

Pan African Re/Insurance Journalism award winners

The winners of the 2019 Pan African Re/Insurance Journalism Awards were announced at the Continental Reinsurance 6th annual CEO Summit in Mauritius.



Congratulations to the 2019 Pan African Re/Insurance Journalism Awards winners! Katya Stead @katyalebeque (South Africa), @TheAlushula (Kenya) @BSarabetty (Morocco).

Patrick Alushula, a Kenyan Business Journalist from Nation Media Group bagged the overall award, Pan African Journalist of the Year. His article titled [*Despite low uptake, funeral cover can't be buried away*](#) also emerged the Best Re/Insurance Print Article (English). In his article, Alushula explored how insurance cover can support bereaved families by helping them lessen financial burden associated with funerals.

The overall award was selected from Best Re/Insurance print article, Best Re/Insurance online article and Best Re/Insurance French article categories.

Katya Stead, a South African Journalist who writes for Commercial Risk Africa, won the Best Re/Insurance online article award (English). Her article [*Banking the change: How insurers in banking will change insurance too*](#), looks at how African insurers like Discovery are taking on the banking sector and the ways in which this will change not only banking, but also Africa's insurance narrative.

For the French category, Sara Bar-rhout, Economie Entreprises, Morocco, emerged the winner for the Best Re/Insurance French article award. In her article, titled, [*TRC et RCD, Jackpot Du Secteur?*](#), Bar-rhout explains the issues and motivations behind making mandatory, two insurance contracts to cover two construction sites, the TRC (All Construction Risks) and the RCD (Decennial Civil Liability) in Morocco.

This year's edition received a total of 66 entries (58 English and six French) from 14 African countries. Commenting on the entries, Michael Wilson, chief judge of the 2019 Awards, noted: "Each year, the entries achieve a higher standard, and always cast an interesting view over a wealth of insurance stories. This year was no exception."

The prizes for the winners included: A fully paid trip for all category winners to attend the awards ceremony and Continental Re's 6th CEO summit in Mauritius, March 28-29, 2019; a fully paid trip for the overall winner to attend Commercial Risk Africa (CRA) training in London, UK; including a one-week internship; a cash prize of USD2000 for the overall winner, USD1000 for the category winners; and USD500 for the 1st and 2nd runner-up; two-day training and mentorship by Commercial Risk Africa (CRA) magazine on insurance reporting, for all the winners; and certificates for all finalists for

being shortlisted in the 2019 awards. Below is a list of all the winners and finalists:

Pan African Journalist of the Year

Patrick Alushula, Nation Media Group, Kenya [WINNER]

Best Re/Insurance Print article [English]

1. Patrick Alushula, Nation Media Group, Kenya [WINNER]
2. Isaac Khisa, *The Independent*, Uganda
3. Patience Rusare *The Patriot Newspaper*, Zimbabwe

Best Re/Insurance Online Article [English]

1. Katya Stead, CRA, South Africa [WINNER]
2. Samuel Sanya, New Vision, Uganda
3. Lazarus Sauti, 263Chat.com, Zimbabwe

Best Re/Insurance French Article

1. Sara Bar-arhout, Economie Entreprises, Morocco [WINNER]
2. Ghyslaine Deudjui, *Le Financier d'Afrique*, Cameroon
3. KPOKAME Hermann, La Radio Nationale du Bénin, Benin

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