



# The National Arbor City Awards 2022

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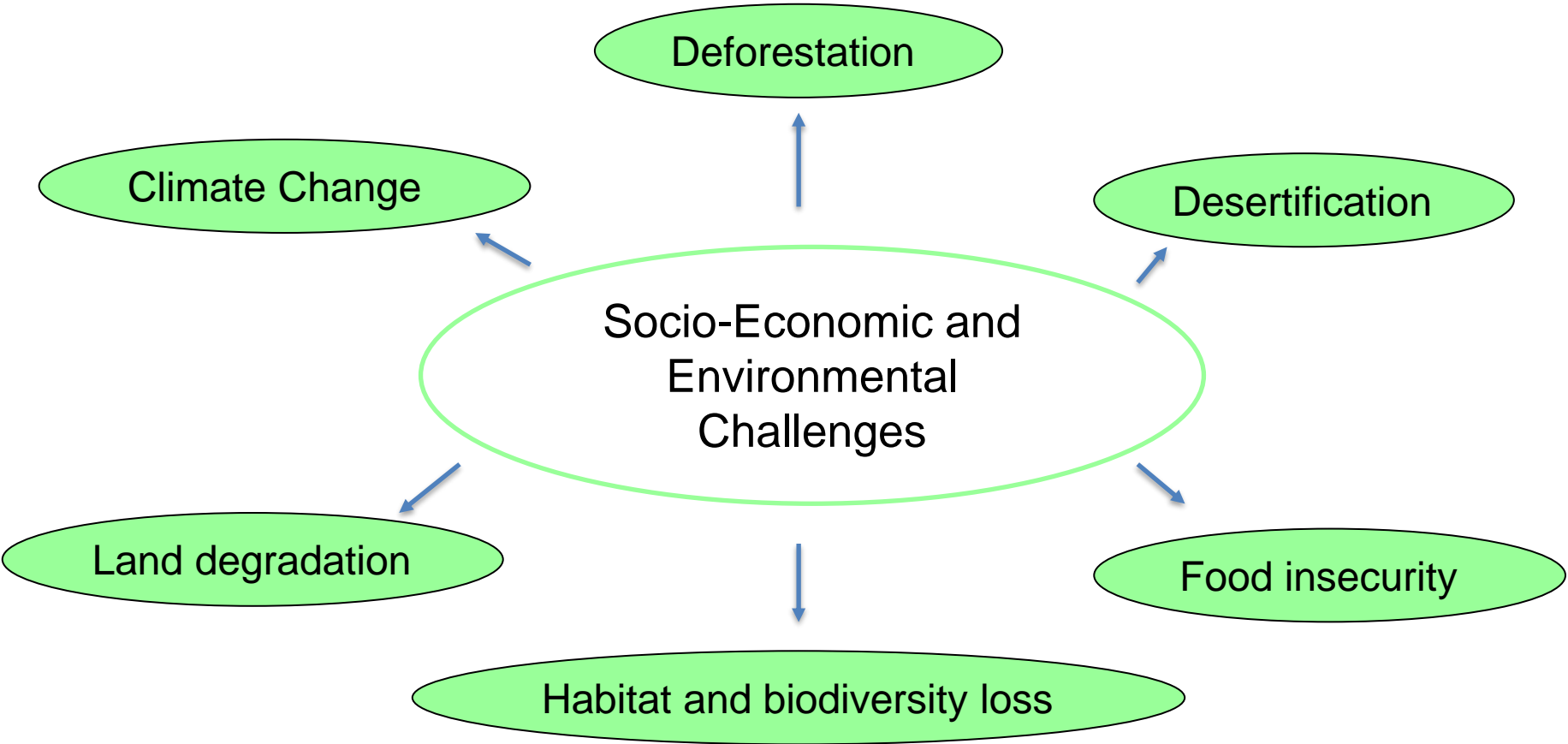


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# BACKGROUND



# GREENING I

## Greening is a national function of the Dept of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)

- It is a form of Community Forestry as defined in the NFA Chapter 4
- It is spearheaded by DFFE in partnership with various stakeholders
- It rolls out at local level & therefore it has to be in local plans (IDP's) & other related plans
- It supports Outcome 10 of the MTSF



# GREENING II

Greening is the planting, care and management of all vegetation types in urban and rural areas, to secure multiple benefits for residents” (*National greening strategy ,2010*)

Targeted areas include:

**Cities, townships and informal settlements or new development areas.**

- Greening follows an integrated approach, mainly focusing on parks, streets, open spaces, green belts, cemeteries, as well as homesteads.



