

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

a) Innovation Focus

Regenerative Rehabilitation & Land Reuse

Nature-based, circular, and community-led approaches that transform post-mining landscapes into sustainable zones for agriculture, upcycling, renewable energy, and enterprise creation.

Solutions must directly contribute to environmental sustainability within at least one of these cleantech categories:

- Rehabilitation
- Smart agriculture
- Water/Energy Efficiency
- Waste Upcycling/Beneficiation

b) Geographical Scope

Projects must be implementable within the North West Province, addressing the rehabilitation or repurposing of post-mining or rural areas.

c) Stage of Development

Solutions should be beyond ideation — ideally at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 3–7.

d) Legal & Ethical Requirements

Applicants must operate legally in South Africa, adhere to environmental and ethical standards, and respect community engagement principles.

e) Inclusivity

Preference will be given to innovations led by women, youth, and underrepresented groups, or those creating measurable community benefits.

f) Scalability & Impact

Solutions must demonstrate potential for scaling, job creation, and contribution to SDG goals (especially SDG 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, and 13).

g) Submission Format

Applications must be submitted via the official NCIC platform (WordPress/Skild system), including technical summary, impact description, and supporting visuals.