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- Outstanding Socially Responsible Development Award (Project Proponent)
- Outstanding Community Partnership Award (Community Organisations)
- Outstanding SIA Consultancy Award
- Excellence in Social Impact Assessment Education Award (Public University)
- Outstanding SIA Innovation Award

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OPEN SUBMISSION COMPETITIVE AWARDS

GUIDELINES & INFORMATION PACK



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AWARDS

Recognising responsible development, community partnership, SIA consultancy excellence, education and innovation

***The Outstanding Socially Responsible Development Award and Outstanding Community Partnership Award are by public nomination.*

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APPLICATIONS OPEN	APPLICATIONS DEADLINE	SIAC 2026	VENUE	Awards GIVING CEREMONY
11 September 2026	11 October 2026	23 - 26 November 2026	Pullman Hotel Kuching, Sarawak	24 November 2026

SCOPE OF THIS PACK

This publication covers the five categories SIAC Competitive Award and Special Recognition Awards are outside this application pack.

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ABOUT THE COMPETITIVE AWARDS

PURPOSE, CATEGORIES & AWARD PACKAGE



PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

The SIAC Awards 2026 Competitive Awards recognise exemplary work that advances the quality, credibility and practical impact of Social Impact Assessment (SIA).

COMPETITIVE AWARDS CATEGORIES

Outstanding Socially Responsible Development Award (Project Proponent)	PLANMalaysia Perancangan Melangkaui Kelaziman *Planning : Beyond Conventional*	Project Proponent
Outstanding Community Partnership Award (Community Organisations)	PLANMalaysia Perancangan Melangkaui Kelaziman *Planning : Beyond Conventional*	Community/ Public Sector Organisations
Oustanding SIA Consultancy Award	MASIA Malaysian Association of Social Impact Assessment	Registered SIA Consultancy firms
Excellence in Social Impact Assessment Education Award	PLANMalaysia Perancangan Melangkaui Kelaziman *Planning : Beyond Conventional*	Education/ research institutions
Oustanding SIA Innovation Award	MASIA Malaysian Association of Social Impact Assessment	Individuals, public sector organisations & other organisations

AWARDS PACKAGE

GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
RM 6,000	RM 4,000	RM 2,000

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NOMINATION/ SHORTLISTING ROUTE

FOR COMPETITIVE AWARD



These guideline to provide overviewof the general principles, eligibility and assessment approach for the SIAC Award 2026.

ELIGIBILITY & ASESSMENT

GENERAL ASSESSMENT PRINCIPLES

- Demonstrate tangible, measurable and sustainable social impact.
- Comply with Social Impact Assessment (SIA) requirements in Malaysia and, where relevant, recognised international good practice.
- Be supported by complete evidence, data and documentation.
- Be prepared for verification, clarification, audit or site visit by the judging panel where required.
- Demonstrate alignment, where relevant to the category, with principles or frameworks such as the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA), IFC Performance Standards, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles.
- Accept that the decision of the SIAC Awards 2026 Jury Panel is final and not subject to appeal.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE READY TO DEMONSTRATE

- Clear relevance to the selected award category.
- Evidence that claimed activities, achievements or innovations have been implemented in practice.
- Sufficient documents, data, images, records or endorsements to allow verification.
- Compliance with all mandatory category-specific eligibility requirements.

THE SECRATARIAT/ JURY MAY

- Review documents for compliance and completeness.
- Request clarification or additional supporting evidence.
- Conduct verification, audit or site visits where required.
- Reject or not advance entries that do not satisfy mandatory eligibility requirements.

PLANMalaysia SHORTLISTING ROUTE

The Outstanding Socially Responsible Development Award and Outstanding Community Partnership Award are open to public nominations. All nominations will be shortlisted by PLANMalaysia Headquarters and PLANMalaysia State Offices for evaluation and final selection. These categories are open for public applications, except for the Excellence in Social Impact Assessment Education Award.

