

Inaugural Avusa Media Annual Recruitment Awards winners

The Avusa Media Annual Recruitment Awards (AMARAs), recognising leaders in HR and recruitment that demonstrated outstanding leadership in fostering talent, driving transformation and growing organisations, were awarded for the first time on Saturday, 30 October 2010.



With a high calibre of entries, together with detailed testimonials, awards were given for the valuable role these industries play in ensuring the success and development of organisations, which in turn helps to further develop the South African economy.

Joseph Kganakga, Saatchi & Saatchi Recruitment Agency MD, was awarded the AMARA Publishers Awards for his outstanding contribution to the recruitment industry for almost 40 years. Kganakga was commended for the innovation and excellence he brought to the sector.

Winners

Category	Winner	First runner-up	Second runner-up
HR Director in private sector	Siphiwe Sibanda (SAP South Africa)	Elias Mbnage (The Kelly Group)	Barney Delport (Nationwide Security Holdings (PTY) LTD - SMADA Group)
HR Director in public sector	Leonard Mavuso (South African National Parks)	Eugene Southgate (Department of the Premier)	Leon van Tonder (Johannesburg Water)
Recruitment Officer of the Year in private sector	Roxanne Dallas (Hire Resolve)	Heather Wood	
(PAG)	Ahmed Ashruf		
(Schneider Electric)			
Recruitment Officer of the Year in public sector	Tebogo Legote (National Treasury)	Prudence Sikhakhane (Department of Health)	Lawrence Maselesele (Limpopo Department of Health)
Recruitment Advertising Agency of the year	Human Communications	Ayanda Mbangwa Communications	Strategy Recruitment Marketing
Recruitment Solutions Agency of the year	Tricruit Recruitment Specialists	PAG	Bokamoso Direct Talent Sourcing
Most Creative Recruitment Advertising in private sector	The Working Earth	Adcorp Talent Resourcing	Human Communications
Most Creative Recruitment Advertising in public sector	JobVest	Adcorp Talent Resourcing	The Working Earth
Publishers Award	Joseph Kganakga, Saatchi & Saatchi Recruitment Agency MD		

Judges

A panel of experienced judges, who included Ian Mann (MD of Gateway Business Consultants), Johanna McDowell (MD of the Independent Agency Search and Selection Company -IAS), Mawethu Cawe (Avusa group executive HR and transformation) and Alan Hosking (executive editor: *HR Future*), chose the winners.