



## Official launch of the 2026 SADC Media Awards

**3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2025 - Gaborone, Botswana:** The Secretariat of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) is pleased to announce the launch of the 2026 SADC Media Awards competition in the four categories namely, Photo, Print, Television and Radio Journalism.

The SADC Media Awards are open to journalists from the SADC Member States. The Awards were established in 1996 to recognise best media work in disseminating information on SADC to support the process of regional co-operation, integration and development in the SADC region. The first prize winner in each category receives US\$2,500 and the runner-up receives US\$1000.

The following are the first prize winners of the 2025 SADC Media Awards in each of the four categories.

### Print Category

- First Prize (US\$2500)- Ms. Veronica Gwaze of the Republic of Zimbabwe
- Second Prize (US\$1000)- Mr. Domingos Paulo Diniz Simão from the Republic of Angola

### Photo Category

- First Prize (US\$2500)- Mr. Kudakwashe Hunda from the Republic of Zimbabwe
- Second Prize (US\$1000)- Mr. Roy Nkosi from the Republic of Malawi

### Television Category

- First Prize (US\$2500)- Mr. Thabo Harry Rakhomo from the Kingdom of Lesotho
- Second Prize (US\$1000)- Ms. Kumbukani Barbra Kajumie from the Republic of Malawi

### Radio Category

- First Prize (US\$2500)-Mr. Launcelot Mpho Lakaje from the Republic of South Africa.
- Second Prize (US\$1000)- Mr. Innocent Kumchedwa from the Republic of Malawi,

The Secretariat is further advising interested journalists to obtain more information and entry forms from the SADC National Media Coordinators (SNMCs) in their Member States or SADC Website on this link ([www.sadc.int](http://www.sadc.int)). The list of SNMCs can be found on <https://www.sadc.int/media-coordinators> . Completed forms, with all required information typed-in must be submitted to the SNMCs within Member States by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

Kindly note that the SADC Secretariat does not receive submissions of entries directly from journalists. All entries must be submitted to the National Media Coordinators for processing at the national level.

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