

# 2011 Empowerment finalists! Judges' decision final!

Issued by [Topco Media](#)

14 Mar 2011

The 10th Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards, South Africa's most prestigious recognition of transformation excellence, promises to be an even bigger and better event this year. Entries for this eagerly awaited event were up 25% while critical judging standards have reportedly hit a new high!



Zelphinia Mvula

The 'Olivers', increasingly sought-after awards, celebrate and recognize inspiring Black South Africans. The Top Empowered Company, Top Black Male and Top Black Female Entrepreneurs of the Year as well as the Top Black Public Sector Executive and Top Black Businessman will be announced at this glittering ceremony. Celebrating a decade of empowerment progress, the 'Olivers' will be held on the 24th of March at Sandton Convention Centre.



Donne Kerr

Leading figures from government, business and the media will congregate to celebrate the category and individual winners who are not only driving economic empowerment in the country but are examples of superior entrepreneurial, corporate and public sector performance.

Nonkululeko Ntshona of Nonku Ntshona & Associates Quantity Surveyors, winner of last year's Top Young Black Entrepreneur, applauded the award scheme's decade-long contribution to transformation. She pointed out: "By setting standards of excellence and creating role models, the 'Olivers' have ensured that empowerment has taken centre stage as the guiding principle of progressive business. Their influence has been huge."

This must-attend event on South Africa's corporate calendar is again hosted by leading Topco title, Impumelelo, an annual publication dedicated to the encouragement of black entrepreneurship and business success.

Richard Fletcher commented: "The 10th anniversary bestows even greater cachet on an awards programme that has become the benchmark of BEE success.

The partnership between Topco Media and Metropolitan has significantly raised the standards of these Awards. Metropolitan's influence is always reminding us of the passion that transformation initiatives need to realize their success.

"Outstanding progress has been made over the decade and Topco is proud to have contributed to it. BEE may have begun as a compliance issue for some. Today it is the core contributor to corporate success across the entire commercial landscape."

The quality of entries was so high but the supporting documentation together with their personal motivation letters made the process of selecting the winners easier, said Zelphinia Mvula, BEE Manager at headline sponsor, Metropolitan.

"Competition is incredibly intense this year," she noted. "Every category is closely contested. I am always amazed by entrants to the small business category. Many of them have made huge sacrifices. They start with so little yet achieve so much. Their stories are truly inspirational."



Judges for Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards

Entrepreneurship Bank, FNB Commercial, sponsors the SME Award and the Top Black Male Entrepreneur category as a

means of promoting black entrepreneurship as a critical driver of economic development.

"The Oliver BEE awards aligns with FNB Commercial Premium Business Banking BEE Solutions strategic intent of enabling, accelerating and growing Black Entrepreneurship in South Africa", said FNB Enterprise Development Manager Ishaq Lakhi, "in our objective to position FNB Commercial as the Premier Bank for Entrepreneurs, as part of the Group's vision of building a great business and helping to contribute to a better world."

Finalists are:

### **Top Empowered Company Awards:**

#### **Resources - Sponsored by Siyanda Resources**

KZN Oils (Pty) Ltd

WOA Fuels & Oils

Total South Africa (Pty) Ltd

### **Basis & General Industries**

Gibb (Pty) Ltd

Aurecon South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Mercedes-Benz South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Mott MacDonald South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Steinmuller Africa (Pty) Ltd

Dormac (Pty) Ltd

Eqstra Holdings Ltd

### **Food & Beverage**

Tsebo Outsourcing Group (Pty) Ltd

Oceana Group Ltd

RoyalServe Catering (Pty) Ltd

Tongaat Hulett Ltd

### **Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals**

Bonitas Medical Fund

Netcare Limited

Pinnacle Health Solutions (Pty) Ltd

### **Retail - Sponsored by Edcon**

Voltex (Pty) Ltd

Woolworths Holdings Ltd

Spar Group Limited

Cashbuild Limited

### **Travel, Leisure & Entertainment**

City Lodge Hotels Ltd

Club Travel SA (Pty) Ltd

Coastlands Durban (Pty) Ltd

Southern Sun Hotels (Pty) Ltd

Travel with Flair (Pty) Ltd  
Thebe Exhibitions & Projects Group (Pty) Ltd  
Tempest Car Hire (Pty) Ltd

