

PRESS RELEASE

**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 sector*. 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.



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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

FINALISTS & CONTINENTAL WINNERS 2017

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:

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Vikashnee	Harbhajan	Master Builders Association KwaZulu-Natal
SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Mr	Hapenga Monty	Kabeta	Zambia Institute of Chartered Accountants (ZICA)

AGRICULTURAL

FINALISTS:

IOC	MAURITIUS	Ms	Jyoty	Soomarooah	Mauritius Sugar Syndicate
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Dr	Felister Wambugha Mvoi	Makini	Kenya Agricultural + Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO)
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	NIGERIA	Ms	Nkiru M.	Okpareke	Enviro Gro Farms/ Enviro Gro Services
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Ms	Judith	Bakirya	Busaino Fruits and Herbs (BUFRUIT)
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	NIGERIA	Mr	Stephen	Emmanuel	Vitae Seeds Nigeria Ltd.

CONTINENTAL WINNERS:

GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Mr	Joseph	Nkandu	Nucafe
SOUTH AFRICA	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Adri	Kitshoff-Botha	Wildlife Ranching South Africa

ARTS AND CULTURE

FINALISTS:

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Molemo Moiloa	Gapare	Visual Arts Network of South africa
IOC	MAURITIUS	Ms	Katrin	Caine	Rainbow Voices
EAST AFRICA	TANZANIA	Ms	Ayeta Anne	Wangusa	Culture and Development East Africa (CDEA)
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Dr	Mduduzi	Xakaza	eThekweni Municipality-Durban Art Gallery

CONTINENTAL WINNERS:

SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Ms	Faith M.	Kabende	Fay Designs Ltd
SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Mr	Chali	Mulalami	Sling Beats Limited

AUTOMOTIVE AND COMPONENTS

FINALISTS:

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Valentia	Hobbs	Volvo Group Southern Africa
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CONTINENTAL WINNER:

GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Ms	Florence Sempebwa	Makada	Motorcare Uganda Ltd
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AVIATION

CONTINENTAL WINNER:

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Sibusiso Welcome	Nkabinde	Air Traffic and Navigation Services SOC
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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

FINALISTS:

WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	CAMEROON	Ms	Tim Immaculate	Bih	Immaculate Construction (ICON) Co. Ltd
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CONTINENTAL WINNER:

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Vino	Govender	LA Consulting Engineers (Pty) Ltd
EAST AFRICA	TANZANIA	Mr	Dhruv Ashutosh	Jog	Advent Construction Limited
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Webster	Mfebe	The South African Forum of Civil Engineering Contractors(SAFCEC)

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

FINALISTS:

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Carol Virginia	Weaving	Thebe Reeds Exhibition
IOC	MAURITIUS	Ms	Madhavi	Ramdin-Clark	Acca Mauritius
EAST AFRICA	TANZANIA	Ms	Sujata Hanif	Jaffer	Nexia SJ Tanzania
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	DRC	Mrs	Patricia	Veringa-Gieskes	The Job Factory
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Eng	Alex	Turihohabwe	TAMP BLESSED - 3 MSJV Ltd

CONTINENTAL WINNERS:

SADC NORTH	BOTSWANA	Ms	Michelle	Adelman	Accite Holdings Pty Ltd/ Langdon Organic Pty Ltd
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Dr	Amit N	Thakker	Africa Health Business Ltd. & Africa Healthcare Federation

CHEMICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL AND PETROCHEMICAL

FINALISTS:

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Doreen	Kosi	Adcock Ingram Group
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Mr	Nazeem	Mohamed	Kampala Pharmaceutical Industries (1996) Ltd

CONTINENTAL WINNERS:

WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	NIGERIA	Dr	Dr Ebere Igboke	Ekpunobi	Neimeth international pharmaceuticals PLC
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Mike	Capon	Sensetek

EDUCATION AND TRAINING: ACADEMIC

FINALISTS:

