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National Arbor City Awards 2023



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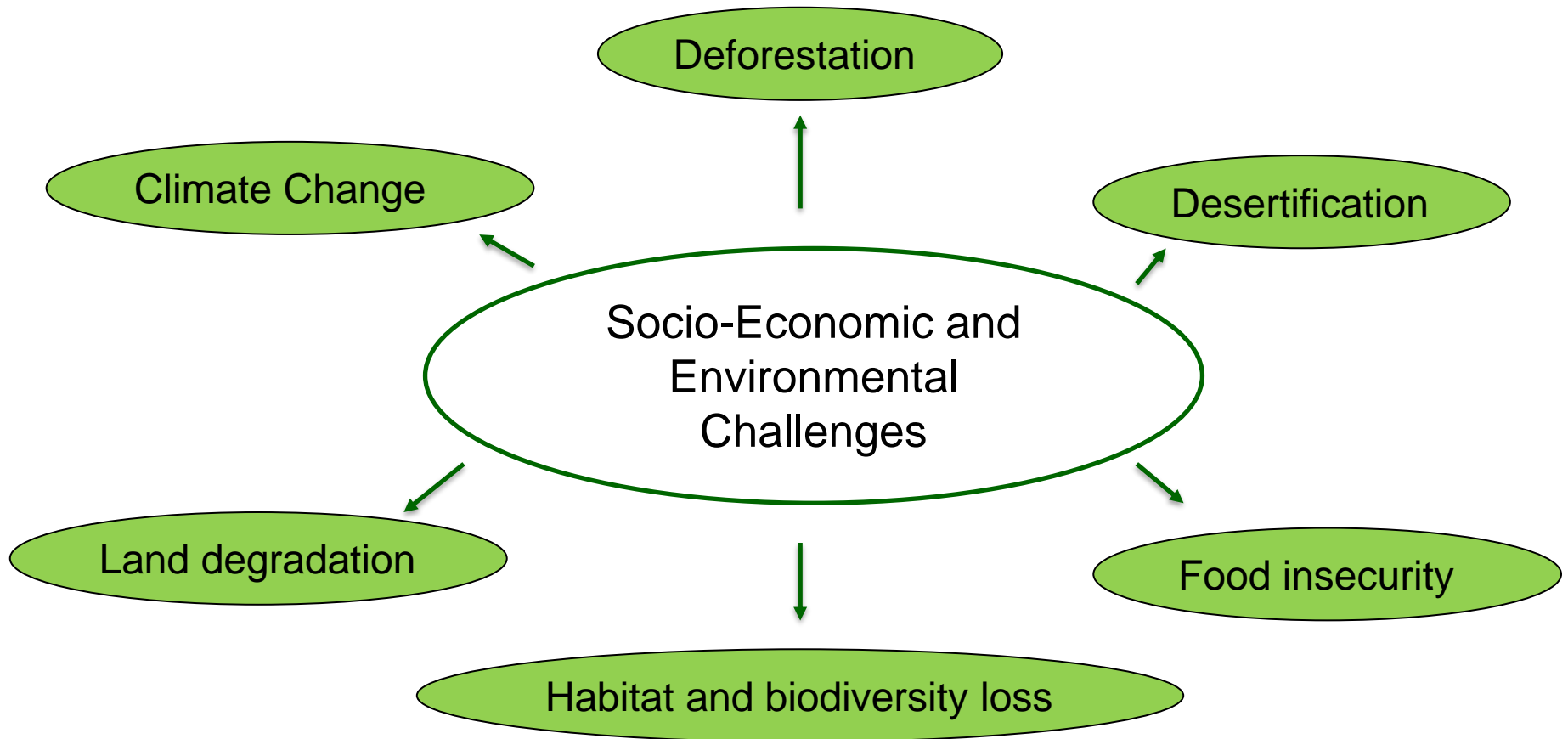


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BACKGROUND



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GREENING I

Greening is a 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 Priority 5 of the 2019-2024 MTSF – Spatial Integration, Human Settlements and Local Government

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 ,2006*)

Targeted areas include:

Cities, townships and informal settlements/ low-cost housing or new development areas.

