

FINALIST FOR DRIVERS OF CHANGE AND INVESTING IN THE FUTURE AWARDS

CATEGORY: INDIVIDUAL - FINALIST AND WINNER

Advocate Thuli Nomkhosi Madonsela

Citation: Advocate Thuli Madonsela forfeited a Harvard scholarship to focus on her role as one of the drafters of the post-apartheid constitution.

She has been instrumental in human rights and civic activism since the early eighties and has contributed to the development of a host of laws enacted to transform South Africa's legal system since 1994.

In 2009 she was appointed by the President as South Africa's third Public Protector, after being recommended by Parliament following a hundred percent vote in her favour by all parties represented in Parliament. Since her appointment, Advocate Madonsela has demonstrated leadership and carried out her mission without fear or prejudice – bringing a new prominence to the role of the public protector, the concept of “the public interest”, and the primacy of the public sphere.

She has contributed significantly to strengthening constitutional democracy and has emerged as a major driver of change in South Africa, the judges said.

CATEGORY: INDIVIDUAL – FINALIST

Professor Soodursun Jugessur

Citation: Professor Soodursun Jugessur is the Chairman of the Mauritius Research Council, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council of the University of Mauritius. He is also the founder President of the Mauritius Academy of Science and Technology, a think-tank that focuses on issues such as global warming and climate change, and advises policy makers accordingly.

In 1982 the United Nations appointed him as the Chief of Science and Technology for the African region.

After his retirement Professor Jugessure has continued his fervor as a social activist to change mindsets and is involved in creating new academies in the southern Africa and Indian Ocean Island region.

As a driver of change Professor Jugessur has successfully promoted policies that prioritise the application of science and technology to enable social development in a rapidly changing global context, the judges said.

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Florence Nyakiso

Citation: Over the last decade and a half, Florence Nyakiso has played a major role in building a future for the children she cares for on a daily basis.

She started Self-Help Pre-School in 1995 to help care for children while their parents were at work. In 2008 she became a Clover "Mama Africa" and now cares for 163 children.

She has transferred her skills to almost 40 members of her community in Botshabelo in South Africa.

Amongst other initiatives, she also manages a sewing business that creates jobs, and food gardens that provide food for the children and adults at the centre – all contributing to the creation of a local economy in her community.

Mama Nyakiso has gone beyond the call of duty to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of those she cares for while creating jobs within her community, said the judges.

CATEGORY: GOVERNMENT - FINALIST

Dr Athalia Molokomme

Citation: Dr Athalia Molokomme is a widely respected scholar, a legal activist and a defender of human rights who has driven change by laying the foundation for a serious regional effort to focus attention on gender issues in southern Africa.

She was the head of the Gender Unit at the SADC Secretariat and the main driver behind the elaboration and adoption of the Gender Protocol by Southern African Development Community.

After being appointed as a Judge, she became the first woman Attorney General of Botswana.

Dr Molokomme firmly believes that stronger regional blocs in Africa can deliver better development results through more effective governance and the rule of law.

Dr Molokomme has served on many boards of organisations advocating for women's rights. Her voice is always heard when women's rights are raised not only in Botswana, but in the whole southern Africa and beyond.

She is a powerful driver of change for women in our region, said the judges.

CATEGORY: GOVERNMENT – FINALIST AND WINNER

Dr Theo Ben Gurirab

Citation: Dr Theo Ben Gurirab was the Prime Minister of Namibia from 2002 to 2005. He was also Namibia's foreign minister and is now the Speaker of Namibia's parliament. He changed history for the people of Namibia through protracted negotiations that led to the country's independence.

With over 35 years in the field of diplomacy and international affairs, Dr Gurirab presided over the adoption of the UN Millennium Declaration in 2000 that was the basis for setting the global Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The MDG framework has, for the past ten years, been the single most comprehensive, inclusive, and globally embraced poverty-focused development agenda.

Dr Gurirab also chaired the United Nations reform process. In changing world where the governance of international organisations and development strategies need constant review, Dr Theo Ben Gurirab has been a driver of change, the judges said.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE AND DRIVERS OF CHANGE: BUSINESS AWARD - FINALIST AND WINNER

The Trust for Urban Housing

Citation: The Trust for Urban Housing, a joint project with Futuregrowth Asset Management, is driving change in the inner city property renewal. The Trust supports emerging inner-city property entrepreneurs by financing building projects that transform inner city living spaces for the rental property market.

The Trust is an example of the impact of on-the-ground social entrepreneurship that at once assists entrepreneurs to realise their dreams of owning a sustainable business and uplifts communities.

