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## **Africa's Most Influential Women in Business & Government and Titans of Africa Recognised in Johannesburg**

**CEO Communications recognises the Most Influential Women in SADC South and Titans who are Building Nations**

**28 July 2015:** The Africa's Most Influential Women in Business and Government and Titans – Building Nations, recognition for influential African leaders took place at Vodacom Dome in Midrand. The breakfast was attended by foremost business executives and government officials. This mix made for a good audience as CEO Global announced the African women and men being recognised in various economic sectors across Africa.

This was the first of eight events to take place in various regions of Africa. Making for good networking opportunities, these events aim to celebrate the achievements of the women and men who are advancing African economies and communities. Regional winners are invited to a final event where this programme started, in SA, to celebrate the big names on 21 October 2015.

CEO Global thanks our partners in excellence: SAMSA, Air Mauritius, Bigen Africa, MEIBC, Hilton Hotel Group, Egypt Air, CEOS Technologies ,

Titans – Building Nations Recognition was bestowed on: Agencies & Regulatory Authorities – Finalists: **Serobi Maja** (SA); **Sipho Dlamini** (SA); **Thakhani Reuben Makhuvha** (SA); Country Winner: **Jochen Traut** (Namibia); Regional Winner: **Kaizer Mabhilidi Nyatumba** (SA&SADC South); Agriculture – Country Winner: **Rev. August Basson** (Lesotho); Regional Winner: **Oupa Mathebula** (SA & SADC South); Arts & Culture – Regional Winner: **Elvis Blue** (SA&SADC South); Automotive & Components – Finalist: **J Robert Houdet** (SA); Country Winner: **Benjamin Hauwanga** (Namibia); Regional Winner: **Ntuthuko Shezi** (SA&SADC South); Building & Construction - Finalists: **Rory Gallocher** (SA); **Stephen Goodburn** (SA); Regional Winner: **Willem Jakobus Lategan** (SA & SADC South); Business & Professional Services – Finalists: **Albert Geldenhuys** (SA); **Victor Sekese** (SA);

Country Winners: **Lerata Pekane** (Lesotho); **Alex NK Fakudze** (Swaziland); Regional Winner: **Wouter Snyman** (SA&SADC South); Chemical Petrochemical & Pharmaceutical – Country Winner: **Corné Schalkwyk** (Namibia); Regional Winner: **Shepherd Shonhiwa** (SA & SADC South); Education & Training: Academic – Regional Winner: **Prof. Albertus Johannes Strydom** (SA & SADC South); Education & Training: Private – Finalist: **Clemence Chiduwa** (Namibia); Country Winner: **Dr Gerhard van Rensburg** (SA); Regional Winner: **Rowan van Dyk** (Namibia & SADC South); Financial Services – Finalists: **Viwe Gqwetha** (SA); **Robert Walton** (SA); **Patrick Vusumuzi Gamedze** (Swaziland); **Cas Coovadia** (SA); Country Winners: **Mpho Vumbukani** (Lesotho); **Walter Don** (Namibia); **Alfred Madondo** (Swaziland); Regional Winner: **Dr Suresh Parbhoo Kana** (SA& SADC South); ICT – Finalists: **Damian Michael** (SA); **Kovelin Naidoo** (SA); Regional Winner: **Steve J Nell** (SA& SADC South); Logistics & Shipping: Regional Winner: **Robert Leo Maslamoney** (Namibia & SADC South); Manufacturing & Engineering – Finalist: **Silas Mzingeli Zimu** (SA); Country Winner: **Wilhelm van Niekerk** (Swaziland); Regional Winner: **Dr Stephen John Meijers** (SA& SADC South); Media – Finalists: **Boitumelo Koloi** (Lesotho); **Dr Pierre JT De Villiers** (SA); **Alec Lushaba** (Swaziland); Country Winner: **Mbongeni Mbingo** (Swaziland); Regional Winner: **Victor Kgomoeswana** (SA& SADC South); Medical & Veterinary – Finalists: **Prof. Arthur Rantloane** (SA); **Dr Victor Fredlund** (SA); Regional Winner: **Prof. Bavesh Davandra Kana** (SA & SADC South); Mining – Finalist: **Dr Freddy van der Berg** (SA); Regional Winner: **Percival Ntuthuko Khoza** (SA & SADC South);

Public Enterprises – Finalist: **Nakampe Modike** (SA); Regional Winner: **Xolile George** (SA&SADC South); SME – Finalists: **Emmanuel Omaruaye** (SA); **Pieter J van den Berg** (SA); Country Winner: **Dr Lucas Moloji** (SA); Regional Winner: **Sonwabile Ndamase** (SA & SADC South); Tourism & Leisure – Regional Winner: **Adriaan Johannes Liebetrau** (SA & SADC South); Welfare & Civil Society Organisations – Country Winner: **Bryan Ramkilawan** (SA); Regional Winner: **Khulekani Magongo** (SA & SADC South); Wholesale & Retail – Regional Winner: **Dr Richard Maponya** (SA & SADC South);

Lifetime Achievement Awards Winners: **Dr Suresh Parbhoo Kana**; **Sonwabile Ndamase** & **Dr Richard Maponya**.