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Dr	Bernadette Judith	Johnson	Phoenix Project Management (Pty Ltd)
IOC	SEYCHELLES	Ms	Shella Marie	Mohideen	University of Seychelles
GREAT LAKES	RWANDA	Ms	Aline Mpinga	Kabanda	Akilah Institute
IOC	MAURITIUS	Dr	Pierre Clarel	Catherine	University of Technology, Mauritius
EAST AFRICA	TANZANIA	Dr	Matobola Joel	Mihale	Open University of Tanzania
SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Mr	Peter Mwila	Lukonde	Copperbelt University and Private Consultancy
NORTH AFRICA	TUNISIA	Prof	Mohamed Thameur	Chaibi	National Research Institute for Rural Engineering Water & Forestry

CONTINENTAL WINNER:

SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Prof	J. Anitha	Menon	Department of Psychology, University of Zambia
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Prof	Letlhokwa George	Mpedi	University of Johannesburg

EDUCATION AND TRAINING: PRIVATE

FINALISTS

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Stacey Diane	Brewer	Spark Schools
GREAT LAKES	RWANDA	Mr	Alain	Munyaburanga	Rwanda Girls Initiative/Gashora Girls Academy of Science and Technology
CONTINENTAL WINNER:					
SADC NORTH	ZIMBABWE	Dr	Faith Kudakwashe	Nyamukapa	KinderCare Zimbabwe
SADC NORTH	ZIMBABWE	Mr	Edward	Siwela	Institute of Directors Zimbabwe

FINANCIAL SERVICES

FINALISTS:

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Dr	Mampiti Elizabeth	Matete	Land and Agricultural Bank of South Africa (Land Bank)
IOC	MAURITIUS	Ms	Imalaambaal	Kichenin	JurisTax Ltd
IOC	MAURITIUS	Mr	Roshan	Boodhoo	Alliance Financial Services Limited
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Mr	Azim	Tharani	GoldStar Insurance Company Limited
CONTINENTAL WINNER:					
SADC NORTH	ZIMBABWE	Mrs	Grace	Muradzikwa	Nikozdiamond Insurance
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Tshepo	Mahloele	Harith General Partners

GOVERNMENT-EMPLOYED OFFICIAL

FINALISTS:

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Dr	Rolene	Wagner	Frere Hospital
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	GHANA	Ms	Magdalene Ewuraesi	Apenteng	Ministry of Finance - Financial Sector Division

IOC	MAURITIUS	Mr	Virendra Kumarsingh	Daby	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and international Trade
<i>CONTINENTAL WINNER:</i>					
IOC	MAURITIUS	HE	Usha	Dwarka Canabady	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade
SADC NORTH	BOTSWANA	Ms	Rose Nunu	Seretse	Directorate on Corruption and Economic Crime
IOC	MAURITIUS	Mr	Maubarakahmad	Boodhun	Ministry of Youth and Sports Mauritius

ICT

FINALISTS:

SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Ms	Chimuka M.	Moore	Telplus Communications Zambia Limited
IOC	Mauritius	HC	Bernard Eric Typhis	Degtyarenko	Business Intelligence Experts / Quickbooksmu / Quickbooks LTD
IOC	Mauritius	Mr	Vidia C.	Mooneegan	Ceridian Mauritius
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Dr	Joseph	Walusimbi	SINFA Uganda Limited
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Mr	Anthony Wahome	Githinji	AG Group International/Linksoft Integrated Services (EA) Ltd
<i>CONTINENTAL WINNER:</i>					
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Dr	Madelise	Grobler	Bytes People Solutions, a Division of Altron TMT (Pty) Ltd
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Norman	Moyo	Cumii International

LOGISTICS AND SHIPPING

FINALISTS:

SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Ms	Nomsa Nontsikelelo Mataka	Mumba	Fedex Express Zambia
IOC	MAURITIUS	Ms	Fazillah	Tajoo	DHL Africa
IOC	MAURITIUS	Dr	Sidharth	Sharma	RHT Holdings Ltd
<i>CONTINENTAL WINNER:</i>					
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Fatima	Sullivan	DHL Express -SSA Regional Services
SADC NORTH	MALAWI	Mr	Ayob Mohammed	Salim	Capital Foods Limited

MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING

FINALISTS:

WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	IVORY COAST	Ms	Maidie Elizabeth Ayele	Arkutu	Unilever Francophone Africa
SADC NORTH	ZIMBABWE	Ms	Tendes Stella	Makunike	Savanna Tobacco Company
<i>CONTINENTAL WINNER:</i>					
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	DRC	Dr	Ngalula Sandrine	Mubenga	SMIN Powergroup
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Mr	Darshan	Chandaria	Chandaria Industries - Chandaria Group

MEDIA

FINALISTS:

WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	CAMEROON	Mrs	Amy Ngwangunu Banda	Yombi	The Amy Banda TV Show/ AB Consulting
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Mrs	Julie	Gichuru	Arimus Media Limited
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	GHANA	Mrs	Edith	Dankwa	Business & Financial Times
NORTH AFRICA	EGYPT	Mr	Mohamed Roshdy	Aly	Ministry of Social Solidarity - Egypt
CONTINENTAL WINNER:					
SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Mrs	Faith Margaret	Musonda	Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation
SADC NORTH	BOTSWANA	Mr	Percy Sekgomenyane	Raditladi	Yarona Fm (pty) Ltd

MEDICAL AND VETERINARY

FINALISTS

SADC NORTH	ZIMBABWE	Ms	Pester	Siraha	Population Services Zimbabwe
IOC	MAURITIUS	Ms	Appadoo-Leelah	Meera	Green Cross Medical Laboratory
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	GHANA	Dr	Lynda	Decker	Franklyn Medical ServicesCEO
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	GHANA	Dr	Jonathan	Amakye-Anim	La Veterinary Hospital
CONTINENTAL WINNER:					
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Marissa	Nel	Marissa Nel and Associates
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Dr	Peter Kato	Ssenyonga	Cure Childrens Hospital of Uganda

MINING

CONTINENTAL WINNER:					
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mrs	Dikeledi Lorraine	Nakene	Palabora Copper (PC)

PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

FINALISTS:

SADC SOUTH	NAMIBIA	Ms	Patty	Karuaihe-Martin	Namibia National Reinsurance Corporation (NAMIBRE)
CONTINENTAL WINNER:					
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Ayanda	Noah	Eskom Holdings SOC

SME					
FINALISTS:					
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	GHANA	Mrs	Karen	Evans Halm	Spektra Design Ltd
SADC NORTH	ZIMBABWE	Mr	Ketan	Patel	Imhanya
CONTINENTAL WINNER:					
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Ms	Jennifer	Barassa	Top Image Africa Ltd.
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Ms	Annet	Ayamba	Your Choice Agro Processors Ltd
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Adv	Fariyal	Mukaddam	4AX – 4 Africa Exchange
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Nisha	Maharaj	Niche Integrated Solutions Pty Ltd
SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Ms	Namucana Catherine	Musiwa	Career Prospects Limited
IOC	MAURITIUS	Ms	Marie Pascale Sandy Sharon	Marion	Agence Presse Media Ltd
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	CAMEROON	Ms	Ngo Yetna Augustine Audrey	Chicot	Multi Services & Material Industrial
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	GHANA	Ms	Awurabena	Okrah	Winglow Clothes
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Rubin	Van Niekerk	Associated Business Network (Pty) Ltd
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Mr	Amos	Bagumire	ABS Consulting Group
SADC SOUTH	NAMIBIA	Mr	Frank H.	Moormann	Financial Consulting Services (Pty) Ltd - FCS

SPORT					
CONTINENTAL WINNER:					
IOC	MAURITIUS	Ms	Iana Vroublevskaia	de Morelos	Sport Dance Ltd
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Christiaan Arnold	Theÿse	South African Korfbal Federation

