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On 10 November 2022, International Relations and Cooperation Minister, Dr Naledi Pandor received the Lifetime Achiever Award at the 19th Annual Standard Bank Top Women Awards.

The event, hosted by Topco Media and Standard Bank celebrates excellence in gender empowerment by recognising South Africa's most accomplished women leaders and organisations. Every year, an esteemed panel of Top Women adjudicators select a Lifetime Achiever based on her contribution to shaping a gender inclusive nation. The selection team awarded Minister Pandor for devoting her career to issues of human rights social justice and, most importantly, women empowerment.

“The impact you have made on marginalised communities and women across the continent is unfolding now and will continue to do so for generations to come; it is for this reason that we are honoured to present you with the 2022 Top Women Lifetime Achiever Award”.

Fundamentally, the awards ceremony aims to inspire young entrepreneurial women, the future of our economy, to follow the lead of those who have already carved out their road to success. In the past decade, they have celebrated more than 100 women leaders and women-strong organisations across sectors with numerous award categories, thus motivating the pursuit of full gender parity in all spheres of our society. They celebrate the future - as well as what led us here.

Previous recipients of the Lifetime Achiever Award include:

- Ms Zanele Mbeki (Former First Lady);
- Ms Mary Twala (Actress);
- Ms Yvonne Chaka Chaka (Singer, activist and entrepreneur);
- Dr. Thuli Madonsela (Former Public Protector);
- Ms Sophia-Williams De Bruyn (Anti-apartheid activist);
- Ms Graça Machel; and
- Juby Mayet (Veteran journalist)



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