Africa Evidence Leadership Award (AELA) 2024 ceremony

Date: 21 August 2024

Time: 14h00-15h15 SAST



Agenda Items

14H00-14H05: Ceremony Chair: Opening and Welcome: AEYL representative: Bruce Chidi

14H05-14H10: Remarks from: **Siziwe Ngcwabe** AEN Co-chair

14H10-14H15: Remarks from: Laurenz Mahlanza Langer-Executive Director PACE

14H15-14H25: MC: Announcement of Winners & Runners Up: Siziwe Ngcwabe

Winners	Runners-up
 Emerging Leader Under 35 - Firmaye 	 Emerging Leader Under 35 - Elise Hirwa
Bogale	Musabimana
 Evidence Mediator - Ismael Kawooya 	 Evidence Mediator - Esmie Nhlane
 Evidence Producers - Violet Murunga 	 Evidence Producers - Mohammed S. Awal
 Evidence Users - Enock Musungwini 	 Evidence Users - Edwin Byusa

14h25-15h05: Moderated acceptance messages from the winners: Andile Madonsela Managing Researcher & Gender and Evidence, Youth Lead PACE

- Emerging Leader Under 35 Firmave Bogale
- Evidence Mediator Ismael Kawooya
- Evidence Producers Violet Murunga
- Evidence Users Enock Musungwini

15h05-15h10: Welcoming the new winners to the alumni: Velia Manyonga (2018 AELA winner)

15H10-15H15: Vote of thanks: Siziwe Ngcwabe: AEN Director





Ceremony Chair

Bruce Chidi: Africa Evidence Youth League (AEYL) member.

Africa Evidence Network: Co-chairs







Rhona Mijumbi-Deve

Message from Rhona Mijumbi-Deve

Thank you very much, and good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. It is an honor to be at this webinar today Celebrating the Africa Evidence Leadership Awards. The event is growing in strength, and it allows us to recognize and honor outstanding achievement in this space, in and for Africa. It seeks to reward and celebrate remarkable efforts toward linking evidence, knowledge, and decision-making and practice. But in the end, it also helps all of us reflect on how we can be better at what we do, as part of this family and network. And for that we are truly grateful, to the organisers and the funders who enable it.

I am honored to be welcoming you to this special webinar, not one of those learning ones — we can relax today — it is one where we are popping some champagne after the hard work. You are welcome to this webinar where we focus on the Africa Evidence Leadership Awards, and introduce our winners, those that the family has identified as worthy of celebrating. And although we see only a few faces, I can assure you that this was, and is always, a tight race. All the persons nominated were worth their salt, down through the voting, it was finger-nail-biting tight and so while we celebrate our winners today, we celebrate all the nominees and the teams that we all work with. This is for you all and the hard work you put in.



The Network has set itself an ambitious mandate - to tackle poverty and injustice, by enabling and facilitating the availability and use of evidence. This is no mean feat. It is both technically and socially challenging. Our societies are, and our world is generally and currently changing politically, socially, and economically. All of us in our different societies know how quickly we need to adapt. Through the success stories we hear from you all in the Network, I am encouraged that we are making strides and we are making a difference all over the continent slowly but surely - that with what suits and what works we are having a positive and lasting impact. And, although it only seems like yesterday when we first came together to compare notes and weave our strengths to charge ahead together, such events like this webinar and the awards we celebrate have shown me that with one clear vision and commitment to it, and with the impressive capabilities you all come with, the sky is our oyster.

I want to congratulate the winners that we will hear more from and about, for coming through to the top. I do hope that your achievement will be an encouragement for more. In the good book, it says to those who are given more, more is expected. So we are spotlighting you now to lead us. Winning in this field automatically makes you a leader as the name of the awards indicates, so the work is only beginning. But for today let us celebrate you and let us celebrate together. **Thank you.**

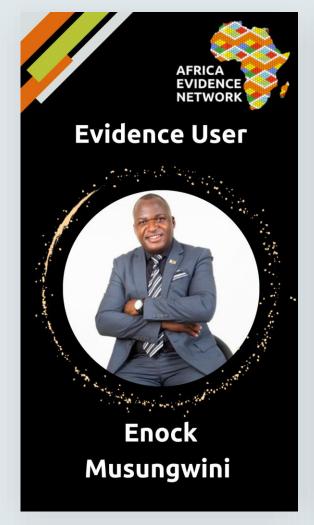


Laurenz Mahlanza-Langer -Executive Director - Pan-African Collective for Evidence NPC





