardscongress@act-africa.org

D. 2023 CA Champions Award

<p>Purpose</p>	<p>To recognize and honor an Individual or Organization who has championed the cause of CA in Africa.</p>
<p>Eligibility Criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has introduced the concept of CA to small holder farmers and the practice has been adopted by farmers • Introduced a new or improved farming equipment that revolutionizes the farming practice and reduces labour drudgery • Has influenced Policy change on CA in African countries
<p>Selection of Award Recipient</p>	<p>Members of the awards committee will review the nomination documents prior to the selection meeting. An award recipient must receive majority support from all members of the Awards Committee, who are composed of distinguished people in the field of CA.</p>



Nomination procedure

Nominations for the CA Award may be submitted by individuals, Organizations or regional bodies

Responsibilities of Nominator:

- Contact Nominee well before nomination deadline to inform candidate that you are nominating them.
- Fill in online nomination form and upload all the required supporting documents.

Note: Support from a community leader or head of an organization will strengthen the nomination.

Responsibilities of Nominee:

- Approve request to be nominated for the CA Champions Award.
- Forward approved request to: awardscongress@act-africa.org

It is important to note:

1. That all nominations will be submitted through the online application form and all Award related emails should be directed to awardscongress@act-africa.org
2. All selected Awardees will be publically announced and honored during the Awards and Dinner gala at the Third Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture.



3. Award Committee

The Awards Committee will be established by the International Steering Committee of the Third Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture and will administer major awards as advertised by the 3ACCA. The awards administered by the committee are those which are established and recognized and have defined criteria for eligibility.

This committee will be responsible to do the following:

- R1. Review and self-internalize the intention and roles of advertised awards for the 3ACCA
- R2. Review incoming nominations and determine if they fall within the mandate of the committee. Otherwise, the committee may forward the material to the 3ACCA Steering Committee or disqualify it.
- R3. Develop an annual schedule of awards for approval by the ACCA Steering Committee.
- R4. Publicize awards criteria and calls for nominations to the Pan-African community.
- R5. Assess applicants and nominees based on applicable criteria.
- R6. Coordinate disbursement and presentation of the awards.
- R7. Inform the Pan-Africa community about the recipients of major awards and the sponsors.

4. Selection Process

The Award administrator will receive and acknowledges each submission, screening all applications for eligibility. After initial screening, members of the award committee from the different categories will evaluate applications based on the candidate's innovation efforts and documents submitted for nomination.

To effectively handle the nomination and selection process, CA Awards Portal will be developed with the following content and capabilities:

- About the awards
- Nomination Process
- Awards Categories
- Awards Committee
- Media
- Online nomination form
- Profiles and photos of the 1ACCA & 2ACCA awardees.

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