Most Influential Women Recognition was bestowed on: Agencies & Regulatory Authorities – Finalists: **Faranah Osman** (SA); **Linda Blackbeard** (SA); Country Winner: **Felleng Yende** (SA) Regional Winner: **Menesiah Muinjo** (Namibia&SADC South); Agriculture – Country Winner: **De-Neasha Topkin** (SA); Regional Winner: **Louisa Campbell** (Namibia & SADC South); Arts & Culture – Finalists: **Babalwa Fatyi** (SA); **Erica Elk** (SA); **Judy Ditchfield** (SA); Regional Winner: **Michelle Constant** (SA&SADC South); Automotive & Components – Finalist: **Annette Stewart** (SA); Regional Winner: **Danelle van der Merwe** (SA&SADC South) Aviation – Finalists: **Lynne Ross** (SA); **Amanda Kandawire** (SA); Regional Winner: **Refilwe Ledwaba** (SA & SADC South); Building & Construction - Finalists: **Belinda Collins** (SA); **Debbie Wintermeyer** (SA); Regional Winner: **Marna van der Walt** (SA & SADC South); Business & Professional Services – Finalists: **Nompumelelo Madisa** (SA); **Sindi Zilwa** (SA); **Jenni Newman** (SA); Country Winners: **Thandeka Dlamini** (Swaziland); Regional Winner: **Anne Pratt** (SA&SADC South); Chemical Petrochemical & Pharmaceutical – Finalists: **Grace Penonghenda Hikumwah** (Namibia); **Julia Thandeka Shungube** (SA); Regional Winner: **Rose Nkosi** (SA & SADC South); Education & Training: Academic – Finalists: **Prof. Elizabeth Amukugo** (Namibia); **Hellen Manakedi Ntlatleng** (SA); **Phuti Ragophala** (SA); **Prof. Sarah Susanna Visser** (SA); Country Winner: **Yvonne Dausab** (Namibia); Regional Winner: **Prof. Tebello Nyokong** (SA & SADC South); Education & Training: Private – Finalists: **Hema Vallabh** (SA); **Kim Meredith** (SA); Country Winner: **Adv.**

**Mamosebi Theresia Pholo** (Lesotho); Regional Winner: **Lillian Patricia Masebenza** (SA & SADC South); Financial Services – Finalists: **Ency Litsoane** (SA); **Kalyani Pillay** (SA); Country Winner: **Nelisiwe Zanele De Sousa** (Swaziland); Regional Winner: **Sinothando Pupuma-Peter** (SA& SADC South); Government – employed officials – Finalists: **Dr Gabi Scheider** (Namibia); **Nomshado Matselane** (SA); **Nthabiseng Malinga** (SA); **Phumla Williams** (SA); Country Winner: **Adv. Bience Gawanas** (Namibia); Regional Winner: **Adv. Thuli Madonsela** (SA & SADC South); ICT – Finalists: **Carol Hall** (SA); **Sharon Tshabalala** (SA); Country Winner: **Palesa Kaloli** (Lesotho); Regional Winner: **Megan Nicholas** (SA& SADC South); Logistics & Shipping – Finalists: **Lise van der Berg** (SA); **Sibongile Zikalala** (SA); Regional Winner: **Nosipho Siwisa-Damasane** (SA & SADC South); Manufacturing & Engineering – Finalists: **Mpume Dlamini** (SA); **Karin Clark** (SA); Regional Winner: **Francie Shonhiwa** (SA & SADC South); Media – Finalists: **Lynn Madeley** (SA); Extraordinary Achievement Awards :**Masingita Masunga** (SA); Regional Winner: **Paula Siler** (SA & SADC South); Medical & Veterinary – Finalists: **Dr Augusta Waller Dorning** (SA); **Caroline Zoh Akiy Mbi-Njifor** (SA); Regional Winner: **Prof Karen Silwa** (SA & SADC South); Mining – Finalists: **Dr Elize Strydom** (SA); **Constance Netshifhefhe** (SA); Regional Winner: **Ariella Kuper** (SA & SADC South); Public Enterprises – Finalists: **Felleng Magongoa** (SA); **Lingiwe Nyamande** (SA); Country Winner: **Tebogo Fruwirth** (Swaziland); Regional Winner: **Puleng Kwele** (SA&SADC South); SME – Finalists: **Ma-Lord Thotoane Mefane** (Lesotho); **Tsoakae Nelly Foso** (Lesotho); **Dorothy Botsi - Thulare** (SA); **Lesley Waterkeyn** (SA); **Sharon Isaacs** (SA); Country Winners: **Regina Shikongo Ambambi** (Namibia); **Mamatala Leah Maranyane** (Lesotho); **Ska Mirriam Moteane** (Lesotho); **Sylvia Mthethwa** (Swaziland); **Martina Laurie** (SA) **Sanet M. Mey** (SA); **Shameen Kumandan** (SA); **Mimi Rupp** (SA); Regional Winner: **Nombuso Ndumo** (SA & SADC South); Sport – Finalists: **Ashleigh Moolman Pasio** (SA); **Elana Meyer** (SA); Regional Winner: **Patience Nokuzola Thamae** (SA & SADC South); Tourism & Leisure – Finalists: **Constance Lyners** (Namibia); **Valerie Pillay** (SA); Regional Winner: **Cordelia Masher** (SA & SADC South); Welfare & Civil Society Organisations – Finalists: **Anne Thandeka Gebhardt** (Namibia); **Khanyisile Maria Motsa** (SA); **Cathy Donaldson**; **Madelein Mkunu**; Country Winners: **Maretholi Cynthia Khoabane** (Lesotho); **Dr Mary Seely** (Namibia); **Siphiwe Florence Hlophe** (Swaziland); Regional Winner: **Elize Joubert** (SA & SADC South) Wholesale & Retail – Finalists: **Sandra Thomas** (SA); **Zyda Rylands** (SA) Country Winner: **Michelle Desiree Lloyd** (SA); Regional Winner: **Margaret Hirsh** (SA & SADC South)

Lifetime Achievement Winners: **Prof Karen Sliwa**; **Dr Mary Seely**; **Margaret Hirsch** & **Angela Dick**

Nominations are now open for 2016 and can be submitted online or via email.

More winners will be announced in Mauritius, Kenya, Uganda, Egypt, Ghana, Zambia & Namibia

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