

# Angelo Kinyua named CNN Multichoice African Journalist 2005

Kenya's Angelo Kinyua has been awarded the top prize at this year's CNN MultiChoice African Journalist 2005 Awards ceremony. Kinyua was chosen among 630 entrants from 40 nations across the African continent for his story, 'Cancer', for Medeva on behalf of KBC, Kenya.

Chris Cramer, Managing Director, CNN International and Nolo Letele, CEO MultiChoice, South Africa, presented him with the award at a gala ceremony hosted by CNN in partnership with MultiChoice and in association with SAA as well as the Awards sponsors, at The Safari Park Hotel and Casino, Kenya, on Saturday evening, 25 June 2005.

Chairperson of the Judging Panel, Joel Kibazo, said: "This year's entries echo, more than ever, the spirit and diversity of the African continent. Each finalist should be proud in the knowledge that their work represents the best journalism not only in Africa but the world as a whole."

"What we see in Kinyua's story is a powerful piece of journalism in which the journalist tackles an unobvious subject. Kinyua showed courage in facing up to a rather difficult topic. Treating it with the kind of sensitivity it needed, to help the viewer understand the issues involved, and feel educated at the end of it," added Kibazo. "This was journalism at its best."

The overall CNN MultiChoice Africa Journalist 2005 prize comprises a three-week professional programme at CNN Centre, Atlanta, with complimentary flights courtesy of South African Airlines; along with the prize awarded to all category winners, which consists of a laptop computer, modem and printer and an additional cash prize.

"These journalists join an ever-increasing number of professionals recognised by their peers over the last 10 years. They've become part of a new community of excellence, representing the best in African journalism and maintaining the highest standards of journalistic integrity," said Cramer.

Nolo Letele, CEO MultiChoice South Africa commented, "we are exceptionally proud to partner with CNN in giving recognition to outstanding African journalists for their tireless work and search for the truth. MultiChoice would like to congratulate all the finalists and award winners of this prestigious competition. Their high standard and quality of journalism is a credit to the media industry and provides a wonderful example of best practice principles for the rest of the industry."

"MultiChoice looks forward to partnering with CNN next year, for the CNN MultiChoice African Journalist 2006 awards," added Letele.

As partners in the competition, South African Airways have provided all the flights for the finalists and judges arriving from

across the continent. Other African companies on board as sponsors include: African Development Bank, Camerapix, Celtel International (mobile operators), CTS Group, Global Media Alliance (GMA), IPP Media, Johnnic Communications, Merck, Sharp & Dohme (MSD), and The Safari Park Hotel and Casino.

Highlights from the night will be broadcast on terrestrial television in more than 20 countries across the continent.

## **Winners in the individual competition categories are:**

### **ARTS & CULTURE AWAR:**

Roselyne Wangui Wanyiri, Nation Television, Kenya

Topic: "Machizi" The Heroes

### **BUSINESS & ECONOMICS AWAR:**

Ntai Bagshaw, Daily Independent, Nigeria,

Topic: Nigeria's Quest for Growth: The future is gas! - Economics of Nigeria's corruption, its incidence, costs and consequences - Body of work

### **ENVIRONMENT AWAR:**

Sarah Kimani/Orto Sori Orto, Nation Television, Kenya

Topic: Depletion of Mau Forest

### **FRANCOPHONE GENERAL NEWS AWARD: TV/RADIO**

Mohamed Saïm, Radio Nationale Algérienne, Algérie

Topic: Carnet de Route Alger-Djanet

### **FRANCOPHONE GENERAL AWARD: PRINT/PHOTOGRAPHIC**

Nadia Lamlili, L'Economiste

Topic: Quand je serai grand, je veux être migrant

### **MSD - HEALTH & MEDICAL AWARD:**

Angelo Kinyua, Medeva for KBC, Kenya

Topic: Cancer

### **M.K.O. ABIOLA PRINT JOURNALIST AWARD**

Benjamin Joffe-Walt, Freelance, South Africa

Topic: Fishtailing in rebellion

### **MOHAMED AMIN PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARD**

Debbie Yazbek, The Star, South Africa

Topic: Finding Peace in Retirement

### **RADIO AWARD**

Hilary Mbobe, for InterWorld Radio, Malawi Broadcast Corporation

Topic: Debts and Daughters

### **SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS TOURISM AWARD**

Sakina Datoo, Jambo, Tanzania

Topic: A Stunning World under the Sea Chumbe: The Marine Treasure

### **SPORT AWARD**

Jessica Pitchford, Special Assignment, SABC, South Africa

Topic: Running on Empty

TELEVISION GENERAL NEWS AWARD - FEATURE

Julie Kelly/Nicole Troll for Carte Blanche, M-Net, South Africa

Topic: Stealing Dockets

TV GENERAL NEWS AWARD - NEWS BULLETIN

Nkepile Mabuse, e.tv, South Africa

Topic: Bridge Story

LUSOPHONE GENERAL NEWS

José Luis Mendonça, Freelance for Africa Lusófona Magazine, Angola

Topic: Armas escondidas continuam a matar

FREE PRESS - AFRICA AWARD

Deyda Hydara, Awarded posthumously, accepted on behalf of his widow, Mariam Hydara

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