

AWIEF announces 2025 finalists celebrating Africa's women entrepreneurs

The Africa Women Innovation & Entrepreneurship Forum (AWIEF) has revealed the finalists for its 2025 awards, recognising women leaders and entrepreneurs driving innovation, building impactful businesses, and advancing inclusive growth across Africa.



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Now in its latest edition, the AWIEF Awards highlight women making measurable economic and social impact across sectors including technology, agriculture, energy, creative industries, and social enterprise.

“The AWIEF Awards are a platform to honour women whose innovation, resilience, and leadership are shaping Africa’s future,” said Irene Ochem, AWIEF Founder and CEO. “Our 2025 finalists embody the transformative role women entrepreneurs play in creating a sustainable and prosperous continent.”

The finalists were selected by an international panel of judges from a highly competitive pool of nominees

AWIEF 2025 Awards Finalists (listed in alphabetical order)

Young Entrepreneur Award:

- Norah Kimathi – Kenya
- Enyo Kossiwa Midjresso-Amouzou – Togo
- Chisom Victory Okorie – Nigeria

Empowerment Award:

- Mathildah Amollo – Kenya
- Naima Mohamed – Somalia

- Mampho Sotshongaye – South Africa

Energy Entrepreneur Award:

- Chenez Henderson – South Africa
- Rufaro Marufu – Zimbabwe
- Nidal Tafah – Morocco

Creative Industry Award:

- Mahlet Afework – Ethiopia
- Stella Ndekile – Nigeria
- Soraya da Piedade – Angola

Social Entrepreneur Award:

- Farana Boodhram – South Africa
- Naom Monari – Kenya
- Barbara Nabigambo – Uganda

Agri Entrepreneur Award:

- Linda Davis – Kenya
- Ruth Ede – Nigeria
- Millicent Okumu – Kenya
- Josephine Takundwa – Zimbabwe

Tech Entrepreneur Award:

- Vivian Arinaitwe – Uganda
- Maryanne Gichanga – Kenya
- Naledi Magowe – Botswana

The winners of the AWIEF Awards 2025 will be announced during the AWIEF Conference, Exhibition and Awards at the Cape Town International Convention Centre on 30–31 October 2025.

The AWIEF Awards continue to champion women-led enterprise and innovation across Africa, celebrating those who create not only successful businesses but also meaningful social and economic impact.

For more information and to register for AWIEF2025, visit <https://apo-opa.co/3HY5cDF>.