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## **CRITERIA FOR TOYA AWARDS**

The criteria for picking the Toilet of the Year Award (TOYA) winners will be done through the use of inspection and grading criteria which is in five categories; Best Public Toilet, Best Toilet from Informal Settlements, Most Women Friendly Toilet, Most Innovative Household Toilet and Most Environmentally Friendly Toilet (Household or Public Toilet).

### **CATEGORY A: BEST TOILET OF YEAR AWARD – PUBLIC TOILET**

This category looks at toilets provided, particularly in public places or busy visitor locations like railway stations, bus parks and bus stops, theme parks, recreation centres and markets.

This toilet caters for the needs of men and women, boys and girls and persons living with disabilities. It has the following characteristics:

#### **Access**

- Accessible toilet door with an effective locking system.
- A toilet with a door that opens outwards.
- A toilet with grab rails on both sides and is accessible to wheelchairs.
- Toilets with affordable tariffs.
- Toilets without impediment to safe usage of the facilities, such as broken paving and potential loitering areas around the building.
- Toilets with adequate security.
- Toilets that are open and available for use when needed.

#### **Safety & Ease of Use**

- Toilets with adequate lighting.
- Toilets with safe floors (dry, not slippery, not wet).
- Toilets that are well ventilated, clean and prevent personal or individual contamination, free from odours.
- Toilets with clearly identified facility user symbols and visible even when doors are left open.
- Toilets with supplies of toilet tissue with backup supply.
- Toilets that safely manage human waste, sanitary towels and any other waste.
- If it is a flush or pour-flush toilet, it must have water for flushing.

#### **Handwashing**

- Toilets with facilities for hand washing including soap.
- Taps with running water for handwashing.

#### **Menstrual Health Management and Woman Friendly**

- Toilets with an effective and hygienic method of containing and disposing of the sanitary towels
- Support hooks for handbags
- Toilets with mirrors
- Toilets with facilities to purchase emergency sanitary towels

#### **Baby Friendly**

- Toilets with baby changing units which are in usable conditions and clean

#### **CATEGORY B: BEST TOILET OF THE YEAR AWARD - INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS**

This category focuses on public toilets used in communal spaces in informal settlements. These toilets promote sustainable and profitable sanitation services and businesses in poor urban settings.

- Toilets with adequate security.
- Toilets that are open for an adequate period of the day.
- Toilets with adequate lighting
- Toilets with safe floors.
- Toilets that safely manage human waste, menstrual hygiene materials and any other waste.
- Toilets that are safely usable in public and community places.
- Affordable.
- Toilets with facilities for hand washing including soap.
- Toilets with an effective and hygienic method of containing and disposing of the sanitary towels.
- Toilets that are accessible by people with disabilities.

#### **CATEGORY C: BEST TOILET OF THE YEAR AWARD - WOMAN-FRIENDLY**

Female-friendly toilets need to be safe, private, accessible, affordable and well managed, cater for menstrual hygiene management and meet the needs of caregivers. As such, the toilet needs to meet the qualification of the best public toilet in Category A (Best Public Toilet) with particular attention to the following:

- Toilets is safe and private: be in a safe location; have a marked female toilet section with a separate entrance; have good lighting.
- Toilets that caters for menstrual and other hygiene requirements by providing: water and soap; hooks, shelves and mirrors; access to menstrual products; means for washing and/or disposal of menstrual products.
- Toilets with facilities to purchase emergency sanitary towels.
- Toilets should be accessible to all users: be at a reasonable distance from homes or activity centres; be reachable via an accessible path.
- Toilets should be affordable and available when needed: have enough cubicles to avoid long queues, allocate extra space and cubicles for women; be open when needed; have an affordable tariff.
- Toilets should be well maintained and managed to manage fecal, liquid and solid waste safely.
- Toilets with baby change units which are in usable condition and clean.
- A toilet that has a bathroom is an added advantage in this category.

#### **CATEGORY D: BEST TOILET OF THE YEAR AWARD - MOST INNOVATIVE HOUSEHOLD TOILET**

This category focuses on creative, innovative toilets and technologies that safely manage human waste (faecal and menstrual). The innovations should be scalable, replicable, and functional. Toilets with low technology but a high impact in terms of ease of use, construction and installation are also encouraged.

The toilet must meet the SDG 6.2 and JMP criteria of providing Safely Managed Sanitation - this means there is use of improved facilities that are not shared with other households and where excreta should either be: treated and disposed of in situ, stored temporarily and then emptied and treated off-site, or transported through a sewer with wastewater and then treated off-site.

### **CATEGORY E: BEST TOILET OF THE YEAR AWARD- MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY**

In this category, toilets that eliminate pathogenic microorganisms and recycle resources such as energy, water and nutrients will be considered. These can be toilets that allow for circularity (reduce, reuse, recycle) and toilets that operate “off the grid” without connections to water and sewers and require minimal electricity.

For this category, the toilet can either be public or household toilet. For the household toilet, it must meet the SDG 6.2 Safely Managed Sanitation Criteria. This means Use of improved facilities that are not shared with other households and where excreta are safely disposed of in situ or removed and treated offsite.

### **Submission of Nominations:**

Nominations should be submitted with photographic or video evidence to [wiwaskenya@gmail.com](mailto:wiwaskenya@gmail.com). The email subject header should read “ToYA Award - Award Category - Organization name”, or send a private message on our social media platforms ([Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#)). The nomination should indicate the category of nomination, a description of the toilet, and the location of the toilet. The nomination should also show why the toilet should be considered for the award and provide contact details. Nominees can be any member of the general public.

**Deadline for Submissions - 10th November 2023**

The logo for WIWAS (Women in Water and Sanitation Association) features a stylized blue triangle above a white circle containing a blue toilet icon. Below the circle is a blue horizontal bar, and the word "WIWAS" is written in a light blue, sans-serif font at the bottom.

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