



*The Kenya Alliance of Resident Associations*

## **THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

### **1. Background:**

The Annual Resident Associations Excellence Awards (ARAEA) is an initiative of The Kenya Alliance of Resident Associations (KARA), an umbrella body of Resident Associations in Kenya.

The awards seek to identify, through a public-driven and interactive process, and reward Resident Associations that have demonstrated exemplary performance in promoting access to public services. The awards are informed by the fact that Resident Associations play a very vital role in enhancing access to public services and improving quality of life in Kenya yet these efforts are rarely recognized and appreciated. Additionally, there is need to focus public attention on the importance of Resident Associations in promoting structured engagement with the government and improving service delivery in Kenya.

The awards therefore is designed to address the twin issue of celebrating the work of Resident Associations in Kenya and rewarding those that have done exceptionally well in influencing provision of better services and championing the interests of their members. The awards will promote learning as well as stimulate positive competition aimed at promoting effectiveness of Resident Associations in the service delivery agenda. The winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Resident Associations Excellence Awards will be announced at a gala ceremony on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

### **2. Process of Identifying Winners:**

The Resident Associations to be awarded will be identified through a transparent, competitive and public driven process. The following criteria shall be used:

- a) Potential awardees (Resident Associations) will present direct entries with brief citations demonstrating how their Resident Associations have practically enhanced access to public services in a specified sector and contributed to improvement of quality of life in the neighborhood.
- b) Other potential awardees may be proposed indirectly, by the public and even by people they may not know, as long as the citation provided can be authenticated.
- c) An independent panel of judges carefully selected to include governance experts; experienced community development professional among others will review the entries and make a decision on the winners and runners up for each award category.
- d) The judges will have the final word on who is to be awarded for each category

### **3. Award Categories:**

#### **a) Mazingira Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards promotion of a sustainable environmental management at the

neighborhood level

**b) Usalama Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards promotion of security at the neighborhood level

**c) Mawasiliano Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association that has leveraged on creative communication approaches to ensure improved and structured communication among its membership.

**d) Maji Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards access to better water services for its members

**e) Afya Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards better hygiene and sanitation conditions within their neighbourhood

**f) Mihadarati Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards the fight against alcohol and drug abuse in Kenya

**g) Viwanja Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards protection of public spaces within their neighbourhood.

**h) Ujenzi Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize and reward residents association whose work has immensely contributed towards the fight against uncontrolled and illegal development within their neighbourhood

**Award:**

Winners and Runners up are presented with a certificate and trophy at a colorful gala event attended by representatives of various Resident Associations; Government; Community Leaders; Media among other service delivery stakeholders.