

# ALL THE 2017 AFRICACOM AWARDS WINNERS!

Last night, 8 November 2017 saw the 10th AfricaCom Awards held at The Lookout in Granger Bay, Cape Town. 2017 marks AfricaCom's 20th anniversary.



## 2017 winners:

- **Best Network Improvement** – Mauritius Telecom for accelerated FTTH deployment
- **Delivering Excellence in Customer Experience** – MTN and Huawei for its customer experience management (CEM)
- **Best Network Function Virtualisation solution** – Ericsson for the Ericsson HDS (Hyperscale Datacenter System)
- **Changing Lives Award** – UNHCR for the Smart Wi-Fi Kiosk
- **Most Innovative LTE Service/ Application Deployment** - Parallel Wireless for making LTE deployments as easy and as cost-effective as Wi-Fi
- **Best Innovation in Broadcast - Broadband Convergence** - Telkom and Huawei for their Telkom LIT\_ Service solution
- **Most Innovative Service " The Business of Tomorrow"** – Orange for rural electrification
- **Outstanding Data Management or Analytics Solution** – BWTech International Limited for NetChart
- **IoT Product / Service of the Year** - Mahindra Comviva and Econet Wireless for EcoCash Diaspora
- **CXO of the Year** – Ben Cheik Haidara, CEO, Orange, Bukina Faso.

Speaking on behalf of the judges, Matthew Reed, practice leader, Middle East and Africa, Ovum said: “The quality of the entries this year was of an exceptional standard, demonstrating innovation and commitment towards ensuring that all Africans can benefit from access to connectivity and the digital realm. It bodes well for the future of the continent.” The 2017 AfricaCom Awards were sponsored by PCCW Global (a founding sponsor), Intelsat and Orange.

## AfricaCom Awards 2017 Judges

- Matthew Reed – Practice Leader, Middle East and Africa, Ovum
- Russell Southwood – CEO, Balancing Act
- Lynette Hundermark – CEO, Useful and Beautiful
- Nnamdi Oranye – Media Contributor at CNBC Africa
- Barnabas Ndyababo Bwali – GM Network Projects at Airtel Tanzania
- Bradley Shaw – Regional Manager, MEA, NuRAN Wireless

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