**Entry Form**

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| **DFI of the Year** |

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| **NOTE TO ALL ENTRANTS:**  **Please note: All currencies should be converted in US$**  Please use specific examples when illustrating your points. Please note that all previous winners and shortlisted candidates have all provided entries where their achievements and their strong performance have been demonstrated through the use of clear and concrete examples, and where they have been able to clearly demonstrate how they stand out from their competitors.  Entries will be judged on the 2022 fiscal year.  The examples and motivations should relate to activity which has taken place in the past year or to progress and achievements which have seen light of day in 2021/22 as part of a longer-term strategy.  Should financial statements for the year ending in 2022 not yet be available we will accept unaudited accounts for the year, or year to year comparisons using YTD Q3 statements.  Please stick to the word limit – this is to ensure that all entrants are given equal opportunities.  We understand fully that the information provided is sensitive. Please note that all the information sent to us will be used solely to the purpose of the awards. This information will be treated in complete confidence and no information will be disclosed to third parties without your prior permission. | |
| **Awards Category** | **DFI of the Year** |
| **Description** | This award goes to the Development Financial Institution which has demonstrated a high performance across various metrics, both qualitative and quantitative.  It will have supported clients, projects and delivered high impact during these unprecedented times.  It will also have considerably changed the development finance landscape by investing in impact-led projects and contributed to the sustainable economic development of the continent  We will pay particular attention to what the DFI is doing in sectors that have traditionally been marginalized: SMEs, women-led businesses, bringing the unbanked into the banking space, lending to agriculture and other productive sectors of the economy.  We will also pay attention to its use of technology and driving innovation, technological or not, to reduce costs and improve access to financial services.  The winner will also have demonstrated strong credentials across all of its financial operational activities, as well as demonstrated strong governance.  We are continuing to looking for leadership in terms of helping empower women (through lending to women-led businesses and also by promoting women to positions of leadership) as well as helping to extend credit to the real economy – namely SMEs.  The DFI’s impact on all its stakeholders will be monitored closely as well as its success in creating a world class institution.  *(Should this bank have existing operations in less than 3 countries please submit an entry for Best Regional Bank in Africa instead)* |
| **Financial Metrics:**  What are the major achievements of your DFI from a financial perspective [total capital allocation / transactions conducted by your DFI) |  |
| **Impact**  What is the impact of your activities and how have they comprehensively changed the sector/area you have been intervened in (use concrete examples and, where possible, quantify the impact of your interventions in numerical terms) |  |
| **Innovation**  What innovations have you brought to the industry? What is it that you are doing differently and why is this meaningful? *(max 300 words)* |  |
| **Leverage**  How through your interventions are you managing to leverage more capital to be deployed or invested in the continent *(max 250 words)* |  |
| **Society**  How are your interventions changing the lives of the those that are often the most penalised, that is the SMEs, women and youth *(max 250 words)* |  |
| **Local capacity building**  How is your organisation ensuring that your interventions help build capacity and knowledge on the ground *(max 250 words)* |  |
| **Perception of Africa**  How are you contributing to changing the perceptions of doing business on the continent, and hence working to create a virtuous circle of growth through investment? (max 250 words) |  |
| **Overall motivation**  How has institution shined these last 12-18 months and why does it stand out from similar organisations in the industry? *(please try and provide concrete examples to illustrate your points, max 300 words)* |  |
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