

# Entries open for biennial AfriSam-SAIA Award for Sustainable Architecture + Innovation

Founded by AfriSam and the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA), the 2017/18 AfriSam-SAIA Award for Sustainable Architecture + Innovation is now open for entries. The biennial award aims to recognise the contributions that bring sustainable innovation to human living environments through an integrated approach to communities, planning, design, architecture, building practice, natural systems and technology.



“This award recognises the importance of green building in a palpable way while enabling us to highlight and commend excellence shaping our communities for livable sustainability,” says Maryke Cronje, SAIA president and convenor for the 2017/18 award. Apart from recognising excellence in Sustainable Architecture and Research in Sustainability, the award also invites entries that make innovative contributions in the fields of Sustainable Products and Technology, and Sustainable Social Programmes.

Entries for the 2017/18 AfriSam-SAIA Award for Sustainable Architecture + Innovation close at 12am on 24 March 2018 and will be accepted in four categories:

- Sustainable Architecture
- Research in Sustainability
- Sustainable Products and Technology, and
- Sustainable Social Programmes.

Project entries should demonstrate how they embody sound sustainable practices, that bear the hallmarks of great architectural or social design and innovative thinking in the field of sustainability, to improve the world.

## Award adjudicators

The adjudicators for the 2017/18 AfriSam-SAIA Award for Sustainable Architecture + Innovation are Maryke Cronje (architect and president of the SAIA), Dr Sechaba Maape (sustainability architecture academic and architect), Philippa Tumubweinee (academic and co-founder of IZUBA INafrica Architects), Niraksha Singh (AfriSam raw materials and sustainability manager), Emmanuel Nkambule (academic with particular interest in the social environment) and Richard

Stretton (founder of architecture and furniture design studio Koop Design). Stretton received the 2010 and 2014 Afrisam-SAIA Award for Sustainable Architecture and a 2014 Merit Award.

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