

Winners of the fifth Women in Construction Awards announced

CAPE TOWN, WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA, July 5, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Recognising excellence in Africa, the winners of the 2017 [Women in Construction Awards](#) were announced at a gala dinner at the Gallagher Convention Centre on 24 May 2017.

The prestigious event, hosted alongside the [African Construction and Totally Concrete Expos](#) with Standard Bank and the NHBRC as gold sponsors, united over 200 guests from the cement, concrete and construction industries.

Over 60 nominations were received and the panel of judges, composed of 19 industry experts, identified 44 finalists representing four African countries.

The awards categories recognised women who are “Pioneers in Innovation” within the built environment as well as identifying those “Young entrepreneur / rising stars” - who have put themselves out there and have been identified as the ones “to watch” as they gain a foothold within their sectors.

Athi Myoli, Director of the Women in Construction Awards, says: “The Women in Construction Awards are crucial for highlighting the strides women are making in the industry and the organisations supportive of their endeavours as this encourages more women to follow in their footsteps and other organisations to contribute to their success.”

Gender empowerment coupled with industry transformation is key to unlocking the future potential of the construction industry and



Women in Construction Awards Gala Dinner



Most Innovative Women Training Programme winner, Robus Engineering Training Services

ultimately closing Africa's infrastructure gap. The fifth annual Women in Construction Awards enabled industry stakeholders to demonstrate their commitment to empowerment, transformation and the celebration of its women, pioneers and rising stars who have made a vital contribution to development.

Runner-up Mpilo Ntuli from Tiber Construction, added "as a young woman in the field I find it encouraging to witness and be a part of such a successful event, thank you for celebrating the contributions and achievements of women in the built environment "

The 2017 Women in Construction Award winners

Individual Awards

Woman in Architecture Award - sponsored by South African Institute of Architects
Karuni Naidoo, Director / Pr. Architect CNN Architects

Pioneer of Innovation Award - sponsored by National Home Builders Registration Council
Riefqah Abrahams, Director / Pr. Architect Archi. Cape Town

Woman in Media and Communications Excellence
Mapule Mphaki, Marketing and Communications Director, Growing Up Africa

Woman in Concrete: Lifetime Achievement Award
Deborah Terhune, Director, Growing Up Africa

New Starter of The Year Award (Under 30 years)
Halima Simtitu, Graduate Engineer, National Housing Corporation, Tanzania

Young Entrepreneur / Rising Star Award (Under 40 years)
Bianca Shakinovsky, Director, Penta Floor (Pty) Ltd

Organisational Awards

Most Innovative Women Training Programme
Robus Engineering Training Services (Pty) Ltd

Excellence in Career Development



Pioneer of Innovation Award - sponsored by National Home Builders Registration Council winner, Riefqah Abrahams, Director Pr. Architect Archi. Cape Town

NHBRC Women Empowerment Programme

More information on the Women in Construction Awards and the judges at www.womeninconstruction.co.za.

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