

Winners of the 2017 Rising Star Awards

The winners of the sixth Annual Standard Bank Rising Star Awards for young, talented employees in the 28-40 year age category were announced late last week.



Banking & Financial Services, sponsored by Standard Bank

- **Winner:** Kenneth Kayser, ABSA
- The four finalists are Ashia Bowers and Francois Mellors-Hefer, Standard Bank; Yameer Mahomed, Finbond Mutual Bank; Lesego Sebuelo, Telesure

Construction & Engineering, sponsored by ArcelorMittal SA

- **Winner:** Tafadzwa Mukwena, Bigen Africa
- The four finalists are Jan Harm Steenkamp, Esor Construction; Tafadzwa Mukwena, Bigen Africa; Sabata Malope Nyeleti Consulting; Gwaba Melody Botya, Transnet Capital Projects; Xolani Phakati, Transnet Engineering

Energy & Environment, sponsored by Sasol

- **Winner:** Popi Elizabeth Melato, Eskom
- The four finalists are Mashudu Ndou and Bheki Gazu, Sasol; Unathi Thango and Shelley George, Eskom

Entrepreneur

- **Winner:** Nonala Tose, Nonala Tose Productions
- The four finalists are Refilwe Mochoari, Bo-Esi Media; Claudette Lingenfelder, Beauty Beyond by Claudette; Serame Jacobs, Noaves Pty Ltd International Freight; Thulisile Mdluli, Prologue Consulting

ICT, sponsored by Vodacom

- **Winner:** Zjaèn Coetzee, Telkom

- The four ICT finalists are Hanlie de Bod, Britehouse - a Division of Dimension Data; Khetha Majozi, UCS-Solutions; Samantha Cammarata, Telkom; Refilwe Nkabinde, BCX

Manufacturing, Retail & FMCG

- **Winner:** Alicia Moodley, ArcelorMittal SA
- The four finalists are Lenesh Singh, Mr Price Group; Rishav Saikoolal and Lester Ross, Aberdare Cables; Conway Maluleke, Iveco South Africa

Media & Advertising, sponsored by Careers24

- **Winner:** Asanda Sizani, Ndalo Media
- The four finalists are Carla Harris, Global Access; Talita Myburgh, Grey Advertising; Craig Groenewald and Luthando Tshaya, Okuhle Media

Mining & Minerals

- **Winner:** Razia Adam, Sasol Mining
- The four finalists are Veli Sibiya, Sasol Mining; Catharina Kotze, Assmang Khumani Iron Ore; Pierre Prinsloo, Anglo American Platinum; Mangaliso Sethethi, Exxaro Resources

Professional Services, sponsored by PwC

- **Winner:** Talia Lancaster, IQ Business
- The four finalists are Africa Nkosi, Khonology; Megan Nicholas, Hogan Lovells South Africa, Jenita De Sousa, PwC, and Katrine Lategan, Arup

Service: Public & Private

- **Winner:** Loyiso Magqi, CSIR
- The four finalists are Lesedi Kopano Aphiri, SANAS; Prof. Khumbulani Mpofo, Tshwane University of Technology, Vuyo Landa, Centre for Moral Value & Justice; Jillian January, City of Jo'burg

Tourism, Leisure & Hospitality, sponsored by Hilton Worldwide

- **Winner:** Thozama Mali, Conrad Pezula Hotel
- The four finalists are Christine Ndlovu and Nomcebo Tembe, Hilton Hotel; Mpho Rambau, South African Airways; Siyathemba Nhlakanipho Mbambo, The Blue Train

Transport, Logistics & Security, sponsored by Transnet

- **Winner:** Christopher van der Merwe, Bolloré Logistics
- The four finalists are Sean Mcghee, DHL International; Dineo Msomi, CHEP; Fhatuwani Nephawe and Kenneth Williams, Transnet Freight Rail.

“We are always impressed with the young talent coming through the Rising Star programme, and we know that this year’s winners will go on to do great things,” said Standard Bank’s global head of resourcing, Amelia Muller. “All the winners deserve their spot on the podium and have worked hard to be here. Their futures are in their hands, and many opportunities now lie before them for growth, development and achievement.”

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