

Finalists announced for Africa women entrepreneurs awards

Promoting excellence in entrepreneurship and innovation amongst women-owned businesses in all sectors and across all 54 African countries is the aim of the Africa Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum (AWIEF) Awards, which announced the finalists in the awards this week.



The AWIEF Awards 2018 Finalists Announced

“Women-owned businesses are a vital part of our African economy,” commented Irene Ochem, AWIEF founder and chief executive officer. “The massive response to the AWIEF Awards underscores the fact that women in Africa are resilient and seeking recognition and celebration for their achievements and contribution to the economy and Africa’s sustainable development.

“Given the huge number and quality of the nominations received this year, I must say that female entrepreneurship is strong and thriving all across African countries,” said Ochem.

The AWIEF Awards Panel of Judges is made up nine high-calibre industry experts and thought leaders spread across the continent. Forty women founders and entrepreneurs have been selected as finalists, from 12 different African countries, across eight categories.

Conference

The AWIEF Awards ceremony will follow the 2018 AWIEF conference and exhibition on 8-9 November at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town. AWIEF Awards category winners will be announced at a gala dinner on the Friday, 9 November, at The Westin Cape Town Hotel.

The finalists for 2018 are:

Young Entrepreneur Award

Jane Kagiri, CreativeEdge Solutions, Kenya
Nomso Faith Kana, Sun n Shield 84 Tech, South Africa
Juliet Namujju, Kimuli Fashionability, Uganda
Kunmi Otitoju, Minku, Nigeria

Bidemi Zakariyau, LSF|PR, Nigeria

Tech Entrepreneur Award

Benji Coetzee, Empty Trips, South Africa

Faith Kimeu, Dial A Pad, Kenya

Beth Koigi, Majik Water, Kenya

Darlene Menzies, Findfind, South Africa

Juliana Rotich, BRCK.Org, Kenya

Social Entrepreneur Award

Essma Ben Hamida, Enda Inter-Arabe, Tunisia

Madalitso Chidumu, Impact-Ceed, Malawi

Shamim Nabuma Kaliisa, Community Dental And Reproductive Health, Uganda

Lorna Rutto, Ecoposts, Kenya

Amina Slaoui, Groupe AMH, Morocco

Global Brand Award

Sarah Collins, Wonderbag, South Africa

Adele Dejak, Adèle Dejak, Kenya

Renchia Droganis, Africology, South Africa

Njeri Rionge, Wananchi Group, Kenya

Bethlehem Tilahun-Alemu, SoleRebels, Ethiopia

Agri Entrepreneur Award

Ngabaghila Chatata, Thanthwe Enterprises, Malawi

Elorm Goh, Agrisolve, Ghana

Jeanne Groenewald, Elgin Free Range Chickens, South Africa

Joyce Kyalema, Josmak International, Uganda

Jane Maigua, Exotic EPZ Ltd, Kenya

Empowerment Award

Emma Dicks, Codespace, South Africa

Kate Ekanem, Kate Tales Foundation, Nigeria

Chiedza Daneek Nobuhle Kambasha, Hemmingworth Cartwright, Zimbabwe

Irene Kiwia, The Women Of Achievement, Tanzania

Marvella Odili, Save Our Need Organisation, Nigeria

Creative Industry Award Category Finalists

Folake Folarin-Coker, Tiffany Amber, Nigeria

Nana Akua Oppong-Birmeh, Archxenus, Ghana

Soraya Piedade, Soraya Da Piedade Ltd, Angola

Abai Schulze, Zaaf Collection, Ethiopia

Winnifred Selby, Afrocentric Bamboo, Ghana

Lifetime Achievement Award Category Finalists

Iyalode Alaba Lawson, Naccima Business Women Group, Nigeria

Margaret Hirsch, Hirsch's Homestores, South Africa

Tabitha Karanja, Keroche Breweries, Kenya

Wendy Luhabe, Women Private Equity Fund, South Africa

Jennifer Riria, Echo Network Africa/Kenya Women Holding, Kenya

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