

Time running out to enter the Standard Bank Top Women Awards

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Entries for the 14th annual Standard Bank Top Women Awards closed on 30 June 2017.



For a decade and a half, South Africa's premier gender parity platform has awarded accomplished women leaders and visionaries across a host of disciplines, whose journeys to success ignite the entrepreneurial spirit of the next generation of women leaders. Previous Top Women award recipients include **Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma**, **Adv. Thuli Madonsela**, **Margaret Hirsch** and **Joléne Leeuwner-Maritz**.

The awards' categories are comprehensive. Women entrepreneurs being central to the economy's growth, there's an award for the year's "Top Young Achiever under 40". Meanwhile, several categories showcase companies or organisations at the forefront of gender parity in their sectors. Top Women being a fully inclusive platform, a special award is also reserved for the "Top male driving gender empowerment". In short, there's a Top Women Award for everyone who embodies, or advances, the success of South Africa's women.

Entrants' nominations are evaluated against strict criteria in order to designate the award finalists, who then undergo further rigorous analysis by the judges in the quest for a coveted Standard Bank Top Women trophy. This year's notable judges include Abigail Khuluse, Busi Selesho, Kate Moodley, Thulisile Phiri, Lullu Krugel, Phuti Mahanyele, Lebo Madiba and Margaret Sibiya.

This year's winners will be announced in a lavish ceremony on **17 August** at Emperors Palace in Johannesburg. Meanwhile, the journey to that glittering stage begins with the decision to enter. There's still time - but not much.

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