TOURISM AND LEISURE					
FINALISTS					
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Wendy-Ann	Alberts	The Restaurant Association of South Africa
EAST AFRICA	TANZANIA	Mrs	Mary Consolata	Kalikawe	Kiroyera Tours Ltd
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Ms	Irene	Nalwoga	Women Tour Uganda / Renewills Tours and Travel
EAST AFRICA	TANZANIA	Mr	Moustafa H.	Khataw	Uniglobe Skylink Travel & Tours Ltd
CONTINENTAL WINNER:					
IOC	SEYCHELLES	Mrs	Daniella	Payet-Alis	Seychelles Connect
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	NIGERIA	Dr	Wasiu Adeyemo	Babalola	Swiss International Hotel & Resorts, Switzerland

WELFARE AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORG.					
FINALISTS:					
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Mrs	Jennifer Kabura	Karina	Kenya Girl Guides Association (KGGG)
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Ms	Joyce Namirimo	Tamale	Uganda Health Marketing Group (UHMKG)
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Dr	Livingstone	Sewanyana	Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	NIGERIA	Mr	Kenneth	Okoineme	ActionAid Nigeria
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Rev	Richard Wanzala	Mayabi	Church Army Africa
CONTINENTAL WINNER:					
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Louise	Driver	Children's Hospital Trust
SADC NORTH	MOZAMBIQUE	Mr	Amade	Sucá	ActionAid International Mozambique

LIFETIME ACHIEVER					
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Dr	Nokugcina	Mhlophe	GCINAMASIKO Arts & Heritage Trust
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Prof	Glenda	Gray	The South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Prof	Marilise	Smurthwaite	St Augustine College of South Africa
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Bennie	Saayman	Western Cape Netball Federation
SADC SOUTH	NAMIBIA	Ms	Visolela Rosalinda	Namises	Women Solidarity Namibia
WEST/CENTRAL AFRICA	GHANA	Dr	Juliette Modupe	Tuakli	CHILDAccra, CHILD & Associates
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Ms	Grace	Loumo	Aware
IOC	MAURITIUS	Ms	Maya	Sewnath	SSS Furniture Co Ltd
IOC	MAURITIUS	Dr	Brigitte Marie-Françoise	Driver	University of Mauritius
IOC	MAURITIUS	Mrs	Uma Devi	Kowlessner	Mahatma Gandhi Institute
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	BB	Margaret Wanjiru	Kariuki	Logistics and Energy Africa Ltd
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Dr	Elizabeth Mary	Okelo	The Makini School Ltd.
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Ms	Nancy Wakarima	Karigithu	Ministry of Transport
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Prof	Margaret	Kobia	Public Service Commission
SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Prof	Hellicy C	Ngambi	Mulungushi University, Great North Road Campus
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Wendy	Ackerman	Pick 'n Pay Holdings Ltd
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	Edna	Freinkel	Readucate Trust (NGO)
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Ms	GraçaSimbine	Machel	Graca Machel Trust
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Dr	Imtiaz Ismail	Sooliman	Gift of The Givers Foundation
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Roy	Cokayne	Business Report, Independent Media.
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Barries	Barnard	Boxing
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Sarel Daniel	van Der Merwe	Spirit of Africa

SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Raymond	Ackerman	Pick 'n Pay Supermarkets
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Roger	McCleery	Motorsport - TV, Radio and print Journalist;
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Roger	Houghton	Motoring Industry Expert
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Hugh	Masikela	Musician
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Brand	Pretorius	McCarthy Ltd
SADC SOUTH	SOUTH AFRICA	Mr	Leon	Freimond	Retired from Tennis South Africa
SADC NORTH	MALAWI	Prof	Victor Helix	Chipofya	Institute of Water and Environmental Sanitation (IWES)
SADC NORTH	ZAMBIA	Mr	Philip Chinoya	Mututa	Zambian College of Open Learning
EAST AFRICA	KENYA	Mr	Allan	Ragi	KANCO
WEST AFRICA	GHANA	Dr	Felix Kwaku	Anyah	Holy Trinity Medical Centre
GREAT LAKES	UGANDA	Prof	Albert Isimbwa	Rugumayo	Ndejje University

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