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



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GREENING III



- From A **Million Trees** to **Ten Million Trees**: A call by the Office of the Presidency of SA – (2020)
- Ten Million Trees planted over five (5) years
- Ten Million Trees Programme Aims to:
 - To create sustainable settlements in South Africa
 - To mitigate the effects of climate change
 - To provide food security
 - To provide and/or enhance recreation facilities
 - To provide green infrastructure services i.e. promotion of biodiversity, storm water control, local temperature control, soil and wind erosion minimization, wind breaks
- Anchors of the Ten Million Trees Programme, - **The Arbor Month Campaign**, - **The National Arbor City Awards**, - **School Greening**, - **Trees for Homes**



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THE NATIONAL ARBOR CITY AWARDS



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NATIONAL ARBOR CITY AWARDS (NACA)



It is a greening competition for municipalities – initiated in **2002**

It is led by DFFE: Forestry Management Branch and sponsored by TotalEnergies

Other key partners – **the Institute of Environment and Recreation Management (IERM) and the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)**

It has four categories:
Metropolitan; Local; Small Rural Local Municipality and Youth Participation in Greening.



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OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL 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.



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NACA COMPETITION ADVERTISEMENT

The competition was advertised in May this year using the following platforms:

- **DFFE website – www.dffe.gov.za**
- **IERM website – www.ierm.org.za**
- Coordinated and communicated through **IERM networks**
- The Forestry Management Branch communicated directly with municipalities



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EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR NACA COMPETITION

METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY

Concept on strategy for the municipality to advance the Ten Million Trees Programme

Greening policy or strategy, tree registers, maintenance plans and budget

Current and future tree planting projects to advance the Ten Million Tree Programme

Portfolio of evidence in videos or pictures depicting projects, sites and special trees

A narrative not exceeding two pages indicating why the Municipality hopes to be the winner of the National Arbor City Award

LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CATEGORY B

Concept on strategy for the municipality to advance the Ten Million Trees Programme

Greening policy or strategy, tree register, maintenance plans and budget

Current and future tree planting projects to advance the Ten Million Tree Programme

Portfolio of evidence in videos or pictures depicting projects, sites and special trees

A narrative not exceeding two pages indicating why the Municipality hopes to be the winner of the National Arbor City Award

SMALL RURAL LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Concept on strategy for the municipality to advance the Ten Million Trees Programme

Current and future tree planting projects to advance the Ten Million Trees Programme

Portfolio of evidence showing potential in greening

A written account of environmental and greening projects by the municipality

A narrative not exceeding two pages indicating why the Municipality hopes to be the winner of the National Arbor City Award

YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN GREENING

Demonstration of youth involvement in greening projects through PoE or during project visits

