



SCIENCE DIPLOMACY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Deadline: Thursday, 31 July 2025

Nominations are invited for the science diplomacy awards taking place at Science Forum South Africa 2025.

The SFSA 2025 Science Diplomacy Awards (awards) recognise individuals and organisations who are making an outstanding contribution to furthering science diplomacy.

SFSA 2025 aims to honour these individuals whose work lies at the intersection of science, international cooperation and partnerships, policy advice, evidence-based decision-making, and diplomacy with a footprint in regional and global science community.

Nominations could be individuals including Scientists; Policy Makers; Business; Civil Society; NGOs; media, etc.) who have served both country and global interests alike.

The SFSA 2025 awards are committed to equal opportunity for all persons, without regard to race, colour, religion, sexual orientation, gender, nationality, creed, age, disability, institutional affiliations, etc. Nominations are expected from a wide range of disciplines, diverse organisations, geographic locations, and social demographics.

All award nominees/winners are expected to meet the commonly held standards of professional ethics and scientific integrity.

ELIGIBILITY

- Nominees are open to both South African citizens as well as non-South African citizens.
- The nominated individual should have contributed in the STI or advisory policy community on international and global science cooperation, partnerships in building stronger links between and among societies.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- One nomination per category, per person.
- All motivations in the categories tabled below should be limited to no more than 600 words.

AWARD CATEGORIES

1. **Science advice that has transcended national and international spheres**
The successful candidate would be a global thought leader who has been

able to provide scientific advice nationally and internationally that has had a profound impact on society. These could include, but are not limited to, contributions to global issues through science such as climate change, social sciences, health, etc.

2. **International STI partnerships**

The candidate under this category is someone who has been instrumental in promoting international STI partnerships, with a focus on South Africa. Their individual engagements across institutions and governments are seen as critical for the success of such a partnership.

3. **International STI partnership contribution to advancing African regional cooperation, integration and development**

The nomination under this category has been a champion for Africa STI promotion and implementation, striving towards the Vision of Agenda 2063.

4. **Recognition of individual effort over a career to put science at service of society and fostering international friendships**

The individual under this category has, through the timeline of their career, been able to contribute to science and built international networks benefiting South Africa.

5. **International STI partnership which has achieved excellence in global science**

This category will focus on specific international STI partnerships (multilateral or bilateral with South Africa) that has contributed to excellence in science globally.

6. **Young Science Diplomat Award**

This category will focus on a young Science Diplomat who has consistently built strong relations and facilitated international STI partnerships for the benefit of the South African National System of Innovation. Nominee must be 40 years and below as of 31 July 2024.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted online via the SFSA website [here](#) by the deadline on **31 July 2025**. See the template nomination form for the required details.

The awards will be presented during the Science Forum SA (24-28 November 2025). The exact date and time will be confirmed once the SFSA 2025 programme is finalised.

TEMPLATE NOMINATION FORM

2025 SCIENCE DIPLOMACY AWARDS

The submission deadline is 31 July 2025

NOMINATION PERSON / INSTITUTION

Name*

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First name

surname

Email*

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example@example.com

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Re-type email address to confirm correctness

Contact number*

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Country Code

Area Code

Phone Number

Organisation / company*

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Job title / Position*

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Country of residence*

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CATEGORY 1

Science advice that has transcended national and international spheres

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Candidate / Nominee name

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First name

Surname

Organisation / company*

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Job title / Position*

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Country of residence*

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Motivation for nomination in this category (max 600 words)

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CATEGORY 2

International STI partnerships

The candidate under this category is someone who has been instrumental in promoting international STI partnerships, with a focus on South Africa. Their individual engagements across institutions and governments are seen as critical for the success of such a partnership.

Candidate / Nominee name

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First name

Surname

Organisation / company*

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Job title / Position*

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Country of residence*

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Motivation for nomination in this category (max 600 words)

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CATEGORY 3

International STI partnership contribution to
advancing African regional cooperation,
integration and development

The nomination under this category has been a champion for Africa STI promotion and implementation, striving towards the Vision of Agenda 2063.

Candidate / Nominee name

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Surname

Organisation / company*

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Job title / Position*

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Country of residence*

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Motivation for nomination in this category (max 600 words)

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CATEGORY 4

Recognition of individual effort over a career to put science at service of society and fostering international friendships

The individual under this category has, through the timeline of their career, been able to contribute to science and built international networks benefiting South Africa.

Candidate / Nominee name

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First name

Surname

Organisation / company*

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Job title / Position*

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Country of residence*

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Motivation for nomination in this category (max 600 words)

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CATEGORY 5

International STI partnership which has achieved excellence in global science

This category will focus on specific international STI partnerships (multilateral or bilateral with South Africa) that has contributed to excellence in science globally.

Candidate / Nominee name

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First name

Surname

Organisation / company*

Job title / Position*

Country of residence*

Motivation for nomination in this category (max 600 words)

CATEGORY 6

Young Science Diplomat Award

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Candidate / Nominee name

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First name

Surname

Organisation / company*

Job title / Position*

Country of residence*

Motivation for nomination in this category (max 600 words)

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