All the Standard Bank Sikuvile Journalism Awards 2023 winners

Hosted by the South African National Editors' Forum (Sanef), and sponsored by Standard Bank, the Sikuvile Journalism Awards took place at The Venue, Melrose Arch.

Image: Danette Breitenbach. All the Standard Bank Sikuvile Journalism Award 2023 winners

Phandulwazi Jikelo of the Cape Times is the 2023 Journalist of the Year.

As the winner of the News photographs category, Jikelo is the first photojournalist to be named Journalist of the Year for many years, as the Journalist of the Year has generally come out of the Investigative or Hard news category.

Michelle Banda from Daily Maverick was named the Juby Mayet Rising Star of the Year. Justin Langeveld of News24 and Netwerk24 was named Manager/Publisher of the Year.

The Allan Soga/Standard Bank Chairman's Lifetime Achievement went to Eusebius McKaiser, who recently passed away.

Over 400 entries were received this year. All category winners received the coveted Sikuvile Journalism Award Trophy, certificate, and R15,000 prize money. All finalists receive certificates.

There was no Popular News category winner.

CATEGORY 1: Hard News			
Winner	Norman Masungwini	“R480 Million Bill for Idle State Cars” “2024 National Elections under threat”	City Press
CATEGORY 2: Indigenous Language Reporting in Community Media			
Winner	Cleopatra Jones	“Not Just a Body Number” “Inkolelo Engaziwa”	SABC
CATEGORY 3: Community Service Reporting			
Winner	Malibongwe Dayimani and Kayleen Morgan	“Enyobeni tavern tragedy”	News24
Commendation	Sune Payne	“Heartache of forced removals lingers as claimants prepare to make ‘history’ and move back to District Six”	Daily Maverick
Commendation	Liezl Human	“Plan to create ‘Khoisan Orania’ in Grabouw”	Ground up
Commendation	Zikhona Tshona & Njabulo Cele	“Siyabonga”	Newzroom Afrika
CATEGORY 5: Investigative Journalism			
Winner	Jeff Wicks	“Silenced: Why Babita Deokaran was murdered”	News24
CATEGORY 6: Business Journalism			
Winner	Ann Crotty	“Spar: Has the friendly store lost its way”	Financial Mail
Commendation	Carol Paton	“From AK-47s to business forums: This is how SA's 'construction mafia' is winning”	News24
Commendation	Lisa Steyn	“Will Transnet be the next Eskom? Industry warns rail is in free fall in SA”	News24
Commendation	Dewald van Rensburg	“The ANC's Manganese 'Gold Mine”	AmaBhungane
Commendation	Dewald van Rensburg, Sam Sole & Micah Reddy	“Gold ‘scam’ robs SA of billions, says SARS”	AmaBhungane
Commendation	Antoinette Slabbert	“Einde van die pad”	Rapport
CATEGORY 7: Features			
Winner	Media Hack team: Laura Grant, Leonie Joubert, Alastair Otter, Tanya Pampalone, Gemma Ritchie,Gemma Gatticchi, Paul Botes	“A Perfect Storm”	Media Hack-TheOutlier.co.za
Winner	News24 team: Nokuthula Manyathi, Sharlene Rood, Chante Schatz, Kayleen Morgan, Amy Gibbings, and Aljoscha Kohlstock	“When the rains came”	News24
Commendation	Willemien Brümmer	“’n Reeks oor haweloses” (two-part series)	Netwerk24
CATEGORY 8: Lifestyle			
Winner	Nomvuyo Ntanjana	“Carving Out Hope”	SABC
CATEGORY 9: Columns/ Editorial			
Winner	Hamilton Wende	“The first casualty of the war is truth – and humanity is close behind.” “Adriaan Vlok – the old man and the dark shadow of the past”	Daily Maverick
Commendation	Sibusiso Mjikeliso	“With adequate help, Nkosi’s story can have a different ending to Tyibilika”	News24
Commendation	Johanna van Eeden	“Wat is SA se atarimae?”	Beeld
Commendation	Kgaugelo Masweneng	“Faku was right: ‘Where there is fire, there is politics’”	Timeslive
CATEGORY 10: Visual Journalism			
Winner	Rikus Ferreira	“Wakers en Makers van belofte" “SA kinders sukkel” “Die soet druppels van oorreding”	Taalgenoot
CATEGORY 11: News photographs			
Winner	Phandulwazi Jikelo	“Parly Fire Flares as Questions Mount”	Cape Times-Weekend Argus
Commendation	Siphiwe Sibeko	“Mohlakeng descends into chaos as community burns Zama Zama homes and belongings”	Reuters-Timeslive
CATEGORY 12: Feature Photographs			
Winner	Sandile Ndlovu	“Fallen Reed”	Sunday Times
CATEGORY 13: Sports Photographs			
Winner	Lefty Shivambu	“Coach likens himself to Biblical Noah and Moses”	Sowetan

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