It empowers lower income groups to join the property investment market as equals, in areas where banks are reluctant to invest. In 2010, 4,647 units were refurbished and 9,294 jobs created as a result of the Trust's investments.

Today the majority of the property owners and landlords come from previously disadvantaged homes.

This is an excellent demonstration of how low income groups can be organized into reliable markets when products are well-tailored to their needs . . . with remarkable social benefits, the judges said.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE AND DRIVERS OF CHANGE: BUSINESS AWARD - FINALIST

Fetola and Old Mutual Legends

Citation: Designed and implemented by Fetola, the Old Mutual Legends Enterprise Development programme changes lives for the better, forever.

The programme works to improve livelihoods in poor communities, with a focus on accelerating the success rate of women-owned rural enterprises. Through its 'Business Incubator without Borders' model, it supports rural enterprises that fall outside the conventional urban-based business incubators.

By providing funding, strategic support, skills training and market access the programme supports enterprise development through Black-owned SMME's, as well as community projects.

Old Mutual Legends has made huge impacts in the areas of youth, women and rural development.

In four years, 130 direct jobs have been created, providing sustained income for 8,196 people. This innovative programme has grown to become Old Mutual's largest flagship enterprise development programme.

Sustainability is built-in as beneficiaries are not dependant on the programme for financial support but learn to fend for themselves in a tough business environment.

This is a true empowerment initiative, said the judges.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE AND DRIVERS OF CHANGE: BUSINESS AWARD - FINALIST

Anglo American

Citation: The Anglo American's Chairman's Fund has achieved notable results in community development under the guidance and management of Tshikulu Social Investments.

The Fund champions sustainable practises by channelling social investment to initiatives that bring real, sustainable and meaningful social change.

It has a national focus and searches for unique, high quality, and innovative projects to support that have a positive impact on education, health and development – everything from small-scale agriculture to welfare.

The Chairman's Fund spends R80 million a year on the projects and has committed over R730 million to projects since 1999.

Other than recognising the sheer scale of this investment, the Fund is notable for its all encompassing approach that views people as the most important asset, the judges said.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE AND DRIVERS OF CHANGE: CIVIL SOCIETY AWARD - FINALIST AND WINNER

Asiye eTafuleni

Citation: Asiye e Tafuleni means "let's go to the table". By taking a "bottom up" approach to compliment local government efforts, Asiye e Tafuleni collobarates with informal traders, local government officials, and town planners to creatively include the voices and interests of informal traders in urban planning and development.

As a social facilitation agency, AeT has been pioneering in research, multi-stakeholder dialogue and negotiation, policy development, and service delivery aimed at filling the pro-poor development vacuum that exists in urban design and planning.

Through its innovative work in the Warwick Avenue market area in Durban, South Africa, Asiye e Tafuleni is a driver for systemic change towards more inclusive cities across the southern Africa region.

The initiative exemplifies higher level partnerships that work for the benefit of vulnerable groups at a very local level, the judges said.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE AND DRIVERS OF CHANGE: CIVIL SOCIETY AWARD - FINALIST

Field Band

Citation: The Field Band Foundation promotes musical passion and skill amongst young people who do not have prior access to music and arts education.

The Foundation is built on the concept of show bands. Using the arts as a catalyst, the Foundation's work addresses many social and economic issues that affect young people, providing the youth with life-changing skills.

The young people involved with the Foundation develop personal discipline, learn to resolve conflicts, practise how to collaborate for a common purpose, and build up self-confidence that comes from a renewed belief in themselves. This enables them to advance in life.

Through its Academy Unit, the Field Band Foundation ensures sustainability by also training the young field band members for future employment.

From 600 members in 1997, the Foundation now has 5,136 young people participating.

This is a remarkable initiative for vulnerable young people who face an alarming level of social and economic exclusion in our region today, said the judges.

Makhulong Matala

Citation: Makhulong a Matala, which means 'greener pastures', represents social housing best practice in action.

It is a social housing initiative that grew out of the Johannesburg Housing Company (JHC). The initiative helps build and sustain social cohesion within inner-city neighbourhood communities. It delivers good living environments within inner city buildings in Johannesburg, with an emphasis on ensuring good relations between landlords, tenants and prospective building owners. But its work does not stop there.

Makhulong a Matala offers tenants a range of social services as well, including vocational skills training, financial management training, hardship assistance, and counselling on specific social issues. In addition, it supports community-based programmes such as sports and educational activities for young people.

In a fast-changing urban setting, the work of Makhulong a Matala is exemplary for its holistic and comprehensive approach to social development in urban settings, the judges said.