## **Media**

VWV Group (Pty) Ltd  
DraftFCB South Africa (Pty) Ltd  
Grid Worldwide Branding & Design (Pty) Ltd  
Support Services  
Adams & Adams  
ECI Africa Consulting  
Kelly Group Ltd  
KPMG  
Maponya Inc

## **Transport**

Daimler Fleet Management South Africa (Pty) Ltd t/a Debis Fleet Management  
Fleet Africa (Pty) Ltd  
Siyaduma Auto Ferriers (Pty) Ltd  
Super Group Ltd

## **Financial Services - Sponsored by Business Report**

21st Century Pay Solutions Group (Pty) Ltd  
ABSA Group Ltd  
Sekunjalo Investments Ltd

## **ICT**

Accenture South Africa (Pty) Ltd  
Bytes Technology Group South Africa (Pty) Ltd  
Dimension Data (Pty) Ltd  
EOH (Pty) Ltd  
Westcon SA (Pty) Ltd  
CHM Vuwani Computer Solutions (Pty) Ltd

## **Education**

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University  
Knowledge Quest  
Altimax Training Academy  
University of Pretoria

## **Top Empowered SMME - Sponsored by FNB**

Transglobal Cargo (Pty) Ltd  
Web Stationers  
KPG Media Technologies cc  
Ocular Technologies (Pty) Ltd  
Ithuba Industries

Zanusi Brand Solutions  
My Personal Trainer (Pty) Ltd  
Plus 94 Research (Pty) Ltd

### **Top Empowered Government Awards:**

#### **Top Empowered Government Agency**

Centre for Public Service Innovation  
Media Development and Diversity Agency  
South African National Roads Agency Limited  
Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority

### **Top Empowered Government Parastatal**

Medical Research Council  
South African Post Office  
Denel (Pty) Ltd  
South African Weather Service  
Foskor

### **Top Empowered Individual Awards:**

#### **Top Black Male Entrepreneur - Sponsored by Metropolitan**

Nathan Reddy - Grid Worldwide Branding & Design (Pty) Ltd  
Rajen Reddy - KZN Oils (Pty) Ltd  
Pommie Lutchman - Ocular Technologies (Pty) Ltd  
Saantha Naidu - Saantha Naidu Group  
Ronald Abvajee - My Personal Trainer (Pty) Ltd  
Olu Soluade - AOS Consulting Engineers cc

### **Top Black Female Entrepreneur**

Nokuthula Luthuli - Bloom Marketing  
Zolelwa Molapisi - By Design Marketing Group  
Dumisa Melane - eNetworks  
Pria Hassan - WOA Fuels & Oils  
Johanna Mukoki - Travel with Flair

### **Top Black Public Sector Executive**

Dr. Linda Makuleni - South African Weather Service  
James Ndluvo - Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority  
Mike Kgobe - Denel Aviation

### **Top Black Businessman - Sponsored by FNB**

William Mzimba - Accenture  
Kamogelo Mmutlana - Fleet Africa (Pty) Ltd  
Tseliso Pitikoe - RoyalServe Cleaning

### **Top Black Businesswoman - Sponsored by Metropolitan**

Baitseng Rangata - Maponya Inc  
Ashantha Armogam- Grid Worldwide Branding & Desing (Pty) Ltd  
Daphne Motsepe - ABSA Group Ltd

- **Empowering Africa through technology: Insights from Sentech Africa Tech Week 2024** 31 May 2024
- **Nedbank returns as Platinum Partner for the Top Empowerment Conference marking 30 years of democracy** 21 May 2024
- **Top innovators shine at the 6th Annual Africa Tech Week Awards** 17 May 2024
- **Calling women entrepreneurs! Pitch your business at the EmpowHER Entrepreneur Development Series 2024** 30 Apr 2024
- **Celebrating 30 years of democracy with the 23rd edition of *Impumelelo: Top empowerment*** 30 Apr 2024

#### Topco Media



Topco Media is one of South Africa's leading business-to-business media houses, producing high profile, relevant conferences and awards. Our conferences include Africa Tech Week, Standard Bank Top Women, Top Empowerment, Future of HR, National Business Awards and Future of Sustainability. We also produce authoritative and informative business and investment publications such as Top 500, Top Empowerment, Nelson Mandela 100 years to name a few.

[Profile](#) | [News](#) | [Contact](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [RSS Feed](#)

For more, visit: <https://www.bizcommunity.com>