

SA's movers and shakers: Empowering business and people

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The 15th annual Oliver Empowerment Awards brought together the business elite of South Africa in what was an evening of recognition and celebration of the companies and individuals at the forefront of transformation in South African business. Guests included PricewaterhouseCoopers, Bonang Matheba, Nedbank and McKinsey among many others.

Topco Media hosted the prestigious event at the Emperors Palace in Johannesburg, with our esteemed media partners SA Business Integrated, SA Building Review and City Press and broadcaster by CNBC. Among the finalists for 2016 was some of the country's most esteemed businesses.

"This year, we once again hosted SA's business elite, where they were recognised and celebrated for their contribution and commitment to transforming the business sphere in South Africa. We are very proud to say the least," said Ryland Fisher, editorial director at Topco Media.

"This award is humbling," said Commander Mokhele, CEO of SAMSA, winner of a Legend of Empowerment Award.

It is an affirmation that the business landscape of South Africa will be driven forward with leaders and innovators that are consciously implementing transformation and strive for equality.

"As one of the largest professional services firms in South Africa, we believe that we have a responsibility to play a role in empowering all the people of our country," commented PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the winners of the evening. "Why are we so committed? Because we know that transformation is an economic imperative and that it's not only essential to the growth of our firm but also of the South African economy."

"In an extremely challenging economic environment, training and personal development are not optional. To watch an individual come in with no qualification whatsoever and to see them grow in capability and self-confidence is really exciting," commented EBH, winner of the Skills Development Award.

The Oliver Empowerment Awards is very proud to announce this year's winners in their respective categories.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AWARD (Elgin Brown and Hamer)

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MultiChoice South Africa Holdings

DIVERSITY AWARD
PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.

Isilumko Staffing – Highly Commended

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TOP EMPOWERED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD - Sponsored by Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency

City of Tshwane

TOP EMPOWERED ENTREPRENEUR OF 2016 AWARD

Boniswa Corporate Solutions - Lynette Magasa

Staza Cleaning Services - Stella Mokwena – Highly Commended

TOP EMPOWERED PUBLIC SERVICE LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

South African Civil Aviation Authority – Dr Poppy Khoza

TOP EMPOWERED YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD (UNDER 40 YEARS) - Sponsored by TUMI

DNA Brand Architects - Sylvester Chauke

MEDIA PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Bonang Matheba

(Public Votes)

TOP EMPOWERED BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD - Sponsored by Public Sector Manager

Maponya Inc - Phatudi Maponya

TOP EMPOWERED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

MultiChoice South Africa Holdings

For any further information on the evening, or the winners, please do not hesitate to contact Rose Setshoge at rose.setshoge@topco.co.za, or 086 000 9590.

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