**2014-15 COMESA INNOVATION AWARDS**

**Nomination Form**

**Youth Category SME Category**

**Women Category Institutional Category**

**Group Category**

* The closing date for submission of completed entries is **20th February 2015**
* Entries must be submitted with at least two photographs showing the product/project/activity and /or a technical drawing.
* Photograph of the nominee is optional.
* Nominations are not limited to a single category.
* Language of Submission: **English or French**

All the submissions can to be sent via e-mail to [innovation@comesa.int](mailto:innovation@comesa.int) and copy to [fkongongo@gamil.com](mailto:fkongongo@gamil.com) or by Courier or registered mails to COMESA Secretariat

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| **NAME MALE/FEMALE**  **DATE OF BIRTH: COUNTRY OF BIRTH:**  **COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: OCCUPATION:**  **\* For groups please put contact persons details. List the rest of the group members at the end of the form, include all details as above.** |
| **ADDRESS:**  **COUNTRY** |
| **TELEPHONE: EMAIL:** |
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| **TITLE OF PROJECT** *(tip: shortest way to refer to your innovation one- fifteen words)* |
| **Brief description:** ( in laymans terms) |
| **Provide reasons why the innovation qualifies to be entered in the chosen category:** |

1. **At what stage is your innovation in the development cycle?** Briefly explain in the space provided.

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|  | STAGE | EXPLANATION |
|  | Concept/idea |  |
|  | Design phase |  |
|  | Prototype |  |
|  | Production |  |
|  | Commercialised and proven |  |

1. **How would you categorise your innovation?** Briefly explain in the space provided.

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|  | Extension or improvement of existing product |  |
|  | Use of existing product in a new or different innovative way |  |
|  | New product |  |

1. **Please tick applicable and give Patent application details if available.**

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|  | Patented |  |
|  | Patent pending |  |
|  | Is a patent application planned for the future |  |
|  | Not patented |  |

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| 1. **Describe innovation in detail** ( tips: What is it? What is its function? What problem does it solve) |
| 1. **List any known similar products that are already in the market.** |
| 1. **To what extent has the innovation been exploited?** (tips: detail its current use if any – feed back from such use, business plans, commercialization) |
| 1. **Describe how the nominated product/project/activity is beneficial to society** |
| 1. **What makes this product/project/activity is innovative** |

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| NOMINATOR INFORMATION  NAME:  OCCUPATION:  Relationship to person/institution nominated: | |
| Address: | Email Address: |
| Country: | Phone number: |

**\*\*Please attached a letter of recommendation from one of the following institutions; a Government Agency, University, Private Sector Company or a testimonial from a company or individual that has used the innovation**

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