

# Empowering South Africa's future

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South Africa's corporate arena is an incredibly competitive space where businesses strive for the betterment of society through equality. At 20 years of democracy, the nation has flourished remarkably in the areas of transformation and the empowerment of its people. The 13th Annual Oliver Empowerment Awards distinguishes the excellence in businesses that have furthered the country in economic empowerment, inclusion, and transformation since South Africa's liberation.

Brought to you by Topco Media and Impumelelo publication, the 13th Annual Oliver Empowerment Awards is South Africa's most prestigious business awards ceremony taking place on 25 April 2014 at Emperors Palace, Johannesburg. The Awards recognise and honour the nation's leaders in business transformation and empowerment with category sponsors such as Transnet, Business Report, G4S, and Tumi.

Judges to adjudicate the award ceremony include Microsoft South Africa's CEO Mr Mteto Nyati, Government Communications Information Services' Chief Director Mr Donald Liphoko, South African Bureau of Standards' (SABS) Chief Executive Officer Dr Bonakele Mehlomakhulu, ABSA Wealth and Investment Management's Chief Executive Ms Nomkhita Nqweni, amongst other noteworthy persons.

By engaging in transformation policies, like broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BEE), businesses create an avenue for the inclusivity of people from a variety of different cultures and social backgrounds. The 13th Annual Oliver Awards recognises businesses that lead in social responsiveness and aim to create diversity within the workplace.

"We are honoured to have been awarded the prestigious Diversity Award at the Oliver Empowerment Awards," says Lion of Insurance CEO Adam Samie, "The Awards speaks to the many business possibilities that exist within South Africa and empowers the business community".

Businesses as well as individuals continue to prosper after achieving an Oliver Empowerment Award. "Our company profile continues to be propelled to greater heights through acknowledgements such as the Oliver Empowerment Awards and other accolades our organisation has enjoyed over the years," says Sizwentsaluba Gobodo Inc Chairperson Nonkululeko Gobodo, previous winner of the Top Black Business Leader of the Year Award.

Previous Winner of The Young Achiever Award Kate Moodley from Discovery says, "The awards created a massive opportunity for me as I connected with incredibly successful people whom have assisted me with other growth initiatives."

Nominations are now open for an individual or organisation that champions the ideals of transformation and empowerment, so get your applications in now. The awards are comprised of 12 categories which recognise both individual and organisational achievements.

## Individual Awards:

- Top Black Entrepreneur of 2014 Award
- Future Black Leader Award (<40 Years)
- Top Black Male Leader of the Year Award
- Top Black Female Leader of the Year Award
- Public Sector

## Organisation Awards include:

- Fast Growth Black-owned SMME Award
- Skills Development Award
- Enterprise and Supplier Development Award
- SED Award
- Job Creation Award
- Diversity Award
- Most Transformed Public Sector Award (Municipality/Agency/Parastatal/SOE) sponsored by South African Weather Services
- Most Transformed Government Department Award

To find out more about the nomination and entry process, contact Sheri Morgan on 086 000 9590 or email [sheri.morgan@topco.co.za](mailto:sheri.morgan@topco.co.za)

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