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SDG Roll-Out Support and Private Sector Engagement

SDG BUSINESS PIONEERS AWARD IN BIH FOR 2019

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

SDG Business Pioneers Award in BiH is the first annual competition of this kind in Bosnia and Herzegovina aiming to promote private sector's efforts in the field of sustainable development in the country.

There are admirable activities and strategies of private companies contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals both globally and in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The SDG Business Pioneers Award in BiH will:

- recognize and highlight efforts of private sector companies towards achieving the SDGs in BiH.
- motivate new actors in the sector to incorporate the SDGs into their business models.

The focus of this year's SDG Business Pioneers Award in BiH is creation of decent jobs and protection of environment. Therefore the competition will try to identify SDG Business Pioneers in Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2019 in two themes: People and Resources & Environment.

The competition is open to small, medium and large companies in BiH. The Award is organized in the framework of "SDG Roll-Out Support and Private Sector Engagement" project implemented by UNDP and financed by the Swedish Government.

### Main themes and general conditions for applications

The focus of this year's award is the creation of good jobs and environmental protection. Therefore, through this activity, efforts will be made to identify the business leaders of sustainable development in Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2019 in two thematic areas, namely "People" and "Resources and the Environment".

Thematic area "People":

SDG Business Pioneers in BiH for 2019 in this category will be companies that are inspiration to others in the ways they treat their employees and customers and create decent jobs (SDG 8 & SDG 10). A particular attention will be dedicated to recognition of companies that excel in provision of working conditions and treatment of women and vulnerable populations in respective companies (SDG 5). The Award will also promote ethical business and solutions leading to 0 corruption policies at company level (SDG 16).



Thematic area "Resources and Environment"

SDG Business Pioneers in BiH for 2019 in this category will be companies that prove that they think about their eco foot print and the ones that deliberately and continually improve their value chains (SDG 12 & 9). Investment in people, research & development and new technologies will also be evaluated as well as the innovation process within the company (SDG 5 & 11).

## Categories

The award for SDG Business Pioneers in BiH is awarded to small, medium and large companies that apply with their projects.

**Small company** is every company that employs 10-49 employees.

**Medium company** is a company employing from 49 to 249 employees.

**Large company** employs more than 249 workers.

## Awards

Companies can apply with one or more projects within the proposed topics (one project for "People" theme and another project for "Resources & Environment" theme).

The Award will celebrate maximum of six companies during the annual award ceremony. The winners will be awarded in three categories based on two thematic areas (eg the winner on theme "People" for small, medium and large enterprises).

The overall winner of the competition is also foreseen. The Overall winner is chosen among the companies that have applied one or more projects in both thematic areas, and demonstrate outstanding results in both categories.

The organizer of the activity reserves the right not to declare winners in one of the categories, in case that un-sufficient number of companies are registered for the category, or the applications submitted are not of adequate quality. In cases if less than three companies apply for a category, they will be associated with applications in the category closest to the one in which they have applied and will have the equal status to win the prize.

## Evaluation criteria

The Evaluation Committee will review and independently evaluate all relevant applications. The results of the individual assessment of each committee member will give a total sum for each application. The 3-5 applications with highest scores in each category will be shortlisted and will be invited to the final ceremony. Individual category winners will be selected from shortlisted applications.



The Evaluation Committee will consider 4 evaluation fields. The fields that are considered for each application are: General impression (10%) and three thematic fields (3x30%).

Within each thematic field there are three indicators that are evaluated and ranked. Scoring is based on a scale from 1 to 10 (where 0 is negative and 10 is the best mark).

## Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee of the SDG Business Pioneers Award in BiH consists of representatives of the public, private and non-profit sector, together representatives of SIDA and UNDP. The Committee will decide on the shortlisted companies in each category based on the first selection of candidates prepared by the project.

The nominated applicants will be approved by the SDG Private Sector Working Group. After the approval and further elaboration of each individual case (including request for additional information and due diligence process where necessary), the evaluation committee will make final decisions.

## How to apply?

The application process is based on an e-application available on website [www.zamisli2030.ba/sdgpioneers](http://www.zamisli2030.ba/sdgpioneers). Using the e-forms, the companies will decide to apply in a single theme or in both themes. Only the companies that apply for both themes may be declared the overall winner of the SDG Business Pioneers Award in BiH (according to criteria for selection of the overall winner). There is a possibility that a winner in an individual category and theme is also declared the overall winner in award ceremony.

The Award is opened to all private sector companies from Bosnia and Herzegovina and the ones that have their registered business facilities on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina and employ citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Small, medium and large companies may nominate projects that reflect their efforts to tackle sustainable development issues, bring profit and make companies more resilient while improving lives of the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

***NOTE: The project reserves the right to remove the SDG Business Pioneer in BiH recognition if the company in any case jeopardize the implementation of SDG targets and Agenda 2030 in general and/or is later deemed to be a reputational risk to the SDG Business Pioneer in BiH campaign and/or the UN.***

The application period for the SDG Business Pioneers Award in BiH for 2019 is opened from January 1 to March 10, 2019.

**Deadline for submission of applications is March 10, 2019 at 11:59 pm.**