



National Gay and Lesbian
Human Rights Commission

THE KENYA UPINDE AWARDS, 2013
(Formerly the Kenya Gay and Lesbian Awards)

Below is the list of winners awarded by peer judges drawn from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) organizing in Kenya, during the awards gala night on December 13, 2013. The awards honour politicians, journalists, employers, business leaders, journalists and other allies who are committed to advancing equality and non discrimination of LGBTIQ individuals in Kenya.

1. "SHUJAA" (THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD)

- For her leadership in using health platforms as entry points for organizing around dignity and rights of gays and bisexuals in Kenya, for her active role in founding the Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Kenya (GALCK) and her current stewardship in re-organizing GALCK

Winner: **Lorna Dias**

2. "AFYA" (THE LGBTI HEALTH PROVIDER AWARD)

- For their demonstrable impact on the mental health and well-being of persons who identify as MSM through the quantity and quality of sexual and reproductive health services

Winner: **Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital- Nairobi**

3. "UTUMISHI" (THE LGBTI COMMUNITY ORGANISATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD)

- For their leadership in development of contemporary and creative measures for effective exercise of LGBTI human rights, especially the right to access quality health services including reproductive health services

Winner: **ISHTAR MSM**

4. "SAUTI" (JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD)

- For fostering positive inter group relations among persons of different ethnic origin, race, gender, religious backgrounds, sexual orientation, gender identity and physical or mental abilities based on reporting that is accurate and professional

Winner: **K24-TV *Alfajiri* show**

5. 'Dini '(RELIGION/FAITH) AWARD

- For promoting dialogue on faith, gender, sex, sexuality and Scripture/religious teachings

Winner: **Other Sheep Afrika**

6. "MSAIDIZI" (THE CIVIL SOCIETY OR CORPORATE ALLY AWARD.)

- For their leadership and commitment to the interrelatedness, indivisibility and universality of rights in respect to the mainstreaming of the human rights of LGBTIQ individuals in their work

Winner: **Kenya National Commission on Human Rights**

7. "NYEKUNDU" (HIV/AIDS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR AWARD)

- For her selfless contribution in the fight against HIV among LGBTIQ individuals in Kenya through sharing her powerful and resilient life stories

Winner: **Mary Mathui**

8. "TUKIO" (EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD)

- For being the national event that most significantly mobilized LGBTIQ individuals to celebrate their culture, diversity and freedom, openly and strongly in 2013

Winner: **IDAHOBIT, MAY 17, 2013 (Protest march at Uhuru Park, Freedom corner)**

9. "MWAJIRI" (EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD)

- For being the employer who has been most non discriminating in hiring LGBTIQ individuals, creating an affirming and supportive work environment and promoting sexual diversity and LGBTIQ culture in the workforce.

Winner: **Duke of Breeze Hotel-Kisumu**

10. "BIASHARA" (BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD)

- For being the business that has been most supportive of LGBTIQ individuals and groups as clients, staff and partners in 2013

Winner: **Club Envy- Nairobi**

11. "NGUZO" (AWARD FOR THE PILLAR OF SUPPORT)

- The funding partner and government agencies/departments whose financial investments and technical support has made the most meaningful contribution to the health, rights and wellbeing of LGBTIQ individuals in Kenya

Winner: **Ministry of Health, Govt of Kenya through NACC and NASCOP**

12. "UONGOZI" (POLITICIAN/PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE YEAR AWARD)

- For his consistency and significance in contributing to the promotion of equality and non discrimination of all persons including LGBTIQ individuals in Kenya and universally,

Winner: **Maina Kiai- UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly and Association**