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**MDDA-Sanlam Local Media Awards finalists announced**

The MDDA and Sanlam have announced the finalists for the MDDA-Sanlam Local Media Awards following the conclusion of judging. The winners will be announced at a gala event to present the Awards this Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013, at Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre in Boksburg.

“The judging panels for both the print and radio sections have prepared their reports and these reports will be available at the end of the Awards presentation,” says Media Development and Diversity CEO, Mr Lumko Mtimde. “We look forward to presenting the Awards and we hope that these Awards will continue to demonstrate our commitment to recognising and celebrating excellence in the local media sector. Well done to all entrants and congratulations to the finalists.”

Sanlam Group Head of Communications, Mr Ainsley Moos has lauded the entrants for participating. “We wish to thank all the participants who have taken their time to enter for the Awards. It is from their participation that there can be robust competition and recognition of the best. We wish to congratulate the finalists,” says Moos.

The finalists are as follows:

**PRINT FINALISTS**

	<b>AWARD</b>	<b>Finalists</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>WRITING AWARDS</b>	
	<b>Hard News:</b>	
		Desireé Rorke ( <i>Tygerburger, Milnerton</i> )
		Daleen Naudé ( <i>Middelburg Observer</i> )
		Avuyile Mngxitama-Diko ( <i>Grocott’s Mail</i> )
	<b>Investigative Journalism:</b>	
		Susanna Oosthuizen ( <i>Lowvelder</i> )
		Landé Willemse ( <i>Lowvelder</i> )
		Christopher De Wet ( <i>Lowvelder</i> )
		Lizeka Tandwa ( <i>Zithethele Community News</i> )
	<b>Human Interest</b>	
		Abrie Bronkhorst ( <i>Potchefstroom Herald</i> )

	<b>AWARD</b>	<b>Finalists</b>
		Faatimah Hendricks ( <i>Table Talk</i> )
		Susan Maré ( <i>Vrystaat</i> )
	<b>Sport</b>	
		Christopher de Wet ( <i>Lowvelder</i> )
		Quintin van Jaarsveld ( <i>East London/South Coast Fever</i> )
		Daryn Wood ( <i>Algoa Sun</i> )
	<b>Columns</b>	
		Cathy Stagg ( <i>Cape Community Newspapers</i> )
		Taralyn McLean ( <i>Go &amp; Express</i> )
		Mahmood Sanglay ( <i>Muslim Views</i> )
	<b>Personal Finance</b>	
		Clement Deane ( <i>Table Talk</i> )
		Yaseen Gaffar ( <i>Middelburg Observer</i> )
		Bev Mortimer ( <i>St. Francis Chronicle</i> )
	<b>Photography</b>	
	<b>News</b>	Herman Steyn ( <i>Die Pos/The Post</i> )
		Lynda Greyling ( <i>Maluti</i> )
		Yolandi Nel ( <i>Streeknuus</i> )
	<b>Sport</b>	
		Mario van de Wall ( <i>Potch Herald</i> )
		Joe Dreyer ( <i>Lowvelder</i> )
		Rashied Isaacs ( <i>People's Post</i> )
	<b>Features and Portraits</b>	
		Herman Steyn ( <i>Die Pos/The Post</i> )
		Carina Roux ( <i>Tygerburger</i> )
		Gabriela Falanga ( <i>Eden Express</i> )
	<b>Press Photographer of the Year</b>	
		Herman Steyn ( <i>Die Pos/The Post</i> )
		Carina Roux ( <i>Tygerburger</i> )
		Joe Dreyer ( <i>Lowvelder</i> )
	<b>Journalist of the Year</b>	
		Gerhard Rheeder ( <i>Middelburg Observer</i> )
		Daleen Naude ( <i>Middelburg Observer</i> )
		Abrie Bronkhorst ( <i>Potch Herald</i> )
<b>2</b>	<b>NEWSPAPER AWARDS</b>	
	<b>BEST FRONT PAGES:</b>	
	<b>Community/Grassroots Media:</b>	
		The Eye News, <i>Polokwane</i>
		Ikamva Lase Gcuwa, <i>Butterworth</i>
	<b>Independent emerging newspapers (2-5 years):</b>	

	<b>AWARD</b>	<b>Finalists</b>
	<b>Emerging</b>	
		Titimuleni Nthavela
		EzaKwaZulu
		Zithethele
	<b>Independent established newspapers (more than 5 years):</b>	
	<b>Established</b>	
		Ziwaphi
		Muslim Views
		EzaKwazulu
	<b>Corporate-owned Free Sheets</b>	
		Tygerburger, <i>Milnerton</i>
		Corridor Gazette, <i>Nelspruit</i>
		Sedibeng Ster, <i>Vanderbijlpark</i>
	<b>Corporate-owned Paid papers:</b>	
		Paarl Post, <i>Paarl</i>
		Lowvelder, <i>Nelspruit</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>BEST NEWSPAPERS:</b>	
	<b>COMMUNITY/GRASSROOTS:</b>	
		Ikamva Lase Gcuwa, <i>Butterworth</i>
		The Eye News, <i>Polokwane</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>INDEPENDENT EMERGING (2-5 YEARS)/INDEPENDENT ESTABLISHED (5 YEARS PLUS)</b>	
	<b>Finalists (Established 2-5 years):</b>	Zithethele, <i>Nelson Mandela Bay</i>
		Tame Times, <i>Alberton/Joburg South</i>
	<b>Finalists (Established 5 years+):</b>	Grocott's Mail, <i>Grahamstown</i>
		Eastern Cape Today, <i>East London</i>
		Witzenberg Herald, <i>Ceres</i>
	<b>Corporate-owned Free Sheets:</b>	
		Steelburger/Lydenburg News, <i>Lydenburg</i>
		Kalahari Bulletin, <i>Upington</i>
		South Coast Fever, <i>Port Shepstone</i>

## BROADCAST FINALISTS

Category	Station/Entrant /Finalist
Best Community Radio	Radio Riverside
	Emalahleni FM
	Namaqualand FM (NFM)
Excellence in Investigative Journalism	Emalahleni FM (Charles Magagula)
	Radio Khwezi
	Aganang
Excellence in Indigenous Language	Vukani Community Radio
	Motheo FM
	Namaqualand FM (NFM)
	Radio Pulpit
Excellence in In-depth Coverage and Current Affairs	Radio Khwezi
	Radio Riverside
	Radio Islam

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