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**Africa’s Most Influential Women in Business and Government &**

**Titans: Building Nations**

**CONTINENTAL GALA DINNER**

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**Africa’s Most Influential Women in Business and Government and Titans: Building Nations, recognition for African leaders took place at Midrand Conference Centre.**

The awards are the *leading African recognition programme honouring excellence in the private and public sec*tor. The programme covers 23 economic sectors and has for the past **sixteen years** independently recognised those leaders who are at the pinnacle of their industry.

“Nominees undergo a rigorous multi-tiered judging process,” says Annelize Wepener, Chief Executive, of CEO Global. “Quality assurance is provided by *independent auditors throughout the judging and the highest possible standard is maintained*. Those individuals whom have been recognised as winners in their field can be assured that they have truly excelled.”

According to Annelize, CEO Global’s recognition programmes dispels the notion that Africa has a paucity of innovative and progressive leadership talent. “There are tremendously inspirational stories at the core of each winner’s professional and personal life story. I am really very privileged to interact with these individuals. They deserve the admiration and respect they are afforded, particularly Lifetime Achievers who have often been absolute pioneers in their field.”

She also has words of encouragement for continental finalists: ***“To be recognised as a continental finalist is an achievement in its own right. You are without a doubt on the right path and we hope the recognition you have enjoyed spurs you on to greater things.”***

Continental winners will also be afforded the opportunity to join the **“Network of Influence”,** which will give them access to developmental tools and serves as a platform to bring together small and medium enterprises with corporates and the public sector.

CEO Global would like to thank its partners: UNISA graduate School of Business Leadership and Premier Hotel O.R.Tambo, without which this would not have been possible.

**About Africa’s Most Influential Women in Business and Government and Titans: Building Nations Awards**

The mission of the Awards is to identify and recognise Africa’s most influential male and female leaders. The nomination process for the Awards is an open process with no professional body affiliation required. Nominations are obtained from the business community and individuals during a nomination window which opens on 1 September and runs approximately 13 months. During the course of 2016, just under 4000 nominations across the various sectors were received from across the continent for the 2017 awards.

***The judging panel comprises leading figures from the business and public sector that have excelled in their own right and understand the demands made upon contemporary leaders.***

The judging panel consists of four tiers and is comprised of 24 representatives from across industry. None of the judging panels are remunerated for their work and CEO Global extends its sincere thanks to Yvonne Finch (chairperson of the panel) and all the judges for the work they have done and the time they have sacrificed to make the programmes a success.

Broadly speaking the judges look for candidates who have made an impact on the profitability/sustainability of their organisation or that of their employer; played a leading role in the development of their sector; willingly developed those around them and invested of themselves in the upliftment of communities.

**About CEO Global**

CEO Global is a Business and Professional Services company that has during the last 17 years focused on the identification of Africa’s leading talent and sharing their success stories. The company’s products include, CEO magazines, Africa’s Most Influential Women in Business and Government, Titans: Building Nations, FLUID (Future Leaders Under Individual Development) and Mentor Me 24/7 and Custom work. For organisations who wish to know more about these products please contact us 012 667 6623 or [info@ceomag.co.za](mailto:info@ceomag.co.za)

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| **FINALISTS & CONTINENTAL WINNERS 2017** | | | | | | |  | |  | | | | | |  | | |  | | | |
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| **AGENCIES AND REGULATORY AUTHORITIES** | | | | | | |  | |  | | | | | |  | | |  | | | |
| ***FINALISTS:*** | |  | | | | |  | |  | | | | | |  | | |  | | | |
| **SADC NORTH** | | **MALAWI** | | | | | Ms | | Roza Madaro | | | | | | Mbilizi | | | Malawi Revenue Authority | | | |
| **EAST AFRICA** | | **KENYA** | | | | | Ms | | Jacinta M. | | | | | | Nzioka | | | Kenya Tourism Board | | | |
| **GREAT LAKES** | | **UGANDA** | | | | | Ms | | Jane Okot P'Bitek | | | | | | Langoya | | | Uganda Registration Services Bureau(URSB) | | | |
| **GREAT LAKES** | | **UGANDA** | | | | | Mr | | Richard Arthur | | | | | | Jabo | | | Uganda Free Zone Authority | | | |
| ***CONTINENTAL WINNERS:*** | |  | | | | |  | |  | | | | | |  | | |  | | | |
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| ***FINALISTS:*** | |  | | | | |  | |  | | | | | |  | | |  | | | |
| **IOC** | | **MAURITIUS** | | | | | Ms | | Jyoty | | | | | | Soomarooah | | | Mauritius Sugar Syndicate | | | |
| **EAST AFRICA** | | **KENYA** | | | | | Dr | | Felister Wambugha Mvoi | | | | | | Makini | | | Kenya Agricultural + Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) | | | |
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| **GREAT LAKES** | | **UGANDA** | | | | | Ms | | Judith | | | | | | Bakirya | | | Busaino Fruits and Herbs (BUFRUIT) | | | |
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| **ARTS AND CULTURE** | |  | | | | |  | |  | | | | | |  | | |  | | | |
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