East African Photography Award

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The eighth edition of the photography and photojournalism competition, supported by Canon, showcases Ugandan and East African photographers and photojournalists whose work provides a remarkable contribution to African photography, the freedom of information and education through visual images

"It is an honour to continue our cooperation with UPPA. This award provides a unique opportunity, notably for young people from Uganda and East Africa as well as talented photographers, to gain international recognition. Especially as the awards are growing in popularity year upon year. Last year, in 2018, we celebrated the inauguration of the East African Photography Award. The participation of Canon Central and North Africa (CNNA) alongside the UPPA has also paved the way for several practical workshops aimed at enhancing the skills of African photographers. These workshops form part of *Miraisha*, the programme we have been offering since 2014 to promote sustainable development in Africa," stated Roman Troedhandl, managing director of Canon Central and North Africa.

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The 8th edition of the UPPA was won by Ugandan freelance photographer Katumba Badru Sultan for his photograph "In Her Own World". He received a Canon EOS 5D Mark IV and an EF 24-70 lens.

The second edition of the EAPA was awarded to Ethiopian photographer Martha Tadesse for her documentary entitled *Sifrash Story*. She won a Canon EOS RP 80D and a 24-105mm lens.

The fourth edition of the YPA, which is aimed at budding photographers and photojournalists at the start of their career, was awarded to the photographer Immaculate Bashaba. Her prize was a Canon EOS 77D and 18-55mm lens. Moreover, she will be able to participate in a seven-month mentoring programme and photo exhibition at the next UPPA.

In total, three young photographers will take part in the mentoring programme. As part of its backing to this project, Canon will lend EOS 650D cameras with a EF18-55mm lens and provide a grant as a financial contribution to assist the programme and ensure its success.

These three prizes will be awarded at the start of the free exhibition, which runs until 16 November. During the event, several workshops, debates and screenings will take place. Furthermore, Canon will organise several training sessions for Ugandan photographers.

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