



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)

Innovation City is a curated innovation hub in Cape Town designed to connect founders, investors, corporates, and technology operators building high-growth businesses. The platform combines physical workspace, community, and curated programming to accelerate collaboration, knowledge exchange, and access to capital across sectors such as fintech, healthtech, proptech, AI and more. Its model focuses on bringing together the people building companies with the networks, expertise, and partnerships required to scale them. Innovation City's impact is driven by its founders, Kieno Kammies and Stephan Ekbergh, together with a growing ecosystem of member companies, partners, and operators who contribute to events, content, and the development of South Africa's startup economy.

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).

For instance, the answer to question (a) should be written in the third column next to (a).

- 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 to what existed before? (Novelty in 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 an enduring competitive advantage in the market.* What is the expected longevity of this solution? *E.g. 5yrs, 10 yrs, 10+ years*

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<p>f. Innovation City is a curated innovation hub that integrates workspace, ecosystem programming, investor access, and knowledge exchange into a single platform designed to accelerate the growth of technology companies.</p> <p>g. Unlike traditional coworking spaces or isolated networking events, Innovation City combines physical infrastructure, curated community, investor engagement, and industry-relevant programming to actively shape and strengthen the Western Cape's innovation ecosystem.</p> <p>h. The model focuses on intentional curation and ecosystem building, ensuring that founders, investors, corporates, and technical operators interact in a structured environment that promotes collaboration, knowledge transfer, and business growth rather than passive networking.</p>	<p>i. The solution is delivered through a combination of membership, curated events, industry roundtables, founder programmes, and ecosystem partnerships that attract both local and international participants to engage with the Western Cape innovation community.</p> <p>c. Businesses access Innovation City through membership, curated events, founder programmes, ecosystem partnerships, and industry-focused discussions. The platform combines physical workspace, community programming, and curated introductions to investors, partners, and collaborators.</p>	<p>a. Innovation City primarily serves technology startups, scale-ups, and innovation-driven SMEs operating in sectors such as fintech, healthtech, proptech, AI, climate tech, and digital services. It also supports founders, venture investors, corporate innovation teams, and service providers who contribute to the growth of the startup ecosystem.</p> <p>b. Innovation City currently hosts over 60 member companies and more than 280 individual members, with thousands of founders, operators, investors, and ecosystem participants engaging through its events, programmes, and knowledge-sharing initiatives.</p> <p>d. The platform helps businesses become better at scaling operations, accessing capital, building strategic partnerships, sharing knowledge, and improving visibility within the technology and venture ecosystem.</p> <p>e. Through these connections and insights, participating businesses benefit from increased investment opportunities, faster market expansion, stronger partnerships, improved operational knowledge, and in many cases increased revenue, employment, and regional market reach.</p>	<p>j. Innovation City operates on a sustainable model supported by mentorship, partnership, sponsorship, and event programming. Its long-term viability is strengthened by the continued growth of the technology sector and the increasing demand for founder-focused ecosystems. The expected longevity of the platform is 10+ years, as it continues to evolve alongside the regional innovation economy.</p>

After completing the table, read from left to right. Check for coherence and improve if needed.

4. Declaration of Evidence to verify the results chain

What supporting evidence can you provide to verify that 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	Innovation City membership records, partnership agreements, event programmes, and attendance records demonstrating sustained engagement from startups, corporates, investors, and ecosystem partners.	Event reports, founder participation data, curated programme documentation, and feedback from participating companies confirming improved access to networks, knowledge sharing, and collaboration opportunities.	Founder testimonials, case studies of member companies, records of partnerships or investment introductions facilitated through the platform, and public coverage documenting ecosystem activity and business growth among participating companies.	Innovation City's membership, record-keeping agreements, corporate records, and programme and event participation data.

5. Select the best category of award for this innovation

Sector	Award	Mark with "X"
Private Sector	6 x Catalytic innovations that contribute to growth	X
Public Sector	1 x Provincial- or National-government systemic innovation most impactful on economic growth	
	1 x Local & District Municipal innovation that is impactful on growth of their local economy	
	1 x Public-sector innovation, enhancing good governance	
Safety & Security	1 x Innovation enhancing safety & security	
Labour Market	1 x Labour market efficacy award Reducing impediments to increased employment	
Academia	1 x Research the most impactful on competitiveness of Industry	
	1 x Tertiary education best aligned to Industry / market needs	
	1 x Most successful start-up / spin-out	
	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	

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!