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IMPORTANT DATES & SUBMISSION



KEY MILESTONES FOR APPLICANTS

IMPORTANT DATES

ACTIVITY	DATE
SIAC Awards 2026 Launch & Opening of Applications	11 September 2026
Application Briefing & Information Session (Online)	18 September 2026
Application Deadline	**11 October 2026**
Document Compliance Review (Secretariat Review)	12-17 October 2026
Evaluation by Jury Panel	18-21 October 2026
Winner Announcement	**End of October 2026**

HOW TO SUBMIT

1 SELECT THE AWARD CATEGORY
Review the category eligibility and mandatory requirements before preparing your entry.

REGISTRATION FORM : https://forms.gle/KA6KPy7fdnFB45dq7

2 COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION
Applications will be submitted through the official SIAC2026 Awards online application form. The live link / QR code will be published on the SIAC2026 website.

3 PROVIDE REQUIRED SUBMISSION MATERIALS
Prepare the required **Project Summary**, Project Poster (where applicable) and category-specific supporting evidence.

All submission materials and supporting documents must be compiled in ONE (1) **Google Drive folder** with access set to **"Anyone with the link – Viewer".**

4 SUBMIT BY DEADLINE
Ensure the application and all required supporting evidence are complete by **11 October 2026.**

! ONE CATEGORY PER APPLICATION
Each submission form shall represent one (1) project/entry only. A separate application must be submitted for each additional project/entry or award category.

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1 Award

OUTSTANDING SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

(Project Proponent)

Determining Organisations : PLANMalaysia Perancangan Melangkaui Kelaziman *Planning : Beyond Conventional*



WHAT THIS AWARD RECOGNISES

Recognising Project Proponents who demonstrate strong commitment to social mitigation, effective implementation and monitoring of the Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP), meaningful stakeholder engagement, tangible community benefits, and sustainable and innovative practices.

ELIGIBILITY/ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Open to any SIA projects and relevant projects related to social
- SIA Report has been approved
- Project has commenced construction works on site
- Project has completed **more than one (1) year of mitigation implementation**
- Complete supporting documents must be submitted
- The decision of the Evaluation Panel is final and not subject to appeal

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Stakeholder Engagement during SIA Report Preparation
- SIMP Implementation - Effectiveness of mitigation measures that have been implemented.
- SIMP Monitoring - Commitment and compliance with SIA/SIMP requirements.
- Stakeholder Engagement - Community & stakeholder engagement during project implementation.
- Impact and Benefits to the Community
- Innovation and Sustainability

REQUIRED SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

- Executive summary of the project should not exceed 300 words and should cover the project background, development scope, and the company's key social commitments.
- Minutes or report of one stakeholder engagement session.
- Latest SIA Report or SIMP Implementation Report.
- Achievement data or letter of acknowledgement from the community.
- Documentation of one innovation or sustainability initiative.

VERIFICATION

Site visit or audit may be undertaken if required by the judging panel.

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OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

(Community Organisations)

Determining Organisations : PLANMalaysia Perancangan Melangkaui Kelaziman *Planning : Beyond Conventional*



WHAT THIS AWARD RECOGNISES

Recognises exemplary community engagement, effective partnership and grassroots leadership that strengthen social well-being and community development.

ELIGIBILITY/ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Open to Community Organisations / NGOs involved in any SIA projects and relevant projects related to social
- Project must have an approved SIA Report and commenced construction.
- The organiser reserves the right to reject non-compliant nominations.
- Evaluation Panel's decision is final and not subject to appeal.
- Submitted materials may be used for SIAC Awards 2026 documentation and promotional purposes.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Level of community participation and inclusiveness
- Community Empowerment - Efforts to enhance the knowledge, skills or capacity of the community
- Impact on the Community - Actual outcomes and benefits to the community
- Partnership Sustainability
- Issue Management and Social Cohesion - Ability to resolve issues and build community relationships
- Good Practices that Can Be Replicated

REQUIRED SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

- The executive summary of the project should not exceed 300 words and should cover the project background, development scope, and the company's key social commitments.
- Community engagement programme documentation
- Empowerment or training programme documentation
- Community achievement data or testimonials
- Evidence of programme continuity
- Issue resolution or social cohesion records
- Best practice or replicable model documentation

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OUTSTANDING SIA CONSULTANCY AWARD

Determining Organisations : MSIA Malaysian Association of Social Impact Assessment



WHAT THIS AWARD RECOGNISES

Recognises high-quality SIA consultancy firms that demonstrate excellence in SIA delivery, stakeholder engagement, professional practice and advancement of the SIA profession.

