

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PUBLIC SECTOR AWARDS 2026 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. PURPOSE OF THE AWARDS

The Digital Transformation Public Sector Awards (DTPS) recognize outstanding government organizations and leaders leveraging digital technologies to transform public service delivery, strengthen institutional efficiency, and improve citizens' lives. The awards celebrate leadership, innovation, citizen-centric service delivery, responsible technology use, collaboration across institutions, and measurable impact in government digital transformation that is sustainable.

The awards aim to position Kenya as a continental leader in digital government innovation.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARDS

- Promote digital innovation in government.
- Encourage citizen-centric service delivery.
- Recognize outstanding leadership in digital transformation.
- Promote responsible, secure, and ethical technology adoption.
- Position Kenya as a regional leader in digital government.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- All national public sector organizations are eligible.
- Initiatives must demonstrate measurable impact.
- Only fully completed projects will be considered. Initiatives that are still in progress, in pilot phase, or under planning will not be eligible.
- Projects submitted should preferably be implemented within the last two years.
- Improvements on existing digital innovations can be submitted and must not be more than 2 years old from the date of award submission.

4. AWARD CATEGORIES

A. TOP NATIONAL AWARDS (4)

- i) **Overall Digital Transformation Organization of the Year:** (The highest recognition awarded to a public sector organization that has achieved comprehensive digital transformation across its operations and services).

Focus Areas

- Enterprise-wide transformation
- Citizen service impact

- Organizational culture change
- Scalable digital platforms
- Sustainable digital strategy

Eligibility

- National government organizations
- Must submit at least two additional category entries

- ii) **State Department of the Year-Digital Innovation:** (Recognizes a state department that has successfully transformed its internal processes and public service delivery using digital technologies).

Focus Areas

- modernization of legacy systems
- efficiency gains
- cross-government collaboration

- iii) **CEO / Director General of the Year – Digital Transformation Leadership** (Recognizes visionary leadership in driving digital transformation in the public sector).

Focus Areas

- Strategic digital leadership
- Organizational change
- Technology-driven innovation
- Measurable public service impact

- iv) **CTO / CIO of the Year -Technology Leadership:** Recognizes technology leaders responsible for implementing robust digital infrastructure and scalable innovation platforms.

Focus Areas

- enterprise architecture
- cybersecurity leadership
- innovation culture
- digital infrastructure modernization

B. DTPS STRATEGIC INNOVATION AWARDS (5)

- v) **Best Collaborative Government Digital Initiative** (Recognizes multi-agency collaboration delivering integrated public services through shared digital platforms e.g shared government platforms, interoperable systems, integrated citizen services).
- vi) **Best Emerging Technology Application in Government** (Recognizes transformative use of cutting-edge technologies such as: Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Internet of Things, Advanced Data Analytics, Robotics, Cloud computing)
- vii) **Digital Communications Excellence Award** (Recognizes effective use of digital platforms to enhance public communication, transparency, and citizen

- engagement e.g social media engagement, digital campaigns, public information platforms).
- viii) **Internal Digital Upskilling and Innovation Award** (Recognizes organizations that foster a digital culture through training, innovation programs, and workforce transformation).
 - ix) **Digital Inclusion & Accessibility Award** (Recognizes initiatives that ensure rural, marginalized, and underserved communities benefit from digital services e.g rural digital platforms, accessible public services, inclusive design initiatives).

C. DTPS SECTOR SPECIFIC AWARDS (8)

Recognizing best digital innovation across key sectors. Eligible Nominees
Public sector organizations from the respective sectors.

- x) **Health Sector:** Improving healthcare delivery, patient outcomes, and health system efficiency.
- xi) **Financial & E-Commerce Services:** Innovations improving financial inclusion, payments, and public service transactions.
- xii) **Education Sector:** Technologies improving education access, digital learning, and education management.
- xiii) **Energy Sector:** Digital systems improving energy efficiency, grid management, and sustainability
- xiv) **Transport Sector:** Innovations enhancing mobility services, traffic management, and logistics efficiency.
- xv) **Agriculture & Food Security:** Digital solutions improving, agricultural productivity, farmer access to markets, food security systems
- xvi) **Natural Resource Management:** Innovations supporting conservation, environmental protection, and resource management.

