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ALL AFRICA BUSINESS LEADERS AWARDS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



The All Africa Business Leaders Awards (AABLA™)

"An empowerment driven, premium event"



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It is both a responsibility and prerequisite for business leaders to emerge in the current economy, as pioneers in steering forth the creation of inclusive economic growth; true to the adage that “they are the driving force behind Africa’s economy.”

Mandated, not only to promote and endorse sound corporate citizenship, organizations continent wide strive to implement sound business governance and systems, prevent practices which hinder social development and attest to innovative solutions, geared towards upliftment of the African continent.

The All Africa Business Leaders Awards (AABLA™); an empowerment driven, premium event, intended to distinguish and uphold the achievements of inspiring corporate front-runners on our Pan-African continent

# LEAD



## ABOUT THE AABLA™



The annual All Africa Business Leaders Awards (AABLA™) in partnership with CNBC Africa were founded by Founder and Vice Chairman of the ABN group Mr Rakesh Wahi. The awards were launched in 2011 and in 2012 the awards grew into 3 regional segments, namely East Africa, Southern Africa and West Africa – with a grand finale to bring all regional winners together and to celebrate an overall victor. The awards ceremony and gala dinner is presented in a half-hour show broadcast across 48 countries in Africa and globally via [cnbcafrica.com](http://cnbcafrica.com)

Now celebrating its 8th year, the awards have become synonymous with recognising the best in business leadership showcasing skills, achievements and innovation on the African continent and continue to grow in boldness and stature.

# INSPIRE



### Reasons to attend:

- Recipients of the AABLA join elite alumni of businesses holding this respected and coveted accolade.
- Show pride in your achievements and boost the morale of your stakeholders and employees
- Meet high level representatives from all industry sectors across the whole world
- Great profiling – recognition amongst other business leaders
- Benefit from extensive media and industry coverage



# 2018 CATEGORIES



Young Business Leader of the Year



Entrepreneur of the Year



Business Woman of the Year



Innovator of the Year



Industrialist of the Year



Company of the Year



Business Leader of the Year



Philanthropist of the Year



Lifetime Achievement Award.

AWARDS  
CEREMONY





# PROCESS



## STAGE 1



We undertake a 3 month global search and advertising campaign to collect nominations from all geographies, sports and job functions, to identify the innovative companies shaping the industry today.

## STAGE 2



### Henley Business School & Grant Thornton

All nominations are vetted and scored by the ABLA™ research committee – Henley Business School Africa and Grant Thornton. The 3-5 highest scoring nominations for each category will create the ABLA Shortlist.

## STAGE 3



The ABLA™ Judges, a panel of senior executives carefully selected for their industry knowledge and experience, meet to review all shortlisted nominations. A detailed analysis of every application is discussed to choose a winner for each category. The independent scoring is confidentially validated by the Chairman of the Judges.

## STAGE 4



The ABLA™ finalists are announced at each regional cocktail event.

## STAGE 5



Finally, the winners of each category will be crowned at the ABLA™ Grand Finale on 29th November 2018.

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Founder and Managing Partner  
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Jonathan Foster-Pedley



Dean and Director  
Henley Business School

Monique Vanek



News Editor  
CNBC Africa

Bonang Mohale



Chief Executive Officer  
Business Leadership South Africa

# 2018 SOUTHERN AFRICA JUDGES



Dr Snowy Khoza



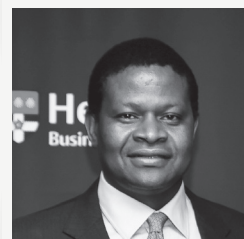
Executive Chairperson  
Bigen Africa

Lee Naik



Chief Executive Officer  
TransUnion Africa

Sam Bhembe



Non-Executive Director  
ABN Group



# NOMINATE A BUSINESS LEADER TODAY

**Eligibility** The AABLA are open to all business leaders who demonstrate the following

- Outstanding leadership in business.
- Achieved positive financial results & increased shareholder value.
- Sound management and proven corporate governance.
- Demonstrated innovation
- Best business practices and accountability
- Intangible qualities such as integrity and Vision
- African -owned company
- International organisations with a large Pan-African footprint and commitment.

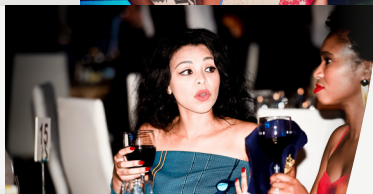
If in doubt with regards to the eligibility of your company, please contact [nazia.haroon@abn360.com](mailto:nazia.haroon@abn360.com)

Nominations must be submitted using the online nomination system between: Thursday, March 1, 2018 and Friday, June 29, 2017, 15:00PM UTC+02

Nominate business leader or submit your nomination at

[www.aablawards.com](http://www.aablawards.com)

# CELEBRATE



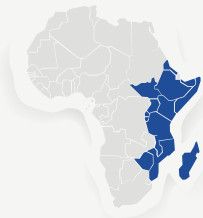
# KEY DATES



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## MEDIA BRIEFING

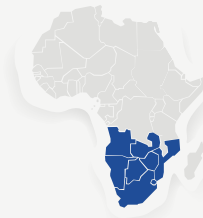
Members of media outlets and journalists are invited to participate in the media briefing at the Judges Welcome dinner in preparations towards the 8th AABLA Awards series.