ELIGIBILITY/ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Open to registered SIA consultancy firms **(Members of MSIA & PLANMalaysia Competency).**
- The firm must have completed at least three (3) SIA projects within the last five (5) years.
- At least one (1) project must have reached the construction or operational stage.
- The firm must submit a project portfolio/ poster.
- The firm must not have been subject to disciplinary action or blacklisting by any authority.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Quality and excellence in preparation of SIA Reports.
- Effectiveness of stakeholder engagement implementation.
- Practicality of social mitigation recommendations and the SIMP.
- Firm track record and professionalism.
- Innovation in methodology and the use of digital technology, GIS, AI or data analytics in SIA.
- Contribution to the SIA profession through training, research, publication or capacity building.
- National (PPSIA) or international recognition and alignment with international good practice such as IAIA, World Bank, IFC Performance Standards and ESG frameworks.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

- Portfolio covering at least three (3) SIA projects completed within the last five years.
- Evidence that at least one (1) project has reached construction or operation.
- Compulsory to participate in Poster Exhibition
- Evidence of professional contributions, innovation or recognition where claimed.

MANDATORY CRITERION

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4 Award

EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT EDUCATION AWARD

(Public University)

Determining Organisations : PLANMalaysia – Perancangan Melangkaui Kelaziman (Planning : Beyond Conventional)



WHAT THIS AWARD RECOGNISES

Recognises institutions that demonstrate excellence in SIA teaching, research, academic development and professional capacity building.

ELIGIBILITY/ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Participation is Open to Public Universities (IPTA) contributing to excellence in Social Impact Assessment (SIA).
- Complete supporting documentation must be submitted.
- The organiser reserves the right to reject non-compliant nominations.
- Evaluation Panel's decision is final and not subject to appeal.
- Submitted materials may be used for SIAC Awards 2026 documentation and promotional purposes.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Contribution of research to the development of the SIA field.
- SIA Education and Curriculum - Integration of SIA into teaching and learning.
- University collaboration with industry / agencies in the field of SIA.
- Capacity building - Contribution to developing graduates or training SIA practitioners OR Staff / lecturer involvement in registration, membership, assessment or practice.
- Dissemination of SIA knowledge to professionals or the community.
- Innovation in SIA Teaching - Creative and innovative approaches to SIA teaching and learning.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

- List of key SIA publications or research projects.
- SIA-related course outline or syllabus.
- MoU, appointment letter or evidence of one collaborative project.
- Documentation of one training programme or academic supervision.
- Documentation of one conference, seminar or outreach programme.
- Documentation of one teaching and learning (T&L) innovation.

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5 Award
OUTSTANDING SIA INNOVATION AWARD

Determining Organisations : Malaysian Association of Social Impact Assessment



WHAT THIS AWARD RECOGNISES

Recognises systems, models, methods and technology-driven innovations that improve the effectiveness, efficiency, transparency and scalability of SIA practice.

ELIGIBILITY/ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Open to individuals, companies, universities, government agencies and international organisations.
- Innovation may take the form of a digital system, platform, AI solution, GIS application, mobile application, dashboard, methodology, model or new framework.
- The innovation must have been developed and demonstrated through an actual project or pilot project.
- Applicants must submit a demonstration video, prototype or technical documentation.
- The innovation must not infringe the intellectual property rights of any party.
- Priority is given to innovations with potential for international application.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Novelty, creativity and originality of the innovation.
- Ability to improve the effectiveness of SIA implementation.
- Ability to accelerate report preparation, assessment processes or SIA monitoring.
- Ability to reduce implementation costs, manpower use and operating costs without compromising quality.
- Use of technologies such as AI, GIS, Remote Sensing, Big Data, IoT, BIM or Digital Twin.
- Usability, scalability and potential for national & international application.
- Contribution to transparency, governance and stakeholder engagement.
- Potential for commercialisation, intellectual property protection and value creation for the SIA industry.
- Support for digital transformation and sustainable development in SIA implementation.