5. CORE EVALUATION GOVERNMENT DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PERFORMANCE CONTRACT CRITERIA (APPLIES TO ALL CATEGORIES)

CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Impact on Citizens & Service Delivery	20%
Innovation & Emerging Technology Application	15%
Implementation & Scalability	15%
Organizational Transformation/ Operational Efficiency	15%
Data Governance & Cybersecurity	10%
Capacity Building & Skills Development	5%
Transparency & Accountability	10
Systems Integration	10

6. EVIDENCE REQUIRED FROM APPLICANTS

- Overview of the digital initiative (Description of the digital initiative).
- Problem statement addressed (What challenge the initiative addressed)

- Technology and innovation description (Technologies used and how they are applied)
- Measurable impact and results (metrics)-Provide measurable outcomes such as reduction in service delivery time, cost savings, number of citizens served, increase in service adoption, improved efficiency metrics
- Implementation approach and governance: timeline, partners involved, governance structure
- Data governance, cybersecurity and privacy protections: Evidence of data protection measures, cybersecurity frameworks, and compliance with national policy
- Capacity building and workforce development: Evidence of training programs, staff digital skills development, internal innovation initiatives
- Sustainability and scalability: Demonstrate long-term viability and ability to scale across government

7. HOW TO APPLY

- Visit www.dtpsawards.com to apply online.
- All public Sector organizations in the national government are eligible to apply in all categories whose criteria they meet.

8. JUDGING SCORECARD FOR PANEL

Evaluation Area	Description	Score
Strategic Alignment	Supports the advancement of the organization's mission	/10
Innovation	Demonstrates effective use of technology	/20
Impact	Demonstrates measurable benefits to citizens or internal efficiency	/25
Implementation Quality	Execution and governance effectiveness	/15
Scalability	Ability to replicate across government or scale nationally	/10
Data Governance	Security, privacy and ethical technology use	/10
Capacity Building	Staff digital skills development and organizational learning	/5
Sustainability	Long-term viability and continued impact	/5
TOTAL		100

9. ANNEXES

ANNEX 1: GOVERNMENT DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PERFORMANCE CONTRACT CRITERIA

This section provides the recommended Government Performance Contract (PC) indicators for assessing digital transformation initiatives submitted to the Digital Transformation Public Sector (DTPS) Awards. These criteria align the awards with national digital transformation priorities and public sector performance management frameworks.

1. Digital Service Delivery

- Percentage of services digitized and accessible online
- Integration with national digital platforms such as eCitizen
- Reduction in physical service visits by citizens
- Increased digital service uptake

2. Citizen Experience and Accessibility

- Ease of use of digital services
- Reduction in service turnaround time
- Citizen satisfaction metrics
- Inclusivity including accessibility for persons with disabilities and rural users

3. Government Systems Integration

- Interoperability with other government systems
- Participation in whole-of-government digital platforms
- Secure data exchange across ministries and agencies
- Reduction of duplicated systems

4. Data Governance and Cybersecurity

- Implementation of national data protection and privacy policies
- Compliance with government cybersecurity standards
- Disaster recovery and business continuity mechanisms
- Secure management of government digital infrastructure

5. Digital Skills and Capacity Building

- Structured digital skills training for officers
- ICT capacity building programs
- Adoption of digital tools in daily operations
- Evidence of internal digital champions or innovation teams

6. Innovation and Emerging Technology

- Use of AI, blockchain, cloud computing, big data or automation

- Development of innovative public service delivery models
- Piloting and scaling new digital solutions
- Use of GovTech innovation frameworks

7. Operational Efficiency and Cost Savings

- Measurable cost reductions from digitization
- Reduction of paperwork and manual processes
- Efficiency gains in internal workflows
- Automation of government services

