



**GHANA**  
**ENERGY**  
**AWARDS**  
≡ '23 ≡

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GHANA ENERGY AWARDS **CATEGORIES CRITERIA**

**Theme:** Ghana's Energy Transition Framework: Sector Institutions as Building Blocks for the 2030-2040 Targets

You can nominate yourself, an individual, a company or an institution





## COMPETITIVE AWARDS

### ■ ENERGY PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Our Apex Award is given to an exceptional individual who achieved widespread success and recognition in the sector through their approach to challenges, their commitment to implementing innovative solutions, and the achievements they chalked over the year in review. The results of these efforts must prove beneficial to Ghana's energy development. Both public and private sector personalities are considered under this category. However, Male and Female recipients are awarded separately.

- Male
- Female

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The role nominee played as an industry leader
- The challenges solved/achievements chalked
- The nominee's impact on Ghana's energy development
- The nominee's strategic vision

### ■ CEO OF THE YEAR

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

- Power
- Petroleum

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The promotion of the highest operational and professional standards
- The overall performance of the organisation
- The challenges solved in the organisation, the energy sector and society.
- The strategy for long-term growth of the organisation

### ■ ENERGY COMPANY OF THE YEAR

Awarded to a company that attained exemplary outcomes and a stellar reputation in the energy sector. The nominee must have exhibited all-round leadership, in terms of digitalisation, continuity of operations, protection of workers interest and profitability.

- Power
- Petroleum
- Renewable

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The overall performance of the company
- The promotion of the highest operational and professional standards
- The challenges solved/achievements chalked
- The impact on Ghana's energy development



### ■ ENERGY INSTITUTION OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an organisation, academic institution, think tank, NGO or public institution, whose leadership, operations, programmes and initiatives have positively impacted Ghana's energy development.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- Overall operational performance of the institution
- Strategic policy actions
- Challenges solved/achievements chalked
- Impact on Ghana's energy development

### ■ ENERGY TRANSITION MOST VALUABLE PLAYER (MVP) AWARD

Ghanaians must share in the long-term vision of Ghana's Energy Transition Framework if it is to be well-implemented. This honour is given to an exemplary person who has shown a commitment to this vision and has significantly contributed to the development of a net-zero energy system by their position, actions, achievements, and consistent public engagement.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The challenge solved/achievements chalked
- Approach to public engagement
- Strategic vision of nominee for energy development
- The impact of contributions on 2030-2040 targets

### ■ RISING STAR INDIVIDUAL

Given to a young person whose achievements demonstrate a potential that distinguishes them as emerging leaders in the sector. A person must be between the ages of eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) to qualify.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The challenges solved/Achievements chalked
- Leadership qualities
- The progress made in career path
- The growth potential of the nominee

### ■ RISING STAR COMPANY

Awarded to a company which is rapidly growing by establishing itself as a significant player in the energy sector. The company must demonstrate a long term strategy for building and financing sustainable business growth. A company must be in operation for less than ten (10) years to qualify (Nominee application must include copy of Registrar General's Certificate to Commence Business)

#### Criteria

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The overall performance of the company
- The challenges solved/achievements chalked
- The scalability of business model
- A clear path towards market leadership in their defined market



### ■ THE ENERGY SIGNATURE AWARD

This honour is given to individuals who have left an indelible mark on Ghana's energy sector by going above and beyond to contribute to the sector's development. The award is intended for persons with not less than ten (10) years of documented achievements in the sector with notable projects or policies to their credit.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The role nominee played as an industry player
- Widespread recognition and acceptance
- The challenges solved/achievements chalked
- The nominee's impact on Ghana's energy development

### ■ VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognises exemplary forward-thinking organisational heads who through their leadership style and organisational achievements have demonstrated a clear vision and commitment to building strategic plans to achieve long-term goals that advance Ghana's energy development. The awardee must stand tall among his/her peers.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The challenges solved/achievements chalked
- The overall performance of the organisation
- The impact on Ghana's energy development
- The nominee's strategic vision

### ■ GREEN CHIEF TRAILBLAZER AWARD

This award recognises the stellar pioneering contributions of persons to Ghana's clean energy development prior to the creation of the Energy Transition Framework. This is done to honour the trailblazers whose efforts set us on the path to a gradual and just transition, and to inspire others to continue. The candidate must have demonstrated inspiring leadership, a strong sense of personal responsibility, and substantial influence as a force for change.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The leadership impact of nominee
- The challenge solved/achievements chalked
- Widespread recognition and acceptance
- The impact of contributions on 2030-2040 targets

### ■ ENERGY REPORTER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an outstanding journalist, correspondent, reporter, writer, anchor, documentary maker, editor or media personnel, who served the sector and public interest through sound reporting and exceptional work. The nominee must have presented relevant and credible energy-related news that highlights issues, educates the public and is impactful.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The reporting structure of topic covered
- The effective use of multimedia production (text, images, videos, graphics)
- The impact of reportage on the sector and public interest
- The readership/viewership reach of the report



### ■ INNOVATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an individual or an organisation in the energy sector taking inventive approaches through innovative ideas, technology, products, programmes, or solutions to tackle a problem and improve efficiency.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The innovative/creative approach to challenge
- The user satisfaction and industry perception
- The social impact of the project
- The commercial viability of product/solution/technology

### ■ ENERGY THINK TANK OF THE YEAR

Awarded to a body of experts under a corporate body 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:

