

## **OFFICIAL AWARD CATEGORIES: 6<sup>th</sup> EDITION GHANA ENERGY AWARDS**

**Theme:** *Global Decarbonisation: A Just and Equitable Energy Transition in Ghana.*

**Total of 23 Award Categories; 19 Competitive and 4 Non-Competitive Award Categories**

### **Competitive Awards:**

#### **1. Energy Personality of the Year**

Our Apex Award is given to an outstanding individual who achieved widespread success and approval in the energy sector through actions and achievements that positively benefited the sector and Ghana as a whole. Both public and private sector personalities are considered under this category. Male and female recipients are however awarded separately.

- a. Male
- b. Female

##### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. How nominee played their role as an industry leader during the year under review
- ii. All round achievements
- iii. Challenges solved over the year in review
- iv. Strategic vision

#### **2. CEO of the Year**

This award is given to Chief Executive Officers or Managing Directors who embody outstanding management practices and who through their leadership style, have reshaped the operations of their organisations, proving vital to their success.

- a. Power
- b. Petroleum

##### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. How nominee played their role as a corporate Head
- ii. Achievements chalked for the company and shareholders
- iii. Challenges solved over the year in review in the company, in the energy market and in the community at large.
- iv. Strategic vision

#### **3. Rising Star Award**

Given to a young individual in the energy sector whose accomplishments distinguish them as emerging leaders in the sector. Individual must be between eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) years.

##### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Achievements



- ii. Challenges solved over the year in review
- iii. Strategic vision
- iv. Growth potential of nominee

#### **4. Energy Institution of the Year**

Awarded to an organisation, academic institution, NGO or public institution, who through its operations and innovation was able to positively impact the energy sector and Ghana's growth as a nation.

##### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Strategic policy actions
- ii. Challenges solved
- iii. Impact of achievements on the sector and economy
- iv. Benefits to the community/society from their actions

#### **5. Energy Company of the Year**

Awarded to a company that proved that it leads by example as it achieved impeccable results and reputation within the energy sector. The nominee must have exhibited all round leadership in the industry, in terms of digitalisation, continuity of operations, protection of workers interest and profitability.

- a. Power
- b. Petroleum
- c. Renewable

##### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Strategic actions and efforts
- ii. Challenges solved over the year in review
- iii. Impacts of achievements on the sector and economy
- iv. Benefits to the community/society from their actions

#### **6. Innovation Project of the Year**

Awarded to either an individual or an organisation in the energy sector who came up with an innovative idea, technology, product or solution to tackle a problem and improve efficiency.

##### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Challenge solved
- ii. Innovative steps
- iii. Social impact of the project
- iv. Commercial viability of product/solution/technology

#### **7. Emerging Energy Company of the Year**



Awarded to a company who is rapidly growing in the energy sector by establishing itself as a significant player in the industry and excelling within the space that it operates in.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Achievements
- ii. Growth and progress
- iii. Operational excellence
- iv. Strategic vision

**8. Energy Think Tank of the Year**

Awarded to a body of experts that provide strategic research and advocacy on various energy sector issues that are of significance on a national and global level. The think tank must excel in public engagement on a wide range of policy issues with the aim of advancing debate, facilitating cooperation between relevant stakeholders, increasing accountability and transparency, educating the public, and advancing the growth of Ghana's energy sector.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Research evidence and advocacy
- ii. Public engagement approach
- iii. Challenges solved and issues tackled
- iv. Impact of activities

**9. Brand of the Year**

Awarded to an energy sector company that excelled in using various marketing channels to effectively communicate its message to the public, while building widespread brand recognition and loyalty.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Corporate communication programme
- ii. Brand recognition and acceptance
- iii. Operational excellence
- iv. Achievements

**10. Corporate Social Responsibility of the Year**

This Award will go to an organisation in the energy sector that has made the most exceptional contributions and commitments to overcoming societal challenges through their CSR activities, ensuring the well-being of the general public.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Contributions to society (indicate both in-cash/kind)
- ii. Value of the impact on society



- iii. Challenges solved
- iv. Spatial coverage of the project

### **11. Excellence in Power Generation**

The awardee must be distinguished by an innovative design, timely engineering upgrades, reliable generation with less downtime, economically cheaper prices compared to other plants, or demonstrating sustainable generation in an eco-friendly manner.

#### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Power generation efficiency
- ii. Eco-friendliness
- iii. Operational excellence (Absence of labour issues)
- iv. Proof of reliability with less downtime.

### **12. Clean Energy Initiative of the Year**

Recognises initiatives that demonstrate a strategic approach to tackling carbon emissions. The carbon footprint of the respective company or locality must have reduced significantly after the introduction of the initiative.

#### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Reduction in carbon emissions (indicate levels)
- ii. Operational excellence
- iii. Contribution to the attainment of UN 2030 sustainable energy objectives.
- iv. Benefits to the community from their actions

### **13. Off-Grid Energy Solution of the Year**

Awarded to a sustainable off-grid project or investment which aims to provide a business model that is cost-effective and an affordable electrification solution to deprived communities in an environmentally friendly manner. The project must be a generation from a mix of renewable energy resources to satisfy electrical needs and must be very reliable.

#### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Operational excellence
- ii. Cost-effectiveness
- iii. Benefits to communities/institution (social and economic impact)
- iv. Eco-friendliness

### **14. Energy Reporter of the Year**



Awarded to an outstanding journalist or media personnel, who was able to impact the energy sector and the community through sound reporting and outstanding work. The nominee must have presented relevant, credible and impactful industry news.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Excellence in reporting
- ii. Reportage impact on energy industry
- iii. Proficiency in reporting
- iv. Readership/Viewership reach

**New GEA '22 Categories Introduced In-line With the Theme:**

**15. Visionary Leadership Award**

This award recognises organisational heads who through their position, leadership approach, and organisational achievements have reinforced Ghana's commitment to providing affordable and clean energy under the United Nations SDG 7. The pioneering efforts of the awardee must stand tall among his/her peers.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Promoting and advancing Ghana's clean energy drive
- ii. Commitment to raising industry standards
- iii. Challenges solved
- iv. Strategic vision

**16. Eco-Innovation Business Award**

It is increasingly important for the energy industry to reduce its impact on the environment and give back to the planet. This is awarded to a company or organisation that aims to accelerate its clean energy transition through the promotion of environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient business models.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Environmental Impact
- ii. Challenges solved
- iii. Innovation
- iv. Benefit to communities

**17. Outstanding Energy Management Award**

This award recognises an organisational head that has effectively deployed practices to improve energy efficiency performance through the implementation of materials, systems and software, while reducing their carbon emissions and energy waste.

Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:



- i. Clearly defined strategy for reducing energy use
- ii. Challenges solved
- iii. Benefit to business operations
- iv. Management commitment and employee engagement

### **18. Novel Deployment of RE Technology Award**

This award recognises organisations that have invested in and deployed cutting-edge renewable energy projects with high level technological innovation that will greatly impact Ghana's clean energy transition.

#### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Technological Innovation
- ii. Project implementation & integration
- iii. Benefit of technology over existing methods
- iv. Impact of project on Ghana's clean energy drive

### **19. Sustainable Energy Partnership of the Year**

This award honours a successful partnership (both local and international) that demonstrates the value of cooperation, and emphasizes an approach that highlights responsible clean energy utilisation.

#### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- i. Challenge solved
- ii. Technological Innovation
- iii. Project implementation & integration
- iv. Impact of project on Ghana's clean energy drive

### **Non-competitive Awards:**

#### **20. Osagyefo Young Leadership Award**

Given to a young and upcoming individual in the energy sector, who through his/her achievements and recognition has been pivotal to the growth of the sector. Individual must be aged thirty-five (35) to forty-five (45) years.

#### **21. Women in Energy Excellence Award**

This award goes to women in the energy sector with outstanding career achievements and prospects (in areas of policy development and advocacy, research, field operations, administration, among many others), with proven track record in energy service delivery. They should be a source of inspiration to the younger generation of women that they can still succeed in a male-dominated industry.



**22. Exemplary Leadership Award**

Given to a public servant who through their office has contributed to the growth and success of the energy sector as a whole over the year in review.

**23. Lifetime Achievement Award**

Awarded to a generally accepted individual who through their actions and influence, helped nurture and shape the energy sector of Ghana to evolve over the years to get it to where it is today.