8. Transparency and Accountability

- Use of digital platforms to enhance transparency
- Open data initiatives
- Digital monitoring and reporting systems
- Public dashboards or reporting mechanisms

9. Impact on National Development

- Contribution to the Digital Economy Strategy
- Alignment with Kenya Vision 2030
- Contribution to national digital transformation goals
- Measurable socio-economic impact

ANNEX 2: DETAILED AWARDS CRITERIA

A. TOP NATIONAL AWARDS (4)

OVERALL WINNER- DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PUBLIC SECTOR AWARDS 2026

The Overall Winner Award recognizes the year's most successful transformation of a government organization and its service delivery through digital technology. This prestigious award celebrates organizations that have fundamentally reimagined how public services are delivered, moving beyond simple technology implementation to achieve comprehensive milestones. Winners must demonstrate measurable impact across service delivery, internal processes, and citizen outcomes, while showcasing sustainable transformation that creates lasting organizational capabilities and cultural change. This award honors those who have set new benchmarks for digital government and created models that others can follow.

Eligible Nominees

All public sector organizations in the national government.

Base Criteria

- To submit this award, you must have entered at least 2 other submissions in the **DTPS Strategic Innovation Awards** category and the **DTPS Sector Specific Awards** category.
- Government criteria as per annex 1
- Demonstrate how digital initiative is being used to advance the mission of the organization.
- Demonstrate what challenges the implemented digital innovation(s) are tackling
- Demonstrate how the implemented digital innovation (s) have improved the organization's own efficiency or improved service delivery externally.
- Demonstrate the cross-collaboration within the organization and/or externally with other organizations in relation to this innovation.
- Have a rolled-out structured initiative to promote digital skills development for officers in the organization.
- Include quantitative metrics or case studies demonstrating how the digital innovation(s) have improved service delivery and operational efficiency
- Demonstrate how the organization has implemented its data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is properly implemented.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR, DIGITAL INNOVATION AWARD

This award recognizes the most successful digital transformation of a State Department and its service delivery through technology. The winner must demonstrate excellence in two critical areas: transforming internal processes to create more efficient, agile operations, and revolutionizing service delivery to external stakeholders, including citizens, businesses, and other government entities. The award celebrates State Departments that have leveraged technology to break down silos, modernize legacy systems, and deliver measurable improvements in accessibility, efficiency, and stakeholder satisfaction.

Eligible Nominees

All State Departments

Base Criteria

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- To submit this award, you must have entered at least one other submission in the **DTPS Strategic Innovation Awards** category and/or the **DTPS Sector Specific Awards** category.
- The digital innovation submitted for this award must not be more than 2 years old
- Improvements on existing digital innovations can be submitted and must not be more than 2 years old.
- The submission must provide evidence of how digital innovation is advancing the mission of the State Department.
- Include quantitative metrics and case studies demonstrating how digital innovation has improved service delivery and operational efficiency.
- The State Department must demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 CEO OF THE YEAR- DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PUBLIC SECTOR

This award recognizes CEOs and Director Generals in public sector organizations who demonstrate exemplary leadership in driving digital transformation. Winners must show how they have championed the development and implementation of innovative, sustainable, and scalable digital strategies that directly support their organization's

mission and goals. The award celebrates visionary leaders who not only embrace technology but actively drive organizational change, foster digital culture, build capabilities, and deliver tangible results that transform how their organizations serve the public. These leaders demonstrate the courage to challenge traditional approaches and the commitment to see transformation through to meaningful impact.

Eligible Nominees

CEOs or Director Generals in Public Sector organizations.

Base Criteria

To submit this award, your organization must have entered at least one other submission in the **DTPS Strategic Innovation Awards** category and/or the **DTPS Sector Specific Awards** category.

This award recognizes outstanding CEOs and Directors General who exhibit the following traits:

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- Exceptional leadership, resilience, motivation, and strategic thinking in leading the state agency towards achieving digital innovation.
- Has adopted a new or improved innovation leveraging technology to advance the mission of their organization.
- Exemplifies the efficient use of resources in the organization towards achieving digital innovation.
- Ability to skill, develop, and effectively engage officers in their organization towards achieving digital innovation.
 - Leadership in the productive use of teams that cross their agencies/ministries and organizational boundaries.
 - Demonstrated willingness to experiment for the sake of changing the status quo for the better
 - Showcase clear and positive outcomes in improving organizational processes and service delivery.

