



The Honourable Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr Mduzuzi Manana, handed over the African Pride Award for Most Inspirational Entrepreneur to Mr Sibusiso Leope. With him was FP&M SETA CEO, Ms Felleng Yende, FP&M SETA Chairman, Mr Siphon Ngidi and SAFDA President, Mr Sonwabile Ndamase.

The evening's glittering line-up included a fashion extravaganza featuring designers from South Africa, Canada, Ghana, Botswana, Angola and Zimbabwe. It also featured designs from Ndimase Trading, an FP&M SETA accredited provider, who showcased three designs produced by learners with disabilities.

The event concluded with the FP&M SETA Vukani! Fashion Young Designers Awards on Saturday, 18 October 2014. Twenty finalists, selected during a nationwide search, showcased sophisticated creations created around this year's theme "We have a story to tell".

The CEO of the FP&M SETA, Ms Felleng Yende and the President of SAFDA, Mr Sonwabile Ndamase, presented the awards to the winners. The "High Fashion/Traditional Garment" award was presented to Tshukudu Phasha and Joy Tswala received the award for "Most Innovative Costume".



Ms Masebe Motsepe, overall winner of the Vukani Fashion Awards with FP&M SETA CEO, Ms Felleng Yende and SAFDA President, Mr Sonwabile Ndamase.

The award for the "Best Ready-to-Wear Collection" and "Overall Winner" was presented to Masebe Motsepe. The winners each received bursaries worth R50,000 to further their studies and Ms Motsepe received an additional R35,000 in start-up capital and a mentorship from Vukani! Fashions.

Ms Yende explained the reason for the FP&M SETA's involvement in the event. "Skills development is our passion and we were motivated to come on board as a result of the education, training and mentoring elements that were included in the project." Yende indicated that the intervention aimed to capacitate young designers and equip them with current business knowledge and skills that will give them a competitive edge when establishing their own ventures or expanding their footprint into new markets.

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