

Gloria and Geraldine gain top honours

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The Top Women in Business & Government Awards ceremony took place on 10 August 2005 and coincided with the launch of the second edition of the annual Top Women in Business & Government publication.

The awards were held at the Emperor's Palace in Gauteng and was hosted by Leanne Manas (SABC's Morning Live presenter). Special guests included Cheryl Carolus, Top Woman in Government 2004, who gave the keynote address.

Top Women in Business & Government is a driving force in empowerment, a high-profile event linked with an annual publication. It showcases, rewards and celebrates companies and individuals for their work in gender development and empowerment in business and government. It also seeks to create business-networking opportunities, to address gender issues and to formulate empowerment goals in an entertaining and relevant way.

Extensive research into South Africa's leading woman-owned, woman-run and gender empowerment companies and into leading women within the public and private sector has been conducted and the names of the best represented were submitted to a panel of judges.



2005 Top Woman in Business

Gloria Serobe

Executive Director of Wipcapital

Following the groundbreaking BEE deal between Wiphold and Old Mutual, Gloria Serobe has signalled how the economic landscape for women can be changed and enhanced.



2005 Top Woman in Government

Geraldine Fraser-Moloketi

Minister of Public Service/Administration

Doing brilliant work, cleaning up in a different and unglamorous environment, Geraldine Fraser-Moloketi is continually advancing the progressive work of government gender empowerment.

Top 4 Women Business Personalities 2005

Zarina Bassa

Hixonia Nyasulu

Nunu Ntshingila

Gloria Serobe

These Business Personalities of the Year have proven to be worthy winners, their success is well documented and they (and their company or organisation) are recognised by all people in South Africa.

Top 4 Women in Government and Government Agencies

Ministers: Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi

Deputy Ministers: Benedicta Lindiwe Hendricks

Provincial Premiers: Ednah Molewa

Govt Agencies: Thembi Nwedamutswu

Top 5 Companies that Promote Women

TBWA Hunt Lascaris (Pty) Ltd
Outlearning (Pty) Ltd
South African Airways (Pty) Ltd
Associated Magazines (Pty)
Woolworths Holdings Ltd

Top Company to work for as a Woman

Associated Magazines

The winner is chosen from the Top 5 Companies that Promote Women category and represents the leading company in this category and the winner is chosen by majority votes from the aforementioned category.

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Cheryl Gilwald, Deputy Minister of Correctional Services
(for her 16 Days of Activism Campaign)
Benedicta Lindiwe Hendricks, former Deputy Minister of the dti
(described by Thabo Mbeki as 'the mother of gender empowerment')

Top Female Entrepreneur of the Year

Busi Ntuli
Flexi Personnel (Pty) Ltd

Top Female Leader of Tomorrow

Nosizwe Nokwe
Director of Health, Safety, Environment & Quality at Engen

Top Success Story 2005

Nkhensani Nkosi
Stoned Cherrie Clothing

Top Young Achiever in Government and Govt Agencies

Mmabatho Matiwane
Head of the Gender Empowerment Unit, dti

Top Woman-Owned Company 2005

Jane Raphaely
Associated Magazines (Pty) Ltd

Top Emerging Woman-Owned Company of the Year

Styger and Susheila Moodley
Outlearning (Pty) Ltd

Top Gender-CSI Company of the Year

Zyda Rylands
Woolworths Holdings Ltd

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