

## **APO Media Awards winners announced**

The African Press Organisation has announced the winners of the 2014 APO Media Award (<u>#APOMediaAward</u>), which celebrates brilliant and inspiring stories about Africa.

## **Winners**

- First place: Sumitra Nydoo (@sumitranydoo), business correspondent South Africa at China Central Television (CCTV Africa), for her piece entitled 'South Africa's Wonderbag Revolutionizes Cooking'. Nydoo will receive \$500 a month for one year, a laptop and an intercontinental flight ticket to a destination of her choice as well as one year's access to over 600 airport VIP lounges worldwide.
- Second place: Pius Sawa (@kharunda), reporter for Thomson Reuters Foundation in Kenya, for his piece entitled 'Cheap, green solar bottles light up Kenyan slum'. Sawa will receive \$300 a month for one year.



Sumitra Nydoo

• Third place: Kristia van Heerden (@k\_r\_isis), Editor at Finweek (South Africa), for her piece entitled 'How the poor can make you rich'. Van Heerden will receive \$200 a month for one year.

"APO was very impressed by the quality of the entries. Judging was an incredibly difficult process but we were unanimous in our conclusion that Sumitra Nydoo, Pius Sawa and Kristia Van Heerden were the worthy winners. On behalf of APO, and personally, I would like to express my warmest congratulations to these three very talented journalists," stated Nicolas Pompigne-Mognard, Founder and CEO of APO.

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