

Mr Earl Shipp's Speech

President of Dow Chemical East Africa Ltd – Sponsors of the 'Most Sustainable and Scalable Community Investment' Award Category

We are delighted to be here today sponsoring the Award for 'Most Sustainable and Scalable Community Investment'.

Dow Africa is a significant local industry player in the region. As a company with a passion for the betterment of the human condition, Dow is an active supporter of Corporate Citizenship programs aimed at conservation and providing community support, including education to orphaned and underserved children.

The 'Most Sustainable and Scalable Community Investment' award category received the highest number of entries. This highlights the extent to which companies are realising their social responsibility toward the communities in which they operate and Dow Africa is honoured to be operating alongside companies that are as committed to corporate social responsibility as we are.

It is important to remember however, that all participants in this CSR competition are winners, as well as the people and the communities touched by these "voluntary" initiatives. They are all winners too.

It takes time, resources, and dedication to start and sustain these efforts. The "awards" we are giving tonight are only our attempt to highlight these great CSR efforts and the commitment behind them, and encourage more of them in the future.

And so without further ado, the shortlisted entries are