

2019 Women in Transport Awards finalists revealed

The 2019 Women in Transport Awards finalists have been announced. The awards are sectioned into five categories to recognise female contribution across the broad spectrum of the transport industry and will highlight women and organisations who have achieved outstanding results through leading, innovation and commitment to the transport sector.



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Palesa Phili, CEO of the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry NPC says: "The South African economy needs greater active participation from women especially in crucial sectors such as Transport. The Women in Transport Awards is a platform to celebrate women achievers in this sector and their accomplishments as well as motivate the next generation of women business leaders and entrepreneurs. The awards can empower and embolden women make a more significant contribution to the economy as well as address socio-economic issues such as gender equity and unemployment."

The 2019 award finalists are as follows:

Best skills contributor

- Balungile Masuku, lecturer, Durban University of Technology
- Melanie Nel, managing director, Cornerstone Group of Companies
- Pinky Zungu, deputy harbour master, Transnet National Ports Authority

Best women empowerment and transformation programme

- South African International Maritime Institute (SAIMI)
- South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)
- Transport Education Training Authority (TETA)

Best women's skills development programme of the year

- African Marine Solutions Group
- Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport
- Maritime School of excellence (TNPA)

Excellence in leadership

- Londy Ngcobo, marine compliance manager, Transnet National Ports Authority
- Mesela Nhlapo, CEO, Rail Road Association
- Michelle Phillips, acting CEO, Transnet Port Terminals
- Precious Msibi, acting executive manager, Transnet Pipelines
- Sheila Senkubuge, MMC: roads and transport, City of Tshwane

Rising stars

- Ayanda Cele, second deputy president, SATAWU & Union Representative at Transnet
- Mpho Hlao, acting field operations manager, Transnet Pipelines
- Nelisiwe Mkhabela, personal assistant, PRASA
- Nogolide Ntshebe, transformation specialist, Bombardier Transportation SA

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