

Pro forma for Agriculturist of the Year

The following pro forma MUST be used to enable the judges to meaningfully compare the candidates with one another.

It is mainly about the essence, principles, value systems and life ethics of the candidate as well as his/her achievements, the value of his/her work to agriculture and the local and international status.

1. The candidate

(10 points)

Give a full description of the nominee and his/her work environment during his/her career. Emphasis must be placed on qualifications and the fields of his/her expertise.

2. Value to the farmer and agriculture

(50 points)

Describe the manner in which he/she shares his/her knowledge with the farmers. How does this knowledge precipitate in a practical way? How valuable is this knowledge to farmers and how does it enable them to farm better and more sustainably? What is the effect of his/her research (as researcher), extension (as agricultural extensioner) or service (as manager/administrator) on agriculture? In other words, what is the impact factor of the candidate? In what way does this add value to agriculture, industry or the organisation the farmer is involved with?

3. Adaptation to change

(20 points)

Describe how the candidate keeps abreast of the changing agricultural environment and adapt his/her research/extension/service thereto. How relevant is the candidate concerning the daily challenges?

4. Acknowledgement

(20 points)

Describe the candidate's achievements as well as the acknowledgement he/she enjoys at local and/or international level. What is his/her international status?