



# PETER DA COSTA PRIZE 2025

## SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

The Network of Impact Evaluation Researchers in Africa (NIERA) is pleased to invite nominations for the inaugural Peter Da Costa Prize, which will be awarded annually to an outstanding African policymaker who has demonstrated exceptional use of research evidence to inform policy making and advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Eligible policymakers include staff within government ministries, agencies, sub-national government structures, and parliament who have direct responsibility for developing policy or program documents related to any of the thematic areas covered by the Sustainable Development Goals, such as poverty reduction, food security, sustainable agriculture, health, education, gender equality, climate action, and peace and security.

If you know an African policymaker who has made outstanding contributions to improving lives and livelihoods through evidence-informed policymaking, they could be the recipient of the 2025 Peter Da Costa Prize.

### **Honoring Dr. Peter da Costa's Legacy**

The Peter Da Costa Prize is awarded by NIERA with generous support from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Dr. Peter da Costa served for a decade as an advisor to the Foundation's Global Development and Population Program. He was a champion of evidence-informed policymaking in Africa and played a catalytic role in the establishment of NIERA. He sadly passed away on August 18, 2019.

Through this award, NIERA honours his lifelong commitment to strengthening the availability of policy-relevant knowledge in African countries and facilitating its systematic application by government decision-makers.

### **Award Details**

- The prize will be awarded to individuals, not their organizations.
- The award includes:
  - Travel support to attend the 2026 Africa Evidence Summit.
  - Access to an online professional development course e.g. offered via Coursera or Edx.
  - A celebratory plaque or medal.
- The award ceremony will take place at an in-person event in Nairobi in December 2025

### **Nomination Deadline**

- Nominations will be accepted through October 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m., East Africa Time.

### **How to nominate**

- To submit a nomination, please visit: <https://forms.gle/ccooBhxq5P8Bqz5x8>
- Individuals cannot self-nominate. All nominations must be submitted by a third-party.

We look forward to recognizing and celebrating an outstanding policymaker who has made a meaningful impact through evidence-informed decision-making.

### **Contact**

If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@nieraglobal.org](mailto:info@nieraglobal.org)