2026 CTO OF THE YEAR- DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PUBLIC SECTOR

This award recognizes technology leaders who drive innovative, sustainable, and scalable digital transformation strategies that support their organization's mission and goals. Winners must demonstrate technical excellence combined with strategic vision, delivering practical technology solutions that advance public service delivery. The award celebrates CTOs who build robust digital infrastructure, foster innovation within their teams, and create scalable solutions that can grow with organizational needs. These technology leaders bridge the gap between technical possibility and organizational reality, driving transformation that is both cutting-edge and implementable.

Eligible Nominees

Individuals who **are CTOs, CIOs or Heads of ICT** in public sector organizations.

Base Criteria

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- The CTO's organization must have entered at least one other submission in the **DTPS Strategic Innovation Awards** category and/or the **DTPS Sector Specific Awards** category
- The individual demonstrates a clear, forward-thinking digital transformation strategy that supports the realization of the mission and goals of the organization.
- It has put in place clear initiatives that develop and nurture IT talent, promote a culture of inclusivity, continuous learning, innovation, collaboration, and professional growth.
- Demonstrates successful implementation of cutting-edge technologies that drives organization value.
- Demonstrates creativity in solving complex organizational challenges through innovative technology solutions.
- Demonstrates a clear track record of improving operational efficiency, cost management, and directly contributing to the financial success of the organization through technology.
- Provides strong evidence of high ROI from technology investments or initiatives introduced under their leadership.
- Proactively addresses potential technology risks, ensuring business continuity, compliance, and disaster recovery capabilities are in place.
- Demonstrates ability to steer the organization through technological challenges or crises (e.g., data breaches, system outages, major IT disruptions).
- Demonstrate how he/she is championing sustainable and scalable technologies.
- Demonstrate strong leadership in safeguarding the organization's data, systems, and intellectual property against evolving cyber threats.

B. DTPS STRATEGIC INNOVATION AWARDS

2026 BEST COLLABORATIVE DIGITAL PUBLIC SECTOR INITIATIVE

This award recognizes organizations that exemplify the commitment to move from a silo-based approach to a whole-of-government approach in public service delivery through shared ICT infrastructure, data exchange, and cross-collaboration with entities across different government levels, sectors, and organizations.

Eligible Nominees

All public sector organizations in the national government

Base Criteria

The digital initiative submitted for this award must:

- Meet government criteria as per annex 1
- Show evidence of a successful cross-agency digital initiative or project that highlights collaborative efforts between two or multiple government agencies, departments, or ministries.
- Demonstrate integration of services or platforms that enhance inter-agency communication and efficiency.
- Implementation of systems or processes that facilitate data exchange among agencies, departments, or ministries to improve decision-making and public service delivery.
- Adoption of technologies that enhance collaboration, streamline processes, improve user experience and service access for citizens.
- Demonstrate evidence of quantitative metrics or case studies of enhanced efficiency, reduced duplication, and better citizen engagement.
- Showcase involvement of external stakeholders, including private sector partners and/or community organizations.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

BEST EMERGING TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION AWARD 2026

This award recognizes innovative solutions that utilize the latest cutting-edge technologies to transform service delivery or improve efficiencies in internal processes.

Eligible Nominees

All public sector organizations in the national government

Base Criteria

The digital initiative submitted for this award must:

- Meet government criteria as per annex 1
- Not implemented more than 2 years before the date of the application deadline
- Utilize emerging technology solutions.
- Demonstrate how it is advancing the mission of the organization or state agency.
- Demonstrate the challenges the implemented digital initiative is tackling
- Demonstrate how the implemented digital innovation has improved the organization's own efficiency and improved public service delivery.

