

What do SA's top empowered organisations thrive on?

Five things to expect

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The finalists of the 15th *Oliver Empowerment Awards* from various categories have been named and the winners will be announced on 14 April 2016.

Skill Development has been the most entered category in the last three years, at over 20%. This should give South Africans a great sense of comfort that the calls for change have been heard and organisations are enabling a skilled workforce.

"We are excited to be a finalist. Moyomuhle Social Solutions (MSS) has demonstrated a high level of growth which is proven by our revenue that has grown by 60% and 75% respectively in the past two years. At this rate, it can be projected that by the end of the 2016/2017 financial year, we will meet our targeted revenue figure," Sikhumbuzo Thabede, Managing Director, MSS. The organisation has been shortlisted for the Fast Growth Black-Owned SMME Award.

Maponya Inc. is a finalist in Diversity and Job Creation categories. "We are celebrating and showcasing the success of women excellence in leadership. Being able to change the lives of many of our people through our employees, Maponya is in the front line of making SA a better place by addressing inequalities of the past and investing in tomorrow's leaders," Baitseng Rangata, CEO, Maponya Inc.

"We are continuously looking out for new opportunities to grow the group by means of partnerships or startup and welcome ideas from like-minded, trustworthy individuals. Our main aim is to create more jobs for the people of South Africa. We want to work with our local partners to diversify our business and take advantage of the opportunities in the other segments of the maritime technology market", Steve Nell, Managing Director, Marine Data Solutions, a finalist in Top Empowered Entrepreneur of 2016 Award. It is this type of approach and more that make top empowered organisations thrive.

Five things that attendees can expect:

1. Minister of Science and Technology, Naledi Pandor and Commissioner Zodwa Ntuli, will be guest speakers at the event.
2. To celebrate the legacy of 15 years, the event is themed "Out of Africa", reconnecting with what the country has achieved together.
3. For the first time ever, we will be awarding media personalities. See the nominees:
<http://www.oliverawards.co.za/index.php/about/personality-awards>
4. This year, we will honor organisations that have generated real impact in the transformation in the last 15 years through "The Legend of Empowerment" award.
5. The Vision 2030 Award is new in the stable, recognising private companies that have initiatives contributing to the NDP's 2030 goal.

This event awards companies and individuals for their contribution and commitment to empowerment in South Africa, recognising the efforts of businesses, civil society, the public sector and truly outstanding individuals. Implementation of strategic B-BBEE policies, annual revenue, implementation of effective internal B-BBEE measurement mechanics and other areas of business are all taken into consideration in the selection of the winners of the respective categories. This

event will celebrate the achievement and progress of business in South Africa.

THE 15TH ANNUAL OLIVER EMPOWERMENT FINALIST ARE:

FAST GROWTH BLACK-OWNED SMME AWARD Sponsored By SENET MANAGEMENT CONSULTING

Bulichule Training & Consulting
Godimong Consulting Engineers
LA Consulting Engineers
Moyomuhle Social Solutions
Ngubane & Co
Orizoe Services
Staza Cleaning Services

SED (SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) AWARD Sponsored By DESTO

AfroCentric Health
Aspen Pharmacare Holdings
DHL Express
Eskom Holdings SOC
Foskor
K.Carrim Builders Hardware
Murray & Roberts
Spring Lights Gas
Sun International
Ulwazi Protection Services

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AWARD (>R1 Billion) Sponsored By TOTAL SA

Accenture SA
Haw & Ingils Civil Engineering
McKinsey & Company
MultiChoice South Africa Holdings
PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc
Woolworths Holdings Ltd

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AWARD (

Britehouse SSD
Elgin Brown and Hamer
FleetAfrica
Southern African Shipyards

ENTERPRISE & SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT AWARD

AfroCentric Health
Elgin Brown and Hamer
ENSafrica
FleetAfrica
Haw & Inglis Civil Engineering
Hudaco Industries
Megaphase Road Marking & Traffic Signs
MultiChoice South Africa Holdings
Murray & Roberts

Palabora Copper
Sun International
Zonke Monitoring Systems

DIVERSITY AWARD

Isilumko Staffing
Maponya Inc
Naledi Rail Engineering
Nambiti Technologies
PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc

JOB CREATION AWARD Sponsored By RAND WATER

Adenco Construction
Coega Development Corporation
FleetAfrica
Isilumko Staffing
Maponya Inc
Southern African Shipyards

TOP EMPOWERED ENTREPRENEUR OF 2016 AWARD

Boniswa Corporate Solutions - Lynette Magasa
Godimong Consulting Engineers - Norman Mongae
Marine Data Solutions - Steve Nell
Naledi Rail Engineering - Wahed Rasool
Staza Cleaning Services- Stella Mokwena

TOP EMPOWERED YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD (UNDER 40 YEARS) Sponsored By TUMI

Ditshego Media - Tebogo Ditshego
DNA Brand Architects - Sylvester Chauke
Mhlathuze Water - Megan Govender
Moyomuhle Social Solutions - Sikhumbuzo Thabede

TOP EMPOWERED PUBLIC SERVICE LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

City of Tshwane - Cllr Kgosientso Ramokgopa
North West Parks - Mothobi Edward Mothobi
South African Civil Aviation Authority – Dr Poppy Khoza
Strategic Fuel Fund - Marion de Wet

TOP EMPOWERED BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Lion of Africa - Bonga Myeza
Maponya Inc - Phatudi Maponya
Nambiti Technologies - Kevin Paul
Nyeleti Consulting - Abe Thela
WOA Fuels & Oils - Pria Hassan

TOP EMPOWERED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

City of Tshwane
Mhlathuze Water
North West Parks

South African Civil Aviation Authority
Strategic Fuel Fund
Umgeni Water

TOP EMPOWERED VISION 2030 AWARD – Sponsored by MMI Holdings

Coega Development Corporation
Naledi Rail Engineering
PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc
Southern African Shipyards
Strategic Fuel Fund

TOP EMPOWERED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Adenco Construction
McKinsey & Company
MultiChoice South Africa Holdings
Nedbank Ltd
Spring Lights Gas
Woodford Group

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