



HIGHLIGHTS OF EXCELLENCE SEPTEMBER

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

A look back into a month of remarkable achievement for Zambia's ICT profession, marked by milestones, recognition and moments that celebrated the people shaping the profession and its future.



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ZAMBIA TAKES CENTRE STAGE AT THE 2026 TICON AFRICA CONFERENCE

Hosting a Continental Platform for Cross-Sector Collaboration and Innovation and excellence

September placed Zambia at the heart of Africa's ICT conversation as the ICT Association of Zambia (ICTAZ) hosted the 2026 TICON Africa Conference in Livingstone, alongside the ASCON and AMC under the Africa Commerce Convergence Summit.

The continental gathering brought together professionals, industry leaders and stakeholders from across Africa's ICT, marketing and supply chain sectors to connect, exchange ideas and explore opportunities shaping the continent's economic and digital future. Hosting the conference positioned Zambia at the centre of continental collaboration, showcasing its growing capabilities while strengthening professional networks and fostering partnerships that advance innovation, integration and professional excellence across Africa.



The conference also became a moment of celebration for Zambian ICT professionals, with the **2026 TICON Africa Excellence Awards** recognising outstanding achievements across the profession, as Zambia received multiple honours.

AWARD WINNERS



**ICT ASSOCIATION
OF ZAMBIA**



**DR GERTRUDE
AKAPELWA**



**DR POOJA
GUPTA**



**MR NAWA THEMBA
JOEL SAMATEBELE**



**NATIONAL PENSION
SCHEME AUTHORITY**



SPARC SYSTEMS

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A GLOBAL HONOUR FOR ZAMBIAN ICT LEADERSHIP

Dr Clement Sinyangwe Receives
the Prestigious David O'Leary Award,
a distinguished international
recognition.

**ICTAZ congratulates Dr Clement
Sinyangwe on being awarded the
prestigious David O'Leary Award**

LEADERSHIP THAT STRENGTHENS THE PROFESSION BEYOND BORDERS.

The recognition celebrates his contribution to the ICT profession and the impact of professional leadership in advancing standards, practice and the value of ICT, while highlighting Zambia's growing contribution and influence within the global ICT professional community.

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CELEBRATING A LIFETIME OF EXCELLENCE

Dr Gertrude Akapelwa Honoured
with the TICON Africa Lifetime
Achievement Award

ICTAZ proudly congratulates **Dr Gertrude Akapelwa** on this distinguished continental recognition.

A LIFETIME OF CONTRIBUTION. A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE.

The honour recognises her distinguished contribution to the ICT profession and celebrates a career defined by knowledge, leadership, dedication and lasting impact. Her achievement represents the kind of professional excellence that extends beyond individual success; inspiring others, strengthening the profession and contributing to the advancement of ICT in Zambia and across Africa.

FROM ICT PROFESSIONAL TO NATIONAL LEADER

Fellow, Hon. Eng. Chinyemba Melissa K. Rekas, MP
in Professional Leadership and Public Service

ICTAZ congratulates **Fellow, Hon. Eng. Chinyemba Melissa K. Rekas, MP** on her nomination as Member of Parliament under the Proportional Representation Electoral System – Women.

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE CAN TAKE MANY FORMS.

Her journey demonstrates how ICT professionals can extend their expertise beyond the technology sector to contribute to national leadership, public policy and development.

As an active ICTAZ Fellow, she has also contributed to raising the profile of women in STEM and advancing professional participation in the technology sector. Her appointment represents an important milestone in her professional journey and an opportunity to bring her expertise and experience into national leadership.



TICON AFRICA EXCELLENCE AWARDS

ICT Association of Zambia

TWO-TIME CONSECUTIVE WINNER

Professional Body of the Year

We bring back this prestigious recognition for the second consecutive year, reinforcing ICTAZ's national impact in strengthening the ICT profession and its continental relevance in advancing professional standards, regulatory excellence and innovation across Africa.

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Congratulations

Dr. Pooja Gupta

WINNER

**2026 ICT Professional
of the Year**

This prestigious recognition celebrates your excellence, impact and contribution to the ICT profession, inspiring professionals, advancing industry standards and championing the value of technology in shaping the future.

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Congratulations

**Nawa J.
Samatebele**

WINNER

**2026 Cybersecurity &
ICT Governance**

This award honours your commitment to strengthening cybersecurity and ICT governance, promoting digital trust, upholding security standards and advancing responsible technology practices that safeguard digital infrastructure and build resilience across the evolving technology landscape.

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Congratulations National Pension Scheme Authority

WINNER

Public Sector Digital Transformation

This award recognises the National Pension Scheme Authority for advancing public sector digital transformation through innovation, improved service delivery and technology-driven solutions that enhance efficiency, accessibility and the citizen experience.

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Congratulations
Sparc Systems

WINNER

ICT Company of the Year

This award recognises Sparc Systems for its excellence in ICT innovation, delivering impactful technology solutions and advancing digital transformation while setting new benchmarks for industry growth and technological advancement.

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