- The quality of papers
- The approach to public and political engagement
- The challenges solved/achievements chalked
- The impact of policy analysis, research and advocacy

### ■ ENERGY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an individual that provided strategic insights and advocacy on various energy sector issues that are of significance on a national and global level. The individual 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:

- The quality of contributions
- The approach to public and political engagement
- The challenges solved/achievements chalked
- The impact of policy analysis, research and advocacy

### ■ ENERGY INVESTMENT IMPACT AWARD

This award recognises donor agencies, organisations, banks, or institutions that provide the needed funds and investments to undertake energy-related policies, programmes, initiatives, and projects across the country.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The scale of the policy or project
- The challenges solved/achievements chalked
- The impact of the policy or project on Ghana's energy development
- The effective use of funding or investment



## ■ EXCELLENCE IN POWER GENERATION

This award is presented to a power generation plant distinguished by an innovative design, timely engineering upgrades, reliable generation with minimal downtime, relatively cheaper prices, or demonstrating sustainable generation in an eco-friendly manner.

### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The overall operational performance (Absence of labour issues)
- Proof of reliability with minimal downtime
- Technological innovation
- Environmentally-safe

## ■ CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

Recognises initiatives that demonstrate a strategic approach to tackling carbon emissions and protect the environment. Following the adoption of the initiative, the carbon footprint of the specific organisation or locality must have significantly decreased.

### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The contribution to reducing carbon emissions (indicate levels)
- The overall operational excellence of the initiative
- Technological innovation
- The benefits of initiative to the locality

## ■ OFF-GRID ENERGY SOLUTION OF THE YEAR

Awarded to a sustainable off-grid project or venture that offers economically viable and environmentally responsible electrification solutions to deprived localities. The project should feature a variety of renewable energy applications and be reliable.

### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The overall operational excellence of the project
- Cost-effectiveness
- The social and economic impact of solution
- Environmentally-safe

## ■ ENERGY ACCESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Ghana hopes to achieve universal access to electricity – 99.8% by 2030. This award will be given to organisations or individuals that are advancing projects, initiatives or solutions that contribute to scaling up rural electrification and keeping power on in a sustainable and environmentally responsible manner.

### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- Proof of reliability with minimal downtime
- Technological innovation
- The impact of project on 2030-2040 targets
- Environmentally-safe



### ■ RE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Under the Energy Transition Framework, Ghana's projected diverse energy mix will contain 21 GW of renewable energy, giving the country the chance to commercialize its renewable energy carbon credit and staying true to its pledges to a future with net-zero emissions. This award recognises renewable energy deployment projects that are delivering significant carbon savings.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The overall operational excellence of the project
- The contribution to reducing carbon emissions (indicate levels)
- The impact of project on 2030-2040 targets
- Technological innovation

### ■ DIVERSIFICATION PIONEER AWARD

The long-term targets of Ghana's Energy Transition Framework require oil and gas sector companies to gradually diversify their operations given the risks of; reduced funding for fossil-related projects; potential stranded assets; potential royalties, revenue and job losses among others. This award recognises proactive oil and gas companies taking bold steps to explore new opportunities to diversify their portfolio and embrace low-carbon investments.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The long-term operational strategy of company
- Technological Innovation
- The impact of portfolio diversification on 2030-2040 targets
- The strategic vision of company

### ■ BRAND OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an energy sector company or institution 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:

- The corporate communication programme
- The brand representation and acceptance
- The overall operational excellence of the organisation
- The challenges solved/achievements chalked

### ■ CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE YEAR

This Award will be given to an energy sector organisation that has demonstrated exceptional dedication and contributions to overcoming social challenges through their CSR initiatives, safeguarding the welfare of an affected group or location.

#### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- The strategy, Execution and Value of CSR (indicate both in-cash/kind)
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- The challenges solved/Achievements chalked
- The long-term impact of CSR on affected group or location



## ■ HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award honours organisations that have led initiatives to create, implement or attain comprehensive workplace health and safety conditions, standards and/or certificates for productive organisational operations.

### CRITERIA

Score nominee from 1-10 based on:

- Demonstration of commitment to workplace health and safety
- The challenges solved/achievement chalked
- The benefit of the initiative to employees
- The benefit of the initiative to business operations and the environment

## NON-COMPETITIVE AWARDS

### ■ OSAGYEFO YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD

Given to a young and emerging person in the energy sector, whose consistent efforts and achievements have gained widespread recognition and proven pivotal to the growth of the sector. A person must be between the ages of thirty-five (35) to forty-five (45) years to qualify.

### ■ WOMEN IN ENERGY EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award goes to women in the energy sector who have challenged the status quo through career achievements, (in areas of policy development and advocacy, research, field operations, administration, among many others), exemplary leadership, exceptional performance and their contribution to energy development. Particular attention is placed on efforts to drive gender mainstreaming agenda and support equal opportunities in the energy sector.

### ■ EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Given to a public servant who through their office has contributed to Ghana's energy development over the year in review.

### ■ LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This honour is given to a generally accepted person, who through their lifetime contributed to the development of Ghana's energy sector through extensive, active participation and service. The award is intended for persons with at least twenty (20) years of documented achievements in the sector.

### ■ GEA HALL OF FAME

The Hall of Fame will honour outstanding winners of the Ghana Energy Awards community whose contributions to Ghana's energy sector have been notable, substantial and long-standing. Inductees must have won a given competitive category for at least three times.