



Standard Bank Sikuvile Journalism Awards 2026 FINALISTS

Category	JOURNALIST	Publication	Story
Hard News			
FINALIST	Tammy Petersen	News 24	'They came to kill all of us': Naudé's co-accused tells how he survived AK-47 gunfire
FINALIST	Mervyn Naidoo	IOL	Durban pharmacist's desperate SOS to husband as her vehicle sank in a river.
FINALIST	Nandi Ntini	Sowetan	Sole survivor of fire recalls last moments with family.
Indigenous Language Reporting			
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Community Service Reporting			
FINALIST	Mfundo Piliso	<i>Go! & Express</i>	"Dereliction and danger"
FINALIST	Matthew Hirsch	<i>GroundUp</i>	Body of work on homelessness in Cape Town.
FINALIST	Cleopatra Jones	SABC, Cutting Edge	Struggling for dignity
FINALIST	Tara Penny	<i>Hot 1027</i>	Body of work - "Saving the Baby Savers"
FINALIST	Shirley Govender	<i>Globe Post, Orange Farm News, Walkerville and Savanna City Times</i>	Body of work - early childhood education and a preschool in the heart of Lenasia south
Lifestyle			
FINALIST	Palesa Dlamini	City Press	"Desperate South Africans gamble away R1.5-trillion"
FINALIST	Zikhona Tshona	Newzroom Afrika	"100 Not Out"

FINALIST	Lunga Simelane	City Press	“A threat to vultures is a threat to people: Inside Kruger’s vulture poisoning crisis”
FINALIST	Luke Feltham	Mail & Guardian	“Bassem Youssef on the comedy of resistance — and its limits”
Business			
FINALIST	Mpho Lakaje	eNCA	From Runway to Revenue
FINALIST	Lisa Steyn	News24	Body of work: The record commodity prices behind gold and platinum, the forces driving them, and their inherent volatility.
FINALIST	Dewald van Rensburg	Amabhungane	Two-part piece: SA’s gambling crisis: “Facilitators, criminals and money-launderers” and “SA’s bad bet”
FINALIST	Sikonathi Mantshantsha	News24	Ghost Contract
FINALIST	Garth Theunissen	News24	“Another VBS? Ithala’s allegedly rotten loan book and its R1.63bn balance sheet hole”
FINALIST	Susan Comrie	Amabhungane	Two-part series: Dirty Fuels: Inside PetroSA’s shambolic diesel trading empire
Features - Print			
FINALIST	Jesse Coplyn	GroundUp	Mozambique: These are the children the US left to die
FINALIST	Don Pinnock	Daily Maverick	Becoming a river
FINALIST	Sean Christie	Bhekisisa	Anatomy of a hospital - Groote Schuur in a time of budget and staffing cuts
FINALIST	Willemien Brummer	Netwerk24	The “psychedelic revolution”
FINALIST	Janet Heard	Spotlight/Daily Maverick	Waiting is not an option in the first 1000 days
Features- Broadcast			
FINALIST	Aisha Abdool Karim and Susan Comrie	AmaBhungane	Series on the deadly water outbreak
FINALIST	Luke Daniel	News24	“The Wheels of Lawlessness & Order on the Streets of Langa”
FINALIST	Tara Penny	Heart 102.7	Childhood matter
Columns/Editorial			

FINALIST	Garth Theunissen	News24	“Is the market drunk on Capitec Kool-Aid again?”
FINALIST	Carol Paton	News24	“ANC looks into the abyss as turnaround flounders”
FINALIST	Marianne Merten	<i>Business Day</i>	“Will the Madlanga commission and parliamentary proceedings finally fix policing?”
Visual Journalism			
FINALIST	Themba Siwela	<i>The Citizen</i>	The Circus
FINALIST	Nathi Ngubane	<i>Maverick Citizen</i>	Youth Day Nightmare
Investigative Journalism			
FINALIST	Lunga Simelane and Norman Masungwini	<i>City Press</i>	Three-part series on the alleged hijacking of a R350 billion-rand airport development project in Welkom, Free State,
FINALISTS	Catherine Rice, Govan Whittles, Greg Nelson and Floris Kotze	Carte Blanche	Pervasive use of fraudulent licences in the e-hailing transport sector, endangering passengers.
FINALIST	Jeff Wicks and Sikonathi Mantshantsha	News 24	HUNTED: Inside the Mpho Mafole assassination
FINALIST	Devi Govender	The Devi Show	Three-part series: Serenity Haven Frail Care
	Pieter-Louis Myburgh	Daily Maverick	Series of articles exposing alleged corruption at the Independent Development Trust
FINALIST	Andrew Thompson	News24	Tracing a fake news factory
News Photographs			
FINALIST	Ayanda Ndamane	IOL & Independent Newspapers	Hanover Park
FINALIST	Sandile Ndlovu	TimesLive	Floods in KZN
FINALIST	Elizabeth Sejake	City Press	Chrome Miners
FINALIST	Deaan Vivier	Netwerk24	Polisie omgekrap oor Louis en Dezzi ‘voorkeurbehandeling’ kry
Feature Photographs			
FINALIST	Sandile Ndlovu	TimesLive	Skater

	James Oatway	Our City News	Johannesburg Waste Crisis
FINALIST	Willem van der Berg	Weg/Go Platteland	Following the rain and the sheep
FINALIST	Sandile Ndlovu	TimesLive	The Band
FINALIST	James Oatway	Our City News	Diepsloot Graves
FINALIST	Sandile Ndlovu	TimesLives	Owami
Sports Photographs			
FINALIST	Darren Stewart	Gallo Images/Daily Maverick, Kickoff, SA Rugby Mag	Betway Premiership Match; Mamelodi Sundowns vs Golden Arrows
FINALIST	Ashley Vlotman	Gallo Images/Sport South Africa	Boks vs Black Ferns
FINALIST	Ashley Vlotman	Gallo Images/Daily Maverick	SA vs Pakistan Test
FINALIST	James Oatway	Our City News	Aiming High
FINALIST	Darren Stewart	Gallo Images/SA Rugby Mag	Lions will unleash Haashim
Publisher/Manager of the year			
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Juby Mayet/Rising Star			
FINALIST	Karabelo Phakoe	Our City News	
FINALIST	Robin Schutte	Netwerk24	
FINALIST	Innocentia Nkadimeng	TimesLive	
FINALIST	Kofi Zwana	Our City News	
FINALIST	Cwenga Kotu Rammopo	Our City News	
FINALIST	Karabelo Phakoe	Our City News	
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