REQUIRED SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

- Demonstration video, prototype and/or technical documentation.
- Evidence of implementation through an actual project or pilot project.
- Evidence supporting claimed improvements in effectiveness, efficiency, cost, transparency or stakeholder engagement, where relevant.
- Documentation demonstrating that the applicant owns or has the right to submit the innovation and that third-party intellectual property rights are not infringed.

INTERNATIONAL POTENTIAL

Priority is given to innovations with potential for application at international level and participate in Poster Exhibition.

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ASSESSMENT PROCESS-1
FROM SUBMISSION TO FINAL DECISION

Evaluation route for SIAC Awards 2026



EVALUATION PROCESS

01	**APPLICATION**	Applicant submits the online application and category-specific supporting evidence by **11 October 2026.**
02	**COMPLIANCE REVIEW**	The Secretariat reviews submissions for document compliance **from 12-17 October 2026.**
03	**SHORTLISTING (WHERE APPLICABLE)**	Nominations proposed by PLANMalaysia Headquarters and PLANMalaysia State Offices for evaluation and final selection.
04	**JURY EVALUATION**	The Jury Panel evaluates eligible / shortlisted entries against the published category criteria **from 18-21 October 2026.**
05	**VERIFICATION**	The panel may request clarification, further evidence, verification, audit or a site visit where required.
06	**FINAL DECISION**	The Jury Panel determines the final results. The decision is final and not subject to appeal.

WHAT THE JURY WILL LOOK FOR ACROSS CATEGORIES

STRENGTH OF THE CASE

- Clear evidence of real implementation and outcomes.
- Measurable and sustainable social value.
- Credible documentation and traceable claims.
- Relevance to SIA practice and the specific award category.

QUALITYOF THE CASE

- Good governance, stakeholder engagement and professional standards.
- Innovation and replicability where relevant.
- Compliance with Malaysian SIA requirements.
- Alignment with relevant international good practice, where applicable.

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ASSESSMENT PROCESS-2

PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FORMAT



APPLICABLE TO:
All open submission Competitive Award Categories

FORMAT

Maximum 300 words	A4 size	PDF Format	ENGLISH	CLEAR & LEGIBLE FORMAT	FILE NAME : AWARD Categories + [Organisation Name]_Project Summary.pdf

CONTENT

- The Project Summary should provide a **concise and evidence-based** case supporting the award application and should address the relevant judging criteria for the selected award category.
- Applicants should refer to the **category-specific key points and judging** criteria provided in this Guidelines & Information Pack.
- Relevant claims, achievements, statistics, outcomes and supporting evidence must be **appropriately cited or referenced.**
- **Photographs, figures, tables and graphics** may be included where relevant within the prescribed page limit.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Exceeding the maximum page limit may result in disqualification or deduction during evaluation.

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ASSESSMENT PROCESS-3
SIAC AWARD POSTER SUBMISSION FORMAT



FORMAT

- One (1) Poster
- A1 Size
- Potrait orientation
- PDF Format
- High Resolution/ Print-ready
- English
- File Name :
  AWARD Categories_[Organisation Name]_Project Poster.pdf

REQUIRED CONTENT

The project poster should provide a clear visual presentation of the entry and include, where relevant :

- Project title and location
- Applicant / SIA consultancy firm
- Project background
- Key social issues / challenges
- SIA approach and methodology
- Stakeholder engagement
- Key findings
- Social mitigation measures /SIMP
- Key outcomes / achievements
- Innovation / good practice
- Photographs / figures / graphics
- References / sources

IMPORTANT NOTE

All submitted posters will undergo a screening and evaluation process by the Committee.

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- Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all information, data and supporting materials submitted are accurate, appropriately cited or referenced, and authorised for submission.
- Applicants must ensure that submitted materials do not contain confidential, sensitive or restricted information that cannot be disclosed.
- MSIA, the SIAC Awards 2026 Organising Committee, PLANMalaysia and participating or supporting organisations shall not be held responsible for the disclosure of confidential, sensitive or restricted information contained in materials submitted by applicants.
- All materials submitted as part of an award entry will not be returned.
- Submitted materials may be used for award evaluation and, where appropriate, exhibition, presentation, publication and promotional purposes related to SIAC Awards 2026.
- The decision of the SIAC Awards 2026 Jury Panel is final.

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