

2026
AWARDS

The Cape Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Cape Higher Education Consortium

WESTERN CAPE ECONOMY INNOVATION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM 2026

Please complete this nomination form accurately, completely but succinctly.

1. Contact details

Nominator (Person)	Nominating Organisation	Signature	Date	e-mail address
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Nominated Person	Nominated Organisation	Sub-sector one of the following: Private Sector or Academia or Public Sector or Non-Profit	Cell phone number	e-mail address
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2. Short description

+100 word description of what the innovation / solution is and who needs to be recognised for which parts of the solution.

(e.g. new service /product /solution /regulation /infrastructure /institutional capacity)

Taking Care of Business (TCB) is an innovative circular-economy solution that addresses retail surplus and waste by redirecting unsold but usable goods from major retailers to vetted Enterprise Development entrepreneurs, thus eradicating poverty. TCB converts retail overflow into social value while reducing landfill waste and disposal costs. Retail partners should be recognised for releasing and donating their surplus stock, while TCB's team manages sorting, warehousing, and distribution to participants. Participants are

unemployed men and women who start small reselling, repairing, and upcycling businesses, ensuring the goods reach vulnerable communities. Together, the model demonstrates how responsible supply chains can simultaneously reduce waste, strengthen civil society, and create measurable social and environmental impact.

3. Detailed description

Please answer all the questions (a) to (j) below, and place answers in the prescribed place as indicated in the table below (to construct a results chain):

- a. What is the target business group/s that this innovation serves and improves?
- b. How many of these target businesses have already utilised this new solution?
- c. How did these businesses access and receive the new solution?
- d. What did this new solution help these businesses become better at?
- e. How did this help to improve their business performance? *Increased sales, lower costs, increased investment, increased employment, increased exports?*
- f. What exactly is this new innovative solution?
- g. What makes it new, compared what existed before? (Novelty in the WC economy)
- h. What makes it better than what existed before?
- i. How is/was the new solution made available to the target market / business group?
- j. What will ensure that the financial viability / sustainability of providing the innovative solution and the beneficial consequences remain intact over this period? *E.g. profitable business with enduring competitive advantage in the market. What is the expected longevity of this this solution? E.g. 5yrs, 10 yrs, 10+ years*

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f. A structured circular-economy logistics and distribution system that collects surplus retail and manufacturing goods, processes them through quality control and warehousing, and resells, repairs, repurposes these items for resale through Enterprise Development participants, as well as redistribution through vetted NPOs	i. Through corporate partnership agreements, scheduled logistics systems, and a network of vetted NPO beneficiaries that access goods through a structured distribution programme. c. Businesses access the	a. The solution primarily serves retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, and distributors in the Western Cape who experience surplus, unsold, or short-dated stock. It also directly serves unemployed men and women who are South African citizens and who want to start small businesses, but lack the skills and opportunities to do so.	j. Sustainability is supported through a hybrid social enterprise model , combining corporate partnerships, logistics efficiencies, and impact-driven collaborations. As waste reduction, ESG compliance, and circular economy practices become increasingly important, the model has strong potential longevity of 15+ years already in operation with

<p>serving communities in need.</p> <p>g. Unlike ad-hoc donations previously common in the sector, the model introduces a formalised supply-chain platform with warehousing, logistics, compliance checks, and digital inventory management, creating a reliable surplus redistribution ecosystem.</p> <p>h. The solution ensures consistent large-scale redistribution, traceability, and accountability, significantly increasing the volume of goods diverted from landfill while ensuring equitable distribution to verified organisations.</p>	<p>solution by partnering directly with TCB, signing surplus redistribution agreements, and coordinating scheduled collection or delivery of excess stock to TCB's warehouse and distribution system. This service is offered free of charge.</p>	<p>b. More than 20 retail and corporate partners across the country (representing over 2000 stores) have engaged with the model by donating or redirecting surplus goods through the system. Annually, 200 Participants (unemployed South Africans), join the programme and benefit.</p> <p>d. It enables businesses to manage surplus inventory responsibly, improve ESG performance, and reduce waste management and disposal costs.</p> <p>e. For retail and manufacturing partners, the solution reduces waste disposal costs, improves ESG compliance, and strengthens brand reputation. The system also supports livelihood opportunities for unemployed women and men through sorting, logistics, warehousing, and community distribution activities, contributing to</p>	<p>scalable growth across regions.</p>
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		increased income generation and local economic participation.	
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After completing the table, read from left to right. Check for coherence and improve if needed.

4. Declaration of Evidence to verify results chain

What supporting evidence can you provide to verify the results stated above are as stated?

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What evidence can be provided? e.g. Records, reports, peer reviews, and so forth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCB Annual Reports (e.g., 2024/2025) documenting the circular economy enterprise model linking retailers with micro-entrepreneurs and NPOs. • Corporate partnership records showing retailers donating surplus stock. • Warehouse and logistics records showing millions of surplus retail items collected and processed annually. • Awards and recognitions for innovation in waste management and social enterprise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail partner agreements showing responsible surplus stock management and reduced landfill disposal costs. • ESG or sustainability reporting from corporate partners referencing participation in TCB. • Operational records demonstrating over 2 million items of retail waste redirected annually through the circular supply chain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme monitoring reports showing thousands of micro-entrepreneurs trained and supported through enterprise development programmes. • Financial impact data demonstrating over R500–R564 million in profits generated by participant businesses using surplus goods. • Participant tracking data showing income generation, micro-enterprise creation, and employment outcomes. • Case studies of beneficiaries who started businesses 	<p>Historical records showing the organisation operating since 2010 with continuous programme expansion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longitudinal monitoring showing programme graduates continuing to run businesses and access stock years after training. • Multi-year donor and grant agreements supporting scale-up of programmes. • Evidence of long-term retail partnerships and ongoing supply chain collaboration.

			<p>through TCB programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPO donation reports showing which local nonprofits received donations of excess goods and the quantities of items. 	
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5. Select the best category of award for this innovation

Sector	Award	Mark with "X"
Public Sector	6 x Catalytic innovations that contribute to growth.	
Public Sector	1 x Provincial- or National-government systemic innovation most impactful on economic growth	
Public Sector	1 x Municipal (LM+DM) innovation that is impactful on growth of their local economy	
Public Sector	1 x Public-sector innovation, enhancing good governance.	
Safety & Security	1 x Innovation enhancing precinct safety & security.	
Labour Market	1 x Labour market efficacy award Reducing impediments to increased employment.	
Academia	1 x Research most impactful on competitiveness of Industry	
Academia	1 x Tertiary education best aligned to Industry / market needs	
Academia	1 x Most successful start-up / spin out	
Academia	1 x Entrepreneurship development in higher education	
Industry Sector Bodies	1 x Institution/s strengthening stakeholder cooperation to enhance competitiveness of their Industry.	
Organised Business	1 x Institution/s strengthening stakeholder cooperation to enhance competitiveness of their business precincts.	X

6. Check that you completed all that is necessary.

7. Submit this documented and/or video recorded to innovation@capechamber.co.za.

Thank you for helping us discover and celebrate the champions shaping a better WC economy!