



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)

Milani Education is a free, CAPS-aligned digital learning platform that strengthens educational capacity in the Western Cape and across South Africa. Designed for high school learners in less-resourced schools, the platform curates structured content from qualified teachers into accessible, self-paced modules. By providing meaningful supplementary academic support, Milani enhances institutional efficiency and improves learner performance. Recognition is given to Milani's founding leadership for their innovation in developing and implementing the online platform, as well as to the contributing educators and partnering organisations working to bridge the educational divide in South Africa and ultimately create a positive economic 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).

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. Free, CAPS curriculum-aligned online learning platform with content curated by qualified teachers including videos, PDF's & interactive quizzes.</p> <p>g. Milani offers a teacher curated, supplementary learning platform aligned to CAPS with broad access in</p> <p>h. the Western Cape.</p> <p>Previously, learners did not have access high-quality, free online resource or private tutoring. Milani is carefully moderated by top teachers, targeting subject specific skills.</p>	<p>i. The online platform is accessible via PC and mobile devices, through partnerships with schools and NGOs with learning centers.</p> <p>c. Learners access the platform for free and at any time online using computers or mobile devices. Schools, partners and NGOs also onboard learners and educators can utilise the platform to access valuable resources.</p>	<p>a. High-School learners from less resourced communities in the WC and SA seeking to improve educational outcomes.</p> <p>b. We have 5 partnering organisations, over 1300 sign-ups and over 8800 sessions.</p> <p>d. By providing a structured ,moderated supplementary learning tool, able to track student progress. Milani improves learning outcomes and bridges the inequality in SA.</p> <p>e. Improved educational outcomes ultimately serve and strengthen the Western Cape and SA economy</p>	<p>j. As an NPO, Milani is funded via corporate donations. Through continuous content updates and platform improvements the expected longevity is 10+ years</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	Platform usage statistics, google analytics, feedback about platform, system logs showing content access, gradebook feedback once implemented	Reports on improved learning experience, learner engagement data, learner and teacher feedback & testimonials.	Testimonials from partner schools/NGOs, learner feedback reports, future case studies showing improved learning outcomes.	Duration of benefits extend beyond high school education to ultimately benefit the WC economy through job creation, investment and economic growth.

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	
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	X
	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!