

# Winners of the 2012 African Access National Business Awards announced

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The winners of South Africa's business 'Oscars' were announced on the evening of 17 July 2012 at a spectacular awards gala at the Sandton Convention Centre. Over 400 of South Africa's leaders in business and government joined to celebrate the country's top performing individuals and companies at the 10th Annual National Business Awards.

The finalists for the 2012 Awards represent a stellar short list of South Africa's best performing companies and individuals. One of the big winners of the night was Kumba Iron Ore who won the Investing in People and Employer of the Year Awards, and Kumba's CEO Chris Griffith walked away with the Top Performing Businessman of the Year Award.

On selecting him as the Businessman of the Year, the judges noted that "part of Chris' winning formula is that he is a people person - known for his common touch. He can relate to both the miner at the rock face and the executive in the boardroom. Under his stewardship Kumba Iron Ore is not only delivering an excellent financial performance it is also meeting and exceeding its transformational responsibilities."

Another big winner on the night was Trevor Manuel - Minister in the Presidency for National Planning Commission. He scooped the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award was run as a public vote competition on SAfm radio. Through the competition listeners were asked to vote for the business leader they thought should win an award that recognises their body of work over a lifetime. Mr Manuel was the outright winner.

## The winners in the various categories are:

### *Investing in People Award*

Kumba Iron Ore

### *Alt-X Award*

Calgro M3 Holdings

### *Logistics Award (Sponsored by Kintetsu World Express)*

Imperial Logistics

### *Innovation through Technology Award*

Aegis Media SSA

### *Customer Focus Award (Sponsored by Berco)*

Microsoft SA

### *Marketing Excellence Award (Sponsored by Bizcommunity.com)*

Kraft Foods South Africa

### *Fast Growth SMME Award*

Carat

### *Diversity in the Workplace Award (Sponsored by NBC Holdings)*

D•A•V Professional Placement Group

*ESG Award (Sponsored by Department of Environmental Affairs)*  
Procter & Gamble South Africa

*Employer of the Year (Sponsored by African Access Holdings)*  
Kumba Iron Ore

*Small/Medium Internet Business of the Year*  
Demographica

*Business Education & Training Award*  
MultiChoice South Africa

*Recognition of Social Responsibilities*  
Renault South Africa

*Stokvel Award (Sponsored by Postbank)*  
Bambanani Club and Siyazama Club

*Top Performing Businessman of the Year Award (Sponsored by African Access Holdings)*  
Kumba Iron Ore - Chris Griffith

*Top Performing Businesswoman of the Year Award (Sponsored by African Access Holdings)*  
Aegis Media SSA - Dawn Rowlands (CEO)

*Top Performing Entrepreneur of 2012 Award (Sponsored by ACSA)*  
Spark ATM Systems - Marc Sternberg

*Lifetime Achievement Award*  
Trevor Manuel - Minister in the Presidency for National Planning Commission

*Top Performing Parastatal of the Year Award*  
Automotive Industry Development Centre (AIDC)

The event was hosted by Leanne Manas and Vuyo Mbuli from Morning Live and attendees were entertained by Rike and Kristel - a saxophone and violin duo - and Sticky Triggers.

For more information on the Awards or the winners, please visit [www.nationalbusinessawards.co.za](http://www.nationalbusinessawards.co.za) or contact Carla Fourie on [carla.fourie@topco.co.za](mailto:carla.fourie@topco.co.za).

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