Africa Evidence Leadership Award Winners 2024









Winner's 2024 Blogs

Firmaye Bogale:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/328/

Violet Murugu:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/327/

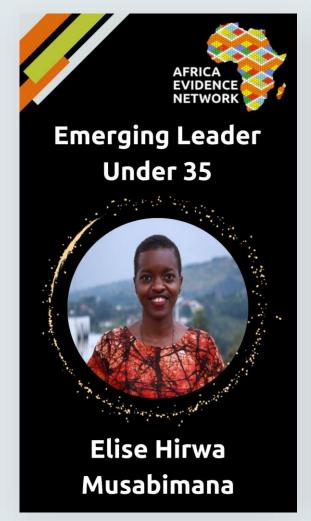
Enock Musungwini:

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Ismael Kawooya:

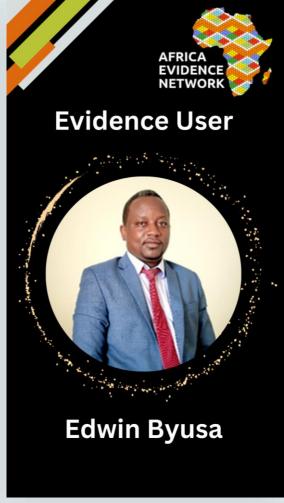
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Africa Evidence Leadership Award Runners-Up 2024









Runners' up's 2024 blogs

Edwin Byusa:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/354/

• Esmie Hlane:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/355/

Mohammed S. Awal:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/356/



Andile Madonsela: Managing Researcher & Gender and Evidence, Youth Lead PACE

- 1.Can you share your journey and how your work brought you into the world of EIDM?
- 2. What does winning this award mean to you personally and professionally?
- 3. What advice would you give to those who aspire to follow in your footsteps?
- 4. What are your future goals and aspirations in your career?

Velia Manyonga (2018 AELA winner)





Africa Evidence Leadership Award Alumni 2018-2023



Velia Manyonga: 2018



Mapula Tshangela: 2019



Frejus Thoto: 2020



Diana Warira: 2021



Alumni Blogs 2018-2021

Velia Manyonga:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/129/

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/339/

Mapula Tshangela:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/13/

Frejus Thoto:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/51/

Diana Warira:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/90/

Africa Evidence Leadership Award Alumni 2018-2023



Gloria Anderson (Evidence User): 2022



Eucharia Oluchi Nwaichi (Evidence Producer): 2022



Temitope Olawunmi Sogbanmu (Evidence Mediator):2022



Gloria Anderson:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/158/

Eucharia Oluchi Nwaichi:

Alumni 2022 blogs

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/159/

Temitope Olawunmi Sogbanmu:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/157/

Africa Evidence Leadership Award Alumni 2018-2023



Josephine Watera (Evidence User): 2023



Justina Onumah (Evidence Producer): 2023



Deo Gracias Houndolo (Evidence Mediator):2023



Alumni 2023 blogs

Josephine Watera:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/322/

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/245/

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/116/

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/84/

Justina Onumah:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/246/

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/80/

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/341/

Alumni blogs 2018-2023 (Runners Up)

Patrick Okwen

https://africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/138/https://africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/103/

Ndi Euphrasia Ebai-Atuh

https://africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/12/https://africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/45/

Yakeu Djiam Serge Eric

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/eidm-in-africa/stories/story/59

Nain Mirabel YUH

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/eidm-in-africa/stories/story/58

Carin Van Zyl

https://africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/video/552/

Jennifer Orwa

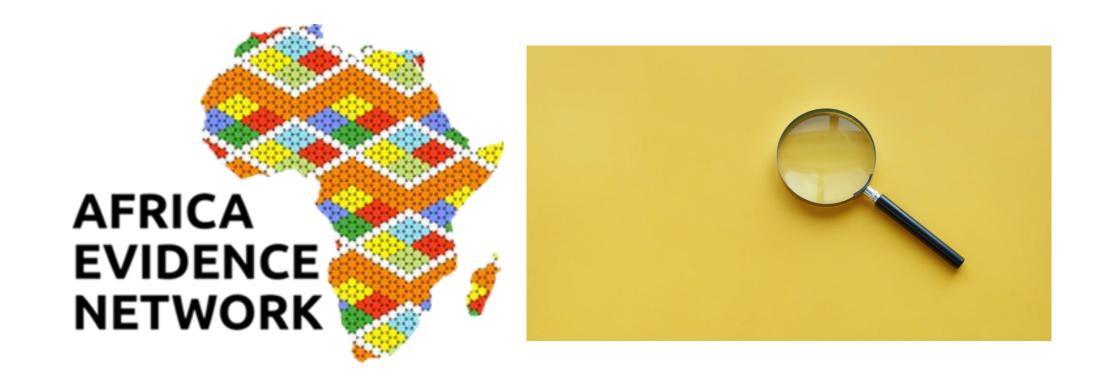
https://africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/video/551/

Luvuyo Jalisa:

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/226/

https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/340/





Thank you