



Friday 15th May

RE: SIFSA Women in Forestry Awards

Dear Forestry Colleague,

In 2025, Merensky's Tammy Makgatho was recipient of the She Is Forestry SA – Resounding contribution to the Forestry Sector or the Forest Product Value Chain Award. Professor Sanushka Naidoo, from the FMP Programme, took home the Resounding Contribution to Forestry Science and Research Award, Dudu Gumede won the Small-scale Enterprise Recognition Award, while Mondi's Cindy Mji was the first to be awarded our new Resounding Contribution Behind the Scenes Award. All remarkable women, from a field of equally exceptional nominees.

This year we are asking those involved in the Forestry Industry and the Forest Products Value Chain to again nominate a **single** individual per company, association or institute for each of our awards:

- Resounding contribution to the Forestry Sector or the Forest Product Value Chain
- Resounding contribution to Forestry Science and Research
- Small-scale Forest Enterprise Award
- Resounding contribution behind the scenes

It is down to the company, association or institute to decide the criteria for selecting their nominee, although we urge that you write a compelling motivation outlining this. The submission should include a photograph of the individual along with the following information:

- Their name
- The award nominated for
- The name of the company, association or institute making the nomination
- Their job role (if applicable)
- A motivation as to why they have been nominated and should receive the award

Submissions should be **limited to a single page**, subsequent pages of those that exceed this will not be considered by the judges. **Photographs** of the individual need to be over **1MB in size** and **submitted as a JPEG**.

Deadline for submissions is 30 June 2026, all submissions need to be emailed to: katy@forestrysouthafrica.co.za. If a single company, association or institute submits more than one nominee only the first to be received will be considered by the Judges. Nominations received after this date will sadly not be considered.

A panel made up of Khosi Mavimbela, Julia Rees, Nelly Mjikwa, Morongoa Leseke and Katy Johnson, will review all submissions and select the winner, who will be revealed at the She Is Forestry SA Webinar on the 6th August 2025.

We look forward to receiving your submission and will send out a reminder in May and then again in early June.

Kind Regards

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