

# Standard Bank Top Women Awards 2021 winners announced

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Topco Media is excited to announce the winners of this year's prestigious Standard Bank Top Women Awards. These annual awards recognise and honour outstanding leadership, inspiration, vision, and innovation in organisations that help women rise to the top of the economic ladder. Covering all key economic areas and recognising businesses at all levels, from SMME to national.



The 18th annual Standard Bank Top Women Awards, which aimed to bridge the gap between the public and private sectors, was held on the evening of November 4, 2021. The awards recognise people who have had a considerable influence on women in South Africa by their unwavering vision and innovative leadership. Every year, about eight hundred critical decision-makers attend the ceremony.

"Together, we honour and applaud outstanding leadership, ingenuity, vision and innovation in organisations that play a significant role in advancing women in our economy. We believe that by empowering women, we can play our part in accelerating growth in Africa," says Ralf Fletcher, CEO, Topco Media. "Thus far, we have brought together tens of thousands of strong women from multiple sectors across the nation, certifying more than 2,000 organisations annually as Top Women entities, and celebrating exemplary candidates each year at our coveted awards ceremony."

Previous winners have gone on to achieve greater success such as representing the country at a UN level. To see the full list of finalists, visit [www.topbusinesswomen.co.za](http://www.topbusinesswomen.co.za).

Sponsors this year included Servest, SANBI, and Boschendal.

## Winners

Top Business Woman of the Year Award Sponsored by Standard Bank  
Leila Fourie, Johannesburg Stock Exchange

Top Women Young Achiever Sponsored by Standard Bank

Charmagne Mavudzi, Volvo SA

**Top Women Empowered Company: Diversity in the Workplace** Sponsored by Servest  
Unilever

**Top Women Business of the Year Award** Sponsored by Boschendal  
Institute of Directors in South Africa

**Top Women Empowered Company: Skills Development** Sponsored by Ekurhuleni West TVET College  
The Skills Development Corporation

**Top Women Public Sector Leader Award** Sponsored by Motheo TVET College  
Chantelle Martin Strauss, Department of Small Business Development

**Top Women in Tech Award**  
Priya Thakoor, Vodacom

**Top Women in Science Award**  
Mogaleadi Seabela, Anglo American

**Top Women Empowered Company: Corporate Citizenship Award**  
Adcock Ingram

**Top Women Empowered Company: Fast Growth Women-owned SMME**  
Torque Solutions

**Top Women Entrepreneur of the Year Award**  
Thandeka Ndlovu-Mngomezulu, Total Serve Facilities Management

**Top Women Empowered Company in Resources, Construction and Infrastructure** Sponsored by TEG Group  
Turner & Townsend

**Top Women in Property Award**  
Lettie Mashau, Motheo Construction Group

**Top Women Empowered Company in Youth Development**  
Unilever

**Top Women Empowered Company: Public Sector Award** Sponsored by Public Sector Leaders  
National Agricultural Marketing Council

**Top Women Empowered Company in Health and Pharmaceuticals Award**  
Adcock Ingram

**Top Women Empowered Company in Biodiversity, Conservation and Environmental** Sponsored by Sanbi  
Triplo4 Sustainable Solutions

**Top Women Empowered Company in Retail and E-commerce Award**  
Vodacom

**Top Women Lifetime Achievement Award**  
Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

## Top Women Lifetime Achievement Award

Irene Charnley

## Top Women in Sports Award

Tatjana Schoenmaker

## Top Women in Sports Award

Kgothatso Montjane

## Top Women in Sports Award

Bianca Buitendag

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