AfricaCom 2015: Awards shortlist announced

According to Adam Thompson, Head of Content at Com World Series, the applications for 2015 were many and of extremely high quality, reinforcing the importance of the Awards as a showcase for innovation within the telecoms and ICT sector across Africa.

The winners will be announced at the eagerly anticipated AfricaCom Awards event which this year takes place on 18 November.

The shortlisted contenders for the various categories in 2015 are:

Best Network Improvement

• Airtel - NW Modernization Airtel Kenya
• Botswana Fibre Networks - Best Network Improvement
• Huawei Technologies - Huawei's Lampsite Solution in Kenya
• Liquid Telecom - Liquid Telecom Kenya - Nairobi metropolitan network
• Millicom Ghana Limited - Best Network Improvement
• World Telecom Labs - ICN and World Telecom Labs - increasing capacity in Nigeria

Excellence in Customer Experience Management

• First National Bank - FNB Connect
• Mahindra Comviva - Real-time Analytics of Customer Experience (RACE)
• MODE - Advanced Credit Services
• Orange - Vocal Emergency Credit
• Safaricom - Voice of the Customer
• Etisalat - 24/7 Help Line/Support

Breakthrough LTE Development

• Ericsson - Ericsson LTE roll-out
• Huawei Technologies - Huawei's eLTE Solution for Kenya

- PCCW - high-performance IPX-enabled networks
- Safaricom - LTE
- Telkom SA SOC Ltd - LTE and LTE-A
- Vodacom South Africa and Nokia Networks - Voice over LTE Service

Best Cost Efficiency Solution for Africa

- CSG - International Managed Services
- Huawei Technologies - MTN wireless Managed Service project
- PCCW - Keeping African international voice traffic in Africa
- Sigma Solutions Inc - OmniCare - a suite of telecom software solutions
- ZTE - Cloud Radio

Best Connectivity Solution for Africa

- Internet Solutions - CloudConnect
- Liquid Telecom - 100Mbps FTTH "Fibroniks" Service
- MTN SA - fibre to the home or FTTH
- Orange - Always Connected Services
- Polystar - Polystar Network Insight and Customer Insight Solutions
- Project Isizwe - Tshwane Free WiFi project

VSAT Innovation for Africa

- Liquid Telecom - Double VSAT Service
- Orange - VPN VSAT Services_Orange Business Services
- Vodacom DRC - Rural Coverage System
- Isatafric - SkySat

Best Marketing Campaign

- BigTime - Revenue Booster Campaign Suite
- Millicom Ghana Limited - Best Marketing Campaign
- MTN SA - MTN Sky "Win a Plane" Competition
- Orange - Orange Money - Member get Member
- Unitel - Kisom

Best Mobile Money Service

- Airtel - Airtel Money
- Ericsson - Ericsson Wallet Platform
- Jumo - Access
- Millicom Ghana Limited - Mobile Money
- Millicom Tchad - TigoCash Paare
- Orange - Orange Money - Kuma & Cash voucher PAM
- Panamax Inc. - MobiFin
- Safaricom - KCB M-PESA Account
- WorldRemit - Pioneering safer, lower cost remittances for the African diaspora

Best App for Africa

- AIM - EKYC Platform

- mVentus - mVentus Self-Care app
- Orange - Orange Radio
- Project Isizwe - Tshwane WiFi Voice Mobile App
- Unitel - Kisom
- Vodacom - My Vodacom App

Best Device for Africa

- Huawei Technologies - Huawei P8
- MTN SA - Steppa
- Orange - Orange Klif

Most Innovative Service

- Airtel - Airtel Tanzania Micro Loan
- EdgePoint - bimaAFYA : A Mobile Micro Health Insurance
- Ericsson - Smart buses service
- First National Bank - FNB Connect
- PCCW - OnTap.TV
- Project Isizwe (Tshwane Free WiFi Project) - WiFi TV
- Trace Group - Trace Mobile
- Vumatel - Fibre to the home

Best Pan-African Initiative

- ISON BPO - Best Pan - African Initiative
- Liquid Telecom - 100Mbps FTTH "Fibroniks" Service
- Orange - STOP EBOLA INITIATIVE_Most Operators
- Trace TV - Trace Music Star

Changing Lives Award

- Ericsson and MTN Benin - Eco Management
- GoMetro - GoMapp/GoMetro Pro
- ISON BPO - BPO Services, IP to Work
- Liquid Telecom - Office of the President (Kenya) and Liquid Telecom - free WiFi in Nakuru County
- Millicom Ghana Limited - Changing Lives
- Mindset Network - Ukusiza Project
- Orange - Mobile Health Services
- The Apprentice Valley - Xenophobia citizen tool
- The South African Depression and Anxiety Group, Speaking Books - The Speaking Book
- WIOCC - Improved connectivity transforming Somalia