

Local legends set to accept lifetime achievement awards at the annual Oliver Empowerment Awards

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Three of the ten 2013 Oliver Legends have just confirmed that they will be attending the Oliver Empowerment Awards to accept their Legends of Empowerment - Lifetime Achievement Award. They are: Dr Mathews Phosa, Commander Tsietsi Mokhele and Dr Mamphela Ramphele.

The Legends of Empowerment Lifetime Achievement Award is a new addition to the Oliver Empowerment Awards. "We wanted to acknowledge and honour South Africa's inspiring leaders of transformation," says Karla Fletcher Awards Director of Topco Media who organise the awards and publish the annual empowerment publication, *Impumelelo*.

The Legends were selected through a blind nominations process by a Topco Editorial Nominations Committee, which was chaired by the company's Publisher and moderated by their Group Editor. There was a set list of criteria used in the selection process and these included: Workplace initiatives, documented personal history in terms of empowerment and transformation interventions and efforts towards development and awareness, skills training and sustainability.

The other seven recipients of the Legends of Empowerment Award are: Mr Tokyo Sexwale, Dr Rob Davies, Ms Thuli Madonsela, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, Mr Patrice Motsepe, Dr Reuel Jethro Khoza and Ms Maria Ramos.

The [Oliver Empowerment and Transformation Awards](#) celebrate South Africa's black economic empowerment champions. Recognised as the country's most influential empowerment awards ceremony, The Oliver Awards aim to identify and acknowledge true empowerment leadership and innovation. In particular, these Awards celebrate companies and individuals in the public and private sectors that are excelling in job creation, entrepreneurship and enterprise development.

The 12th Annual Oliver Empowerment and Transformation Awards will take place at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg on 26 April 2013.

For more information on the Oliver Awards or the event go to www.oliverawards.co.za, follow them on Twitter [@Oliver_Awards](#) and on [Facebook](#).

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