



NAMIBIAN  
AGRONOMIC BOARD

2023 CALL FOR  
APPLICATION:

BEST SCHOOL  
GARDEN OF  
THE YEAR  
COMPETITION

Due Date: 25 August 2023



The Namibian Agronomic Board (NAB) annually hosts the National Agronomy and Horticulture Awards (NAHA) ceremony aimed at recognizing and awarding the value chain actors (producers, processors, traders, service providers, and school gardens) that have contributed significantly to the development and growth of Namibia's agronomy and horticulture industry.

This year's awards ceremony will be hosted on the **14th of September 2023**, at the **Mashare Irrigation Project** in the **Kavango East region**, under the theme banner, "Promoting a Resilient, Sustainable, and Profitable Crop Industry".

Therefore, we hereby call for all schools that have active gardens to apply and participate in the competition for the Best School Garden of The Year. The competition aims to identify schools that have extended teaching and learning beyond classroom settings by expanding it outside, through gardening.



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## Why Participate?

- To enhance gardening/crop growing knowledge through interaction and networking with industry
- To secure the award prize and supplement the financial needs of the garden
- To receive school gardening training and mentorship service
- To ensure continuous practical teaching and learning at the school level.
- Diversify daily meals for the school feeding program







## APPLICATION FORMS

The application forms for the competition can be accessed from the NAB website <https://www.nab.com.na/downloads/>, under the downloads section. Alternatively, you may request the form [pro@nab.com.na](mailto:pro@nab.com.na). Once the application form has been completed, please scan and email it to: [Tresia.Simon@nab.com.na](mailto:Tresia.Simon@nab.com.na)

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once the application has been received, the NAB will establish a team of five (5) experts to assess all the qualifying school gardens in the field that meet the eligibility criteria.

The winner will be notified within seven (7) days after the completion of the field assessment to be done in line with the selection criteria outlined above. The winner will be awarded at the National Agronomy and Horticulture Awards (NAHA) ceremony and will walk away with a **certificate** and an award valued at **N\$30 000.00** to be used for the purposes of maintaining and improving the school garden.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Offer agriculture as a subject
- Have a dedicated person to take care of the garden.
- Must have a well-maintained and operational garden.
- Both private and public schools are eligible to apply.
- Must Plant two or more vegetable or grain crops per growing season.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Proper record keeping on garden sales
- Support school feeding program/soup kitchen at school
- Sell surpluses to the surrounding community and local shops
- Demonstrate how the school garden aids practical teaching and learning for agriculture subjects. (**Note: Selected Agriculture learners will be interviewed**).
- Collaborate with other school gardens in terms of knowledge multiplication and mobilize resources to expand the garden.
- Act as an exemplar to other school gardens in the circuit and or region.
- Have a clear sustainability plan for the school garden.

