

Top judges for awards

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Shoprite Checkers has announced the names of the panel of judges for the company's Women of the Year Awards.



IN CHARGE: High Court Judge Lucy Mailula. Picture by

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The awards recognise "exceptional and visionary women who have achieved in their own fields with the determination and foresight to make an impact on the future of many fellow South Africans".

Chaired by High Court Judge Lucy Mailula, the panel of 16 high profile South Africans will meet over two rounds of adjudication to determine the category finalists and winners.

"The categories were selected very carefully to look at some of the social and economic issues that will impact positively on the future of the country," says the retailer's Patti Quinton.

"South Africans nominated women who make our nation proud in five categories, namely health caregivers, educators, socioeconomic business developers, good neighbours against crime and youth movers.

"The category for health caregivers is chaired by Professor Angela Mathee.

"She is a renowned academic who is widely published in the field of public health and tropical medicine.

"In the educators category, Prof Teboho Moja, who has served as special adviser to two ministers of education in South Africa, is the chairperson.

"The other two panel members are Professor Sarah ("Saartjie") Gravett, dean of the faculty of education at the University of Johannesburg and Dr Gcina Mhlophe- Becker, who is one of the most prominent storytellers in the country.

"The chairperson in the socioeconomic business developers category is Advocate Pansy Tlakula, who is the chairperson of the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa.

"The judging panel of the neighbours against crime category is chaired by Professor Elrena van der Spuy, a

member of the Centre of Criminology and associate professor at the Department of Public Law at the University of Cape Town.

"The chairperson of the youth movers category is Mr Thebe Ikalafeng, one of South Africa's top marketers, who has been recognised nationally and internationally in the marketing industry."

Quinton says through this award, the Shoprite Group "wants to focus the attention of the people of South Africa on finding solutions for those critical matters affecting the nation's future, the youth".

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