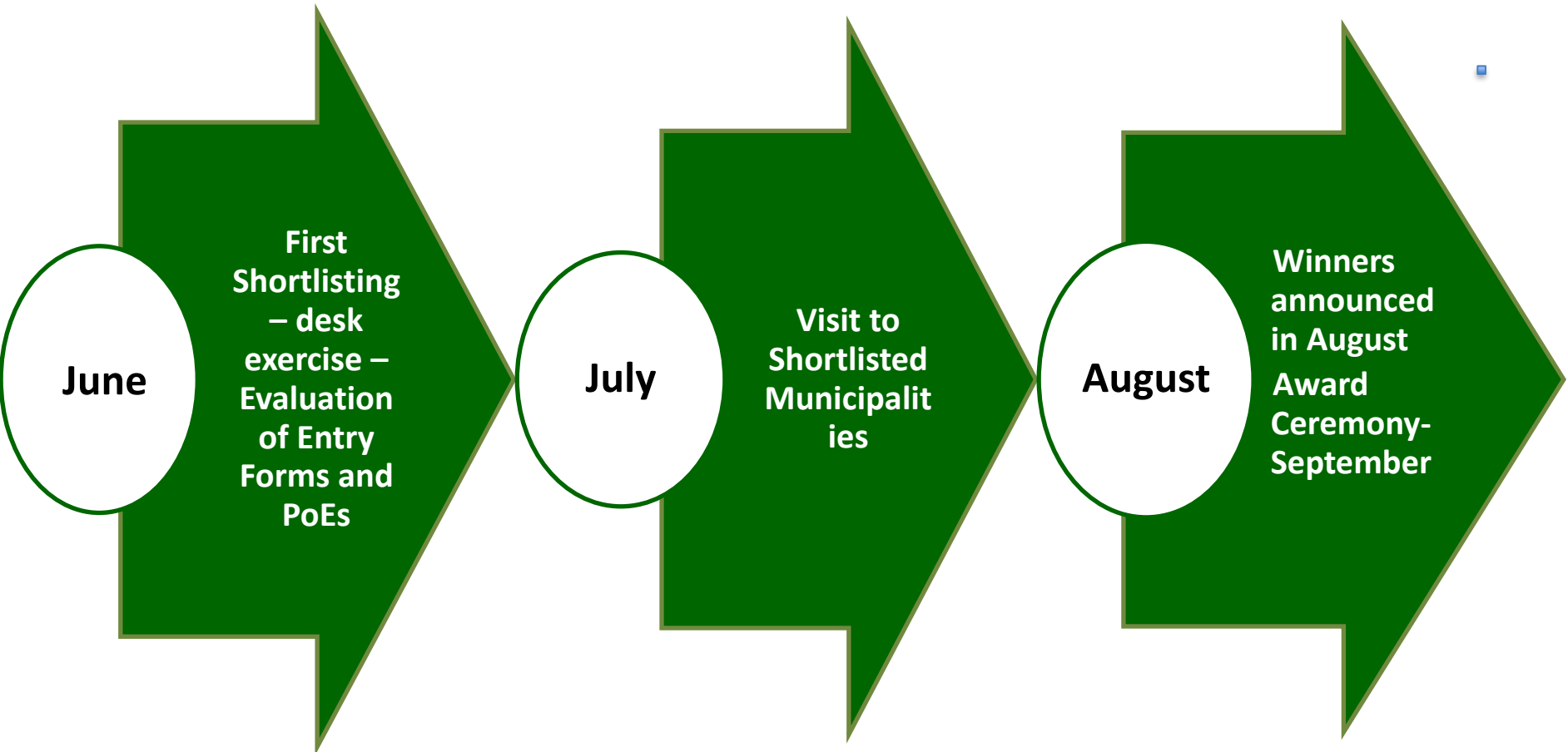


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ADJUDICATION PROCESS FOR NACA



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ENTRIES FOR 2023

42 entries were received comprising of:

- 3** Metropolitan Municipalities
- 26** Category B -Local Municipalities
- 13** Small Rural Local Municipalities

2023 NACA shortlisted municipalities

- 3** Metropolitan Municipalities
- 4** Category B -Local Municipalities
- 3** Small Rural Local Municipalities



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WINNERS FOR NACA 2023

Metropolitan Category: Winner has not been announced yet

Category B Local Municipality Category:

1st Prize Winner – Polokwane Local Municipality

2nd Prize Winner – Stellenbosch Local Municipality

3rd Prize Winner – Kouga Local Municipality

Small Rural Local Municipality Category: Inxuba Yethemba Local Municipality

Youth Participation in Greening Award: Ndwedwe Local Municipality

BENEFITS OF NACA COMPETITION

- Municipalities get guidance on developing greening policies and plans
- NACA offers opportunities for research and development in the urban-rural forestry space
- The competition has a marketing value both locally and internationally
- Municipalities that frequently enter the competition gather knowledge, experience and tend to excel in areas of jurisdiction
- The competition raises the level of awareness and interest of senior management and political leaders
- NACA has monetary value – which assists municipalities with their greening initiatives



THANK YOU!

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