

Equity Bank boss nominated for Africa Business Awards

Equity Bank CEO Dr. James Mwangi has once again secured the coveted nomination to this year's Africa Business Awards.

A communiqué from the Africa Business Awards organisers confirmed that Dr. Mwangi is a frontrunner in the Business Leader of the Year Category. According to the organisers, winners comprising leading lights in the continental business scene will be announced at a gala ceremony on 22 June 2010 in London, UK.

Now in its fourth year, the African Business Awards has established itself as one of the key annual events in the calendars of the African business community.

Nomination 'a tribute' to Kenya

Speaking in Nairobi moments after receiving his nomination news, Dr Mwangi said the nomination was a tribute to Kenya's growing recognition as a conducive and progressive business destination in Africa.

"I am excited and feel greatly honoured by this nomination which affirms Kenya's growing recognition as an investment destination given our wide range of world-class resources including human capital," Dr Mwangi said, adding: "the nomination is also yet another vote of confidence and tribute to Equity Bank Group customers and staff."

This year's selection boasts an impressive list of contenders with several newcomers up in the running, promising the judging panel a tough time in selecting the final winner for each category of the Awards.

Bringing the elite together

Organised by IC Publications, publishers of the African Business magazine, the Commonwealth Business Council (CBC), and BusinessinAfrica Events, the African Business Awards brings together prominent business leaders, entrepreneurs, heads of state and other high-ranking government officials from across the world to celebrate the achievements and successes of those who have played a pivotal role in driving Africa's economic development forward.

There are 12 categories for the Awards, covering a range of sectors crucial to the development of the African continent, and recognising the role of government in creating an enabling environment for businesses to thrive.

The aim of the Awards is to recognise business leaders and companies that have excelled in Africa over the last year. The winners would have made an outstanding contribution to the development of the continent, fulfilled the economic aspirations of its citizens and the transformation of Africa's image in international markets, while displaying high standards of good corporate citizenship and social and environmental responsibility.

A distinguished and independent panel of judges, known and respected for their business expertise on the African region, will decide on the final winners of each award. The judges for this year's Awards are: Omar Issa, CEO, Investment Climate Facility for Africa; Ruma Alam, CEO, Development Partners International; Amadou Ba, president and director, AllAfrica Global Media; Sir. Samuel Esson Jonah, founder, Jonah

Capital; Tim Turner, director Private Sector, African Development Bank; Barbara James, founder and CEC Henshaw Capital Partners; and Jean-Louis Ekra, CEO, Afrexim Bank.

The full list of nominees can be found at www.african-business-awards.com.

The winners will be announced at a gala dinner at the Grosvenor House hotel in London on Wednesday, 2 June. This year's Awards are sponsored by Ecobank and Bank of Industry as associate sponsors and Brussels Airlines as the preferred airline.

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