- Show measurable improvements in operational efficiency and/or service delivery.
- Include quantitative metrics or case studies demonstrating how the emerging technology has improved service delivery and operational efficiency
- Demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Demonstration of how internal skilling of the officers in the organization has been carried out to ensure a successful rollout.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes public sector organizations that effectively utilize digital platforms and tools to enhance reach, engagement, and communication with Kenyan citizens.

Eligible Nominees

All public sector organizations in the national government

Base Criteria

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- Highlight innovative digital communication initiatives to citizens that have been developed and successfully implemented by the organization.
- Demonstrate how the developed digital communication initiatives improve stakeholder engagement and service delivery.
- Include evidence of quantitative metrics, online links to the digital communications initiatives, and proof of the digital communication effectiveness.
- The organization must demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 INTERNAL DIGITAL UPSKILLING & INNOVATION AWARD

This award recognizes organizations that promote a culture of continuous digital upskilling for its officers and provides a conducive work environment that promotes the use of digital tools.

Eligible Nominees

Public Sector organizations under the national government.

Base Criteria

Initiative submitted must:

- Meet government criteria as per annex 1
- Showcase a rolled out structured initiative that continuously promotes digital upskills development for officers in the organization.
- Show evidence of regular training sessions or workshops whether online or in-person focused on digital skills development.
- Outline the digital skills courses undertaken by the officers in the organization and their alignment to organizational needs, industry trends and emerging digital tools.
- Evidence of high participation rates and encouragement of feedback from officers in the organization
- Include quantitative metrics or case studies demonstrating the positive outcomes of the digital upskilling initiative in the organization. This can include measurable improvements in employee performance or productivity because of the upskilling initiatives and/or certifications completed
- The organization must demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 DIGITAL INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY AWARD

Recognizes initiatives that ensure rural, marginalized, and underserved communities benefit from digital services e.g rural digital platforms, accessible public services, inclusive design initiatives.

Eligible Nominees

All public sector organizations in the national government

Base Criteria

The digital initiative submitted for this award must:

- Meet government criteria as per annex 1
- Demonstration of digital tools or services designed and deployed to reach rural populations
- Evidence of government services delivered digitally to remove barriers for underserved groups
- Inclusion of design principles ensuring accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), low-literacy users, or those with limited connectivity

- Demonstrate evidence of quantitative metrics or case studies showing increased access to digital services among rural, marginalised, and underserved communities, including improved reach, uptake, and citizen engagement
- Demonstrate evidence of stakeholder engagement in the planning, design, and implementation of the initiative.
- Evidence of capacity building within the organization, demonstrating how officers have been upskilled to enable, adopt and sustain service delivery for the submitted initiative.

C. DTSPS SECTOR SPECIFIC AWARDS (8)

2026 BEST DIGITAL INNOVATION -HEALTH SECTOR

This award recognizes the best use of digital technologies to improve healthcare services, patient outcomes, and operational efficiency.

Eligible Nominees

Public sector organizations in the healthcare sector.

Base Criteria

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- The digital innovation submitted for this award must not be more than 2 years old
- Improvements to existing digital innovation can be submitted and must not be more than 2 years old.
- The submission must provide evidence of how digital innovation is advancing the mission of the organization or state agency.
- Highlight how digital innovation has improved patient outcomes and operational efficiency
- Include evidence such as quantitative metrics or case studies demonstrating how digital innovation has improved healthcare delivery and customer satisfaction.
- The organization must demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 BEST DIGITAL INNOVATION -FINANCIAL & E-COMMERCE SERVICES

This award recognizes outstanding digital innovations in organizations offering financial services or e-commerce solutions that are increasing efficiencies and public service delivery.

Eligible Nominees

Public sector organizations in the financial sector or organizations offering e-commerce services.