### East Africa

**6th** September

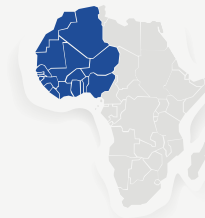
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### Southern Africa

**27th** September

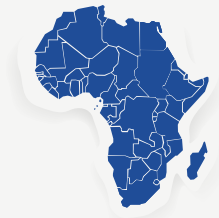
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### West Africa

**18th** October

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### Finale

**29th** November

Finalists from all corners of the continent convene at the AABLA Grand Finale to crown the All Africa winners at an exclusive gala dinner.





# PREVIOUS WINNERS



Title	Name	Position	Organisation	Category
Mr	Vimal Shah	CEO	Bidco Oil	Entrepreneur of the Year
Mr	Stephen Saad	Group CEO	Aspen Pharmacare	Entrepreneur of the Year
Mr	Aliko Dangote	Founder	Dangote Group	Industrialist of the Year
Mr	Adrian Gore	Founder and CEO	Discovery	Business Leader of the Year
Ms	Jennifer Riria	CEO	Kenya Women Holding	Lifetime Achievement
Ms	Funke Opeke	Managing Director	Main One Cable Company	Business Woman of the Year
Ms	Lindani Dhlamini	CEO	SekelaXabiso	Business Woman of the Year
Mr	Sim Tshabalala	Deputy CEO	Standard Bank Group	Africa Business Success in Africa
Ms	Gloria Serobe	Executive Director	Wiphold	Business Woman of the Year
Ms	Biola Alabi	Managing Director	Mnet Africa	Business Woman of the Year
Ms	Sola David-Borha	CEO	Stanbic IBTC Holdings	Business Leader of the Year
Ms	Wendy Ackerman	Co-Founder	The Ackerman Foundation	Philanthropist of the Year
Mr	Gil Oved & Ran Neur Neu	Joint CEO's	Creative Counsel	Young Business Leader of the Year
Mr	Ivan and Lynette Saltzman	Founders	Dis-Chem Pharmacies	Entrepreneur of the Year
Mr	Herbert Wigwe	CEO	Access Bank	Business Leader of the Year
Mr	James Steere	Co-Founder	I-Drop Water	Innovator of the Year
Mr	Richard Maponya	Founder	Maponya Developments	Lifetime Achievement
Dr	Dr Samuel Motsuenyane	Founder	Dr Sam Foundation	Lifetime Achievement
Mr	Sylvester Chauke	Chief Architect	DNA Brand Architects	Young Business Leader of the Year
Ms	Oluwatoyin Sanni	Group CEO	United Capital PLC	Business Woman of the Year



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



For sponsorship information please contact **Theresa Koranicki**

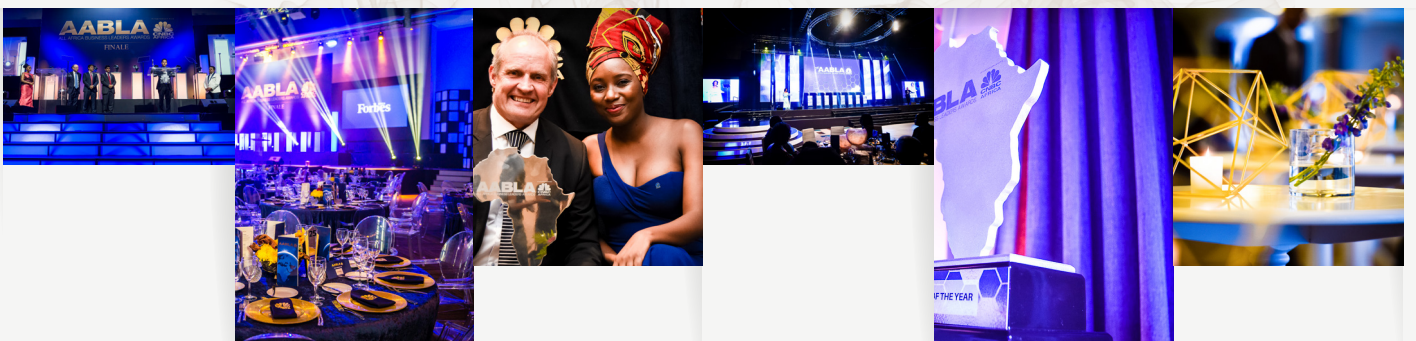
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The AABLA are made possible by sponsorship support and support of strategic partnerships, establish market leadership through high profile branding and exposure, connect your brand with the All Africa Business leader awards and expose your brand to a projected R32- Million worth of publicity.

# THE EVENTS



The exclusive event spans the continent with regional awards in East, West and Southern Africa culminating into an extravagant finale. Aside from our esteemed award candidates, this is the only event that boasts an audience made up of government ministers, ambassadors, entrepreneurs, CEO's and some of the biggest organisations and influencers in corporate Africa.




# PREVIOUS PARTNERS & SPONSORS





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