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# VISION ZERO AWARD

## For SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLBEING

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### BACKGROUND

In 2017, the VISION ZERO Initiative globally launched as the central strategy of International Social Security Association (ISSA) to establish a new culture of prevention and mindset of leaders and workers. By committing to this international strategy, companies, and organizations all over the world intend to establish a culture of prevention at all workplaces and strengthen efforts for better workplace safety, health, and wellbeing towards zero accidents and work-related diseases. Over the last 10 years, this global initiative has been implemented in approximately 190 countries and ISSA Mining is launching Vision Zero Awards to celebrate this monumental achievement.

Accidents at work and occupational diseases are neither predetermined nor unavoidable – they always have causes. By building a strong prevention culture, these causes can be eliminated and work-related accidents, harm and occupational diseases can be prevented. Within the 7 Golden Rules of the VISION ZERO Strategy ([Vision Zero Homepage | Vision Zero](#)), the initiative strives for active involvement of all workers and open communication between leaders, managers and the frontline to develop ideas and solutions for workplace safety, health and wellbeing. Based on the belief that this proactive cooperation of top and middle management and workforce creates the best innovative solutions, the new established **VISION ZERO Award for SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLBEING** adds a new opportunity and platform to share these practices globally.

**The VISION ZERO Awards Scheme** aims to recognize and celebrate outstanding commitment and achievements in promoting workplace safety, health, and wellbeing. The award will serve as a platform to showcase best practices and inspire other organizations to prioritize safety, health, and wellbeing in the workplace.

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A finalist from the ISSA Mining Awards will be further nominated as a finalist for the Global VISION ZERO Awards for SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLBEING to be honoured by ISSA during the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Safety and Health in Dakar / Senegal, in April 2027. We believe that industry as a whole and all companies in all countries will benefit from cross collaboration through the sharing of ideas and solutions.

## **CROSS COLLABORATION MAKES THE MINING INDUSTRY SAFER**

By submitting your ideas and best practice solutions, you are contributing to a safe and healthy working environment in the mining industry globally. Please join the 2026 VISION ZERO Awards for SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLBEING competition and send us your innovative ideas and solutions, your successful campaigns and your best practice initiatives. More than one finalist can be awarded to each criteria, based on quality of the idea and additional sub-criteria listed below.

ISSA Mining is now accepting nominations in the following categories for the 2026 VISION ZERO Awards for SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLBEING:

### **Leadership Award**

- Recognizing organizational leaders who demonstrate a strong commitment to safety and health, actively promoting a culture of prevention from the top down.

### **Innovation & Technology Award**

- Innovative and technical solutions to avoid or minimize risks for health & safety.

### **Health & Wellbeing Award**

- Acknowledging initiatives that prioritize the physical and mental wellbeing of employees, promoting a holistic approach to workplace health.

### **Prevention Culture Award**

- Best implementation of Vision Zero and 7 Golden Rules. New concepts and activities to stimulate health & safety culture, new solutions for a sustainable organization and motivation for health & safety and measures to support a healthy workforce.



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*\*More than one finalist may be considered for each category, when innovative nominations further meet the additional sub-categories outlined below*

**YOUNG WORKERS:** Successful practices to coach, activate, sensitize and to integrate young workers, apprentices and trainees in health & safety.

**EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT:** Acknowledging initiatives that actively involve employees in safety, health and wellbeing decision-making and encourage their active participation in prevention programs.

**RISK ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL:** Highlighting organizations that have implemented effective risk assessment processes and controls to mitigate workplace hazards.

**TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION:** Recognizing efforts to provide comprehensive safety, health and wellbeing training and effective communication strategies to promote safety awareness and knowledge.

**INCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND LEARNING:** Celebrating organizations that demonstrate a commitment to thorough incident investigation and learning from near misses and accidents to prevent future occurrences.

**CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT:** Recognizing organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement in safety, health and wellbeing, implementing feedback and making proactive changes to enhance workplace safety, health and wellbeing.

**QUICK WINS:** Recognizing low cost/high value ideas.

The initiative should be:

- Implemented with minimal resources (time, cost, equipment)
- A simple change that produced high value or meaningful improvement.

## INCLUSIVE AWARD SUBMISSION PROCESS

The awards process is inclusive – eligibility is open to mine operators, leaders, workers, researchers and mining suppliers. Ideas can be submitted by individuals, teams, managers and leaders, workers or experts.

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The submitted ideas can vary from new technological developments to very simple activities to improve Safety, Health & Wellbeing. Often, the simple ideas or quick wins are the most effective ideas – so please don't hesitate to submit your idea.

## DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Please send us your ideas by **July 1, 2026**.

Please use the attached form to describe and specify your idea as concise and clear as possible. The ideas shall be carried out and successfully tested and implemented. Providing some pictures, a short video or drawings will help the Jury understand your idea and evaluate your VISION ZERO Award submission for SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLBEING. The Jury for the VISION ZERO Award for SAFETY, HEALTH & WELLBEING needs to know the problem, how you solved the problem and what the result was.

## DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

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