Base Criteria

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- The digital innovation submitted for this award must not be more than 2 years old
- Improvements to existing digital innovation can be submitted and must not be more than 2 years old.
- The submission must provide evidence of how digital innovation is advancing the mission of the organization or state agency.
- Highlight how digital innovation has improved service delivery, increased efficiency and/or fostered economic growth. Include quantitative metrics or case studies
- The organization must demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 BEST DIGITAL INNOVATION -EDUCATION SECTOR

This award recognizes digital innovations that have transformed education systems, enhanced learning experiences, and improved accessibility.

Eligible Nominees

Public sector organizations in the education sector.

Base Criteria

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- The digital innovation submitted for this award must not be more than 2 years old
- Improvements to existing digital innovation can be submitted and must not be more than 2 years old.
- The submission must provide evidence of how digital innovation is advancing the mission of the organization or state agency.
- Highlight how digital innovation has improved accessibility and outcomes for learners and/or educators as well as operational efficiency in the organization
- Include evidence such as quantitative metrics or case studies demonstrating how digital innovation has successfully improved delivery and service improvement

- The organization must demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 BEST DIGITAL INNOVATION -ENERGY SECTOR

This award recognizes digital innovations in organizations in the energy sector that optimize energy generation, distribution, and efficiency for a sustainable future.

Eligible Nominees

Public sector organizations in the Energy sector.

Base Criteria

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- The digital innovation submitted for this award must not be more than 2 years old
- Improvements to existing digital innovation can be submitted and must not be more than 2 years old.
- The submission must provide evidence of how digital innovation is advancing the mission of the organization or state agency.
- Highlight how digital innovation has improved service delivery and improved operational efficiency
- Include evidence such as quantitative metrics or case studies demonstrating how digital innovation has improved optimization of energy generation, distribution, and efficiency for a sustainable future.
- The organization must demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 BEST DIGITAL INNOVATION -TRANSPORT SECTOR

This award recognizes digital innovations that enhance operational efficiency and service delivery for organizations in the transport sector.

Eligible Nominees

Public sector organizations in the Roads & Transport sector.

Base Criteria

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- The digital innovation submitted for this award must not be more than 2 years old
- Improvements on an existing digital innovation can be submitted and must not be more than 2 years old.
- The submission must provide evidence of how digital innovation is advancing the mission of the organization or state agency.
- Highlight how digital innovation has improved service delivery and improved operational efficiency.
- Include evidence such as quantitative metrics or case studies demonstrating positive impact on the transportation sector
- The organization must demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 BEST DIGITAL INNOVATION -AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY

This award recognizes digital innovations that revolutionize agricultural practices, boost productivity of farmers, promote food security and sustainability.

Eligible Nominees

Public sector organizations in agriculture or food security.

Base Criteria

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- The digital innovation submitted for this award must not be more than 2 years old
- Improvements on existing digital innovation can be submitted and must not be more than 2 years old.
- The submission must provide evidence of how digital innovation is advancing the mission of the organization or state agency.
- Highlight how the digital innovation has improved agricultural productivity and sustainable practices.
- Include evidence such as quantitative metrics or case studies demonstrating how the digital innovation has positively impacted farmers' livelihoods and food security.
- The organization must demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.

2026 BEST DIGITAL INNOVATION -NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

This award recognizes digital innovations that promote operational efficiency, service delivery, conservation practices and sustainability in public sector organizations within the Forest & Environment Sector.

Eligible Nominees

Public sector organizations involved in management of natural resources such as Forests, Water, Land, Wildlife, Minerals & the Environment.

Base Criteria

- Government criteria as per annex 1
- The digital innovation submitted for this award must not be more than 2 years old
- Improvements to existing digital innovation can be submitted and must not be more than 2 years old.
- The submission must provide evidence of how digital innovation is advancing the mission of the organization or state agency.
- Highlight how digital innovation has improved operational efficiency and sustainable practices in managing the natural resources as well promoted efficient public service delivery. Include evidence such as quantitative metrics or case studies.
- The organization must demonstrate how it has implemented data security and privacy policy across the organization and steps taken to ensure it is fully and properly integrated within its processes.
- Evidence of internal digital capacity building, demonstrating how officers within the organization have been upskilled to enable, adopt, and scale the submitted digital innovation.