

2ACCA

SECOND AFRICA CONGRESS ON CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE

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2018 Conservation Agriculture Awards

**The search for the winners
of the 2018 CA Awards is now open**

Nominators are invited to nominate outstanding individuals or organizations that have made exemplary contributions, in diverse ways, to the adaptation, promotion and adoption Conservation Agriculture in Africa.

The winners will be unveiled at a high profile CA Gala Event at the Second Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture (2ACCA) to be held 9 to 12 October 2018 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Why Conservation Agriculture Awards

Accelerating the adoption and spread of CA in Africa will depend on encouraging and supporting role models and champions who can practice and promote good quality CA and benefiting from it. Africa already has role models and very good ones too. What is missing is identifying them, recognizing and celebrating their efforts and contributions, documenting and sharing their successes and challenges.

The initiators of the Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture (ACCA) therefore take pride in greater performance, diversity, and innovation in the promotion and adoption of Conservation Agriculture in Africa. They honour and recognize outstanding individuals or organizations dedicated to adaptation, promotion and adoption of best quality Conservation Agriculture in the continent. To accomplish this, a highly regarded award scheme dubbed “**Conservation Agriculture (CA) Awards**” has been established as one of the key “permanent” endeavours to identify and appreciate the CA pioneers and champions who are engaged in transforming agriculture in Africa based on the concepts, principles and practices of Conservation Agriculture systems.

The main objective of the CA Awards is to recognize extraordinary Africa women, men, and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion, adoption and spread of Conservation Agriculture, triggering an irreversible transformation to a more sustainable, productive, profitable and environmentally friendly African agriculture.



Mr. Harouna Sawadogo from Burkina Faso receives an award sponsored by ACT and presented by Eng. Saidi Mkomwa for being best farmer practicing CA under the most challenging conditions (CA challenge Award) at 1ACCA in Lusaka Zambia 2014



Mrs. Hellen Masibo from Kenya receives an award sponsored by CCARDESA and presented by Hon. Robert Sichinga, (then) Minister Trade, Commerce and Industry and Dr. Simon Mwale of CCARDESA for being the best Upcoming CA Farmer in Eastern Africa at 1ACCA in Lusaka Zambia 2014

Conservation Agriculture Awards Categories

The foundation and design of the CA Awards categories is informed by the myriad of challenges hindering the promotion, adoption and spread of Conservation Agriculture systems and practices in Africa. These challenges require contributions of different stakeholders in the agriculture and rural development sector in order to elevate the adoption and spread of Conservation Agriculture as the most preferred option.

Different stakeholders have in diverse ways innovatively manoeuvred through the daunting challenges and overcome them. It is important to share their unique innovations and contributions and recognize them as role models and champions in the Pan-African and global CA Communities of Practice.

The 2ACCA Secretariat therefore, categorizes its Awards scheme according to different roles in the promotion of CA, the intention being to reward pioneering or champion efforts to overcome CA promotion and adoption obstacles and encourage others to follow or emulate them.

2018 CA Award Categories

During the 2018 2ACCA, six distinct categories of Awards will be recognized, which include:

A1. 2018 Conservation Agriculture Male and Female Challenge Award:

This Award is intended to honour and recognize one male and one female champion who has practiced good quality CA under the most challenging conditions e.g. rainfall variations, policy environment, or labour shortages. The Awards under this category will include:

- 2018 CA Male Challenge Award
- 2018 CA Female Challenge Award

A2. 2018 CA Media Award:

This Award is intended to honour a Journalist and 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:

- 2018 CA Journalist Award
- 2018 CA Media House Award

A3. 2018 CA Model Farmer Award:

This Award is intended to honour and recognize CA role model farmers. This will be a farmer who has adopted CA, is practicing and has influenced other farmers to adopt CA. Under this category, FIVE awardees (selection will be, One CA farmer each from Southern Africa, Eastern Africa, Central Africa, West Africa and North Africa) will be recognized as CA Farmer Champions. The Awards in this category will include:

- 2018 CA Model Farmer Southern Africa Award
- 2018 CA Model Farmer Eastern Africa Award
- 2018 CA Model Farmer Central Africa Award
- 2018 CA Model Farmer Western Africa Award
- 2018 CA Model Farmer Northern Africa Award

A4. 2018 Conservation Agriculture Upcoming Young Farmer Award:

This Award is intended to recognize and honour one young and upcoming CA farmer. The young farmer (age below 30 years and youngest of the nominees) must have adopted CA for at least the past three years, has demonstrated an expanding career in CA, and has had proven influence on other youthful farmers to adopt CA. Only one Award is given under this category.

A5. 2018 Conservation Agriculture Mechanization Award:

This Award is intended to recognize and honour an individual, company or organization which has supported, championed and facilitated access to CA mechanization equipment and services in Africa through appropriate dealership; innovative designs, fabrication and machinery adaptations; supportive mechanization equipment and service access business models; and appreciable CA mechanization after sale services. Only one Award is given under this category.

A6. 2018 Conservation Agriculture Champions Award:

This Award is intended to recognize and honour an individual or organization who has championed the cause of CA in Africa.

Category eligibility, selection and nomination procedure

For each category, different eligibility criteria, selection process and nomination procedures apply as recommended by the 2ACCA International Steering Committee (ISC). Information on these can access through the following link <https://caawards.africacacongress.org/nomination-process/>

However, it is important to note:

- That all nominations will be submitted through the online application form available at: <https://goo.gl/forms/v2pnubyN7uJpggRF3> and all Award related emails should be directed to: awardscongress@act-africa.org
- All selected Awardees will be publicly announced and honoured during the Awards and Gala Event at the Second Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture.

Evaluation process

The selection and administration of the CA Awards is done by the **2018 CA Awards Committee** established by The International Steering Committee of the Second Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture (2ACCA) and operates on clear stipulated terms of reference (ToRs).


The Award administrator receives and acknowledges each submission, screening all applications for eligibility. After the initial screening, members of the Award Committee will review and evaluate the applications for the different categories based on the candidates' innovation efforts and documents submitted against established criteria, and recommend the eligible winners to the ISC.

Awards and Sponsorship

The CA Awards are designed to have a financial or in-kind grant, certificate and a trophy. Thus, the organizers of 2ACCA invite sponsors to support and provide the 2018 CA Awards for the different Award categories based on their interest and focus.

Any sponsor willing and ready to participate in this process is advised to notify the Congress Secretariat through the email: awardscongress@act-africa.org. Sponsorship to this programme have accrual benefits as indicated in the 2ACCA sponsor prospectus under special sponsorship category available at the link: <http://africacacongress.org/generaldownloads/prospectus-sponsors-exhibitors-2nd-acc-a>

For more information on Conservation Agriculture Awards, kindly visit the site: <https://caawards.africacacongress.org/>



Be part of the process that recognizes
Conservation Agriculture champions

Nominate, Sponsor or Celebrate with them!