

GALA RECEPTION

5:30 pm – 9:30 pm • Dominion Ballroom

South African Women for Women (S.A.W.W.) celebrates South African Women's Day by honouring the accomplishments of outstanding South African women, and acknowledging the support of friends of the organization.

Every year S.A.W.W. salutes unique women and their efforts to make our communities, our villages and our world a better place. These women are often stories of triumph over adversity. It is important not only to applaud these women, but to learn from them. Engaging their wisdom, and from that, empowering our own individual spirit, and societal progress. S.A.W.W. hosts an annual event as the forum for this unique and meaningful occasion. It is the highlight of our year and our main fund-raiser.

You will be inspired by a superb evening of celebration, engaged by our speakers, and entertained by superb musicians. Please join us this year for an unforgettable evening that celebrates the triumph of women.

S.A.W.W. ANNUAL AWARDS

Over the past thirteen years, S.A.W.W. has recognised 79 unique women who have inspired and served their communities in areas including education, health, the arts and liberation movements and other areas.



This year we award our 80th Award to a remarkable young woman, the South African athlete **Caster Semenya**. Despite the controversy surrounding her outstanding performance at the 2009 World Athletics Championships, 18 year old Caster's achievements continue to inspire young girls and women across the globe. Caster will be joining us at the Gala to accept the 2009 S.A.W.W. Award for Excellence in Sport.



Keynote Speaker: Noëlle Richardson,
Chief Diversity Officer, Province of Ontario
Keynote address: A Vision of Inclusion and Equality

Noëlle Richardson was appointed Chief Diversity Officer of the Ontario Public Service (OPS) on August 18, 2008. In that role, she is responsible for guiding the 68,000 employee organization toward its goals of inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility. The OPS was named one of Canada's Top Diversity Employers in both 2008 and 2009.



Emcee: Kathy Imrie
Widely admired actress Kathy Imrie has had a diverse career having played a variety of roles on stage, film, television and radio.

Performers:

Lizzy Mahashe and gumboot dancers: *multi-talented Lizzy Mahashe performs with traditional gumboot dancers, in a program of dynamic movement, music and song.*

Jabulani: *acclaimed musicians Jabulani entertain with their vibrant and unique blend of Southern African music.*



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WOMEN'S SUMMIT 2009
Diversity and Inclusion in Corporate Canada

Your ticket to the Gala evening qualifies you as an entrant into the door prize competition — an opportunity to **WIN 7 nights accommodation for two, in Barbados**, courtesy of **Divi Resorts** — please present your ticket at registration. The draw will take place during the evening.

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For more information on our distinguished participants please see the Gala Program.

A portion of the proceeds of the sale of these tickets will assist the Micro-funding project of Zenzele and the Scholarship Fund of S.A.W.W.