



## **The German Africa Award 2016 goes to South African Public Protector Thulisile Madonsela**

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**This year's German Africa Prize goes to Thulisile Madonsela. She will be honored for her extraordinary commitment in defending the Constitution and her fight against corruption in South Africa. The German Ambassador Walter Lindner brought her the good news in Johannesburg.**



For over five years Mrs. Madonsela has served her country as Public Protector. Her relentless commitment for the Rule of Law in South Africa is now honoured by the German Africa Foundation, a charitable foundation which aims to enable closer ties between Africa and Germany. An independent jury of experts elected her in April. Thus Madonsela follows the Tunisian Nobel Peace Prize winner Houcine Abassi, who received the prize in 2015 by German President Gauck.

Since 1993, the Deutsche Afrika Stiftung awards the German Africa Award annually to outstanding African personalities that have contributed in a remarkable way to peace, democracy, human rights, development and culture on the African continent. The purpose of the foundation is to strengthen and promote the relations between the people of Africa and Germany in terms of peaceful cooperation. Beyond its direct promotional objectives, the German Africa Award is intended to promote German understanding of Africa and its political and economic concerns. It is a great concern of the Foundation to mirror a modern and realistic image of Africa, for which the award winners stand for with their commitment.

Thulisile Madonsela is the first woman in this position and has been nominated by two German political foundations due to her great commitment to pursue corruption and abuse of power by the government and the administration.

The German Ambassador to South Africa Walter Lindner thanked her last week in Johannesburg for her courage in the performance of her important duties.

The award is presented each year by one of the leading figures in German politics in a ceremony in the fall.

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