

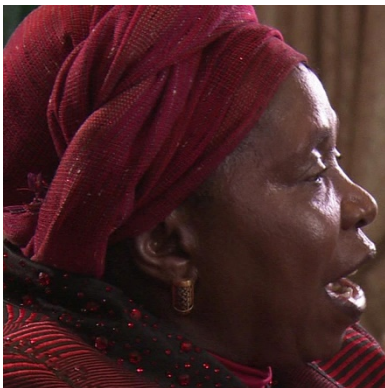


South Africa well represented in BBC 100 Women List

The list of 100 Women is now available and published here: www.bbc.co.uk/100women

Each year, the BBC names 100 women - a mix of influential women who are world leaders in politics, science and entertainment, as well as less well known but inspirational women from all over the world. The list includes thirty female entrepreneurs under the age of 30, women over the age of 80 and nurses from frontline war zones, to informal birth attendants.

Five of the inspirational women on this year's list are from South Africa:



Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma

Age: 66

Job: Chair, African Union Commission

Nationality: South African

A trained medical doctor, Nkosazana is the chairwoman of the African Union Commission based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Initially an ANC activist who spent some of the apartheid years in exile, she went on to enter politics, joining the AU in 2012 and is the first woman to head the organisation.



Lt Commander Zimasa Mabela

Age: 38

Job: Naval captain

Nationality: South African

Zimasa grew up in the rural Eastern Cape of South Africa and did not see the sea until she was 18 years old. Inspired by a navy presentation at university, she applied for and won her first job as a radio control official in 1999. She lives in Cape Town.



Karabo Mathang

Age: 28

Job: Entrepreneur

Nationality: South African

Karabo is South Africa's first Fifa-accredited soccer agent. She founded P Management to scout for amateur talents and help them to win professional contracts.

Karabo features in our '30 under 30' strand.



Verashni Pillay

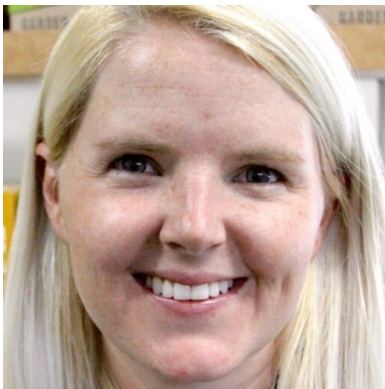
Age: 31

Job: Newspaper editor

Nationality: South African

Verashni is editor-in chief of the Mail & Guardian, South Africa's premier independent investigative publication. She also received the CNN African Journalism Award, a Standard Bank SikuVile Award and an Open Society Foundation journalism fellowship.

Verashni is taking part in our 'Is Media Failing Women?' debate.



Claire Reid

Age: 29

Job: Entrepreneur

Nationality: South African

Claire designed Reel Gardening in a bid to simplify gardening.

The company provides biodegradable strips which anchor the seeds at the correct depth and distance apart and so just need to be planted and watered.

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