

Entries open for African Banker Awards

The 9th edition of the African Banker Awards will take place during the annual African Development Bank meetings in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 27 May 2015.



This event will celebrate and highlight the bankers and financial institutions who are playing a leading role in driving African growth and transformation. This year also happens to be an important year for the African Development Bank who will announce the successor to Donald Kaberuka, its president for the past ten years.

The awards committee issued its call for entries for 2015, inviting all financial institutions operating in Africa to participate and compete. The deadline for entries has been set on 16 March 2015.

The African Banker Awards is the landmark event on the banking calendar. Last year's ceremony took place in Kigali, Rwanda, and attracted some of Africa's key decision makers including central bank governors and ministers of finance as well as those playing a key role in the banking world.

Phenomenal growth

"Since we launched the awards, the sector has seen phenomenal growth and is doing things unimaginable a decade ago," said Omar Ben Yedder, CEO of IC Publications. "The banks have a responsibility to drive Africa's transformation, policy makers have a role to play in guiding banks and financial institutions to unlock capital towards priority projects and industries."

"Today, more than ever, the financial services industry, which is still small compared to emerging markets standards, will keep rising to the challenge, as they have over the past ten years. We are looking forward to receiving and reading the entries, which make for insightful reading, especially in terms of how banks are helping drive African growth."

The winners are selected by an independent expert judging panel with extensive expertise across the African regions.

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