

# **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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Emerging Leader Under 35 - <u>Firmaye Bogale</u></li><li>Evidence Mediator - Ismael Kawooya</li><li>Evidence Producers - Violet Murunga</li><li>Evidence Users - Enock <u>Musunqwini</u></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Emerging Leader Under 35 - Elise Hirwa <u>Musabimana</u></li><li>Evidence Mediator - Esmie <u>Nhlane</u></li><li>Evidence Producers - Mohammed S. Awal</li><li>Evidence Users - Edwin <u>Byusa</u></li></ul>

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

- Emerging Leader Under 35 - Firmaye Bogale
- Evidence Mediator - Ismael Kawooya
- Evidence Producers - Violet Murunga
- Evidence Users - Enock Musunqwini

**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**



**Siziwe Ngcwabe**



## 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.

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EVIDENCE  
NETWORK**



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.**



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







## Africa Evidence Leadership Award Winners 2024




**Evidence User**




**Enock  
Musungwini**




**Evidence Producer**




**Violet Murungu**




**Evidence Mediator**



**Ismael Kawooya**



**Emerging leader  
under 35**



**Firmaye Bogale**



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## 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:**


<https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/332/>

**Ismael Kawooya:**


<https://www.africaevidencenetwork.org/en/learning-space/article/331/>




## Africa Evidence Leadership Award Runners-Up 2024




**Emerging Leader  
Under 35**




**Elise Hirwa  
Musabimana**




**Evidence Producer**




**Mohammed S. Awal**




**Evidence Mediator**



**Esmie Nhlane**



**Evidence User**



**Edwin Byusa**

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- <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 AEELA winner)

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# 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**



**Eucharika Oluchi Nwaichi**  
**(Evidence Producer): 2022**



**Temitope Olawunmi Sogbanmu**  
**(Evidence Mediator): 2022**



## **Alumni 2022 blogs**

**Gloria Anderson:**

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

**Eucharía Oluchi Nwaichi:**

<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