

Ugandan journalist wins APO media award

Ugandan journalist Nila Yasmin has won the 2019 APO Group African Women in Media Award. She will be bestowed with a USD 2,500 cash prize, an all-expenses paid trip to a prestigious International Women's Forum, and online courses from one of the most respected international universities.



Nila Yasmin, APO Group African Women in Media Award Winner receiving the APO Group African Women in Media Award from Nicolas Pompigne-Mognard, founder and chairman, APO Group

APO Group, the leading Pan-African communications consultancy and press release distribution service in Africa and the Middle East, announced Ugandan journalist Nila Yasmin as the winner of the inaugural APO Group African Women in Media Award which recognises, celebrates and empowers African women journalists who support female entrepreneurship in Africa.

The winner was announced at the 5th Africa Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum (AWIEF) hosted at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) on 29-30 October 2019. The jury voted Nila Yasmin as the winner for her article, *Aweko Faith Is Turning Uganda's Waste Into Wealth*: <http://bit.ly/FinalistB>.

The members of the jury were:

- **Aïda Diarra**, senior vice president for Sub-Saharan Africa at Visa.
- **Rukmini Glanard**, executive vice president global sales and marketing at Alcatel-Lucent Enterprise.
- **Bola Adesola**, senior vice-chairman at Standard Chartered Bank Group.
- **Lee Martin**, senior vice president, global strategic development at Getty Images.
- **Nicolas Pompigne-Mognard**, founder and chairman of APO Group.

The trophy was handed over to Yasmin on Wednesday during the AWIEF awards ceremony and Gala Dinner by the founder and chairman of APO Group, Nicolas Pompigne-Mognard.

Yasmin is a journalist who uses media and art to empower women. She worked as a news anchor for seven years, anchoring English news on some of the most reputable radio stations in Uganda like Record Radio and HOT100. She retired from radio in December 2018, to start her own media company GLIM, a lifestyle women empowerment brand that celebrates and empowers women. She is also working with Media 256, a media production company in Uganda contracted by CNN to produce CNN African Voices and CNN Inside Africa.

Lionel Reina, CEO of APO Group said, “We would like to congratulate Nila Yasmin on winning the 2019 APO Group African Women in Media Award. The APO Group African Women in Media Award is part of our commitment to supporting the development of journalism on the continent. We were delighted to present this award at AWIEF in Cape Town as we celebrated women in journalism and entrepreneurship.”

Earlier this year, Ugandan journalist Isaac Khisa won the APO Group invitation to attend the 2019 Africa Hotel Investment Forum (AHIF); Cameroonian journalist Monica Nkodo won the APO Group invitation to attend the 2019 EurAfrican Forum, one the most prestigious EU-Africa events; and Nigerian journalist Oluseyi Awojulgbe also won the APO Group invitation to attend the African Development Bank’s 2019 Annual Meetings.

APO Group also sponsors the APO Energy Media Award and the APO Media Award, where a journalist wins \$500 a month for one year, one laptop and one intercontinental flight ticket to a destination of his or her choice, as well as one year of access to over 600 airport VIP lounges.

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