# NATIONAL ARBOR CITY AWARDS (NACA)

- It is a greening competition for municipalities – started in 2002.
- It is administered by DFFE and sponsored by TOTAL Energies
- Other main partners are the IERM and SANBI
- It has four categories: **Metropolitan; Local; Small Rural Local Municipality and Youth Participation in Greening.**



# OBJECTIVES OF ARBOR CITY AWARDS

- To promote the Ten Million Trees Programme
- To promote the development of provincial and local greening plans.
- To extend greening in local municipalities to disadvantaged areas
- To ensure compliance with relevant environmental legislations
- To raise awareness on the importance and value of trees in residential settlements
- To promote greening of the country in general
- To provide a platform for diagnosis of challenges facing municipalities regarding greening funding and also to discuss solutions.



# ADVERTISEMENT OF THE NACA

NACA is advertised in April every year using the following platforms:

- DFFE website
- IERM website
- Coordinated and communicated through IERM internal networks
- DFFE also contacts and communicates directly with municipalities.



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# REQUIREMENTS OF NACA COMPETITION

- **Entry form and POE**
- **Category A and B municipalities (Metro and Local)**  
**POE:** Concept on Ten Million Trees Programme; Greening policy or strategy, tree registers, maintenance plans and budget
  - motivation
  - project videos or pictures
- **Small Rural Local Municipalities (Category C)**  
**POE:** Concept on Ten Million Trees Programme; potential for greening ; a written account of environmental/ greening projects
  - a motivation
  - project videos or pictures
- **Youth Participation in Greening Category:** Demonstration of youth involvement in greening projects through PoE or during project visits



# ADJUDICATION PROCESS OF NACA

Adjudication  
Timeline

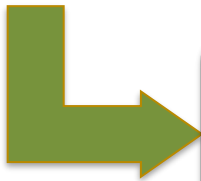
- June – July 2022



First shortlist is a desk exercise (evaluation of entry forms and POE)



Visit to shortlisted Municipalities



Winners announced in August 2022



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# ENTRIES FOR 2022 NACA COMPETITION

- DFFE received 30 entries
- 10 Municipalities were shortlisted
  - 2 Metropolitan Municipalities
  - 6 Local Municipalities
  - 2 Small Rural Local Municipalities



# WINNERS FOR 2022 NACA I

Metropolitan Category 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner

City of Johannesburg



Local Municipality Category 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner

Overstrand Municipality



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# WINNERS FOR 2022 NACA II

Local Municipality Category 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner

Sundays River Valley Municipality



Local Municipality Category 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner

Steve Tshwete Municipality



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# WINNERS FOR 2022 NACA III

- Small Rural Local Municipality Category  
**Inxuba Yethemba Municipality**
  
- Youth Participation in Greening  
**Bushbuckridge Municipality**



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# LESSONS LEARNT

- Municipalities often fail to meet the deadline (closing date for entries and delivery of POE)
- Some municipalities assign the filling up of the entry forms to inappropriate people and wrong information is provided
- Incomplete, inaccurate POE's are handed in
- Presentations are done by junior people who at times cannot articulate issues sufficiently
- Time allocated to presentations and field trips is not well managed
- Generally most municipalities do not have an approved policy or strategy
- Tree administration tools such as a register are usually lacking
- Some municipalities enter the competition once and then give up



# BENEFITS OF THE NACA COMPETITION

- Municipalities that frequently enter the competition gather experience and tend to excel
- Entering the NACA has a marketing value both locally and internationally
- It raises the level of awareness and interest of senior management and councillors
- It has monetary value – which assists municipalities in their greening initiatives





# CONCLUSION

- We need the relevant people to handle the Arbor City Awards competition within municipalities
- Presenters must be on top of their presentations
- We need inputs from the IERM members on how to continuously improve the competition
- Feedback on municipal participation will always be provided.



# THANK YOU!

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Thank You



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