

# RUSTENBURG LOCAL BECOMES FINALIST FOR MS AFRICA

**Rustenburg** – One of our Rustenburg locals, Zanele Cekiso, has been chosen as a finalist for Ms Africa 2017.

The 26-year old from Sunrise Park told the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper that, "The worse challenge is to secure sponsors for the charity duties that I have to carry out as a Ms Africa finalist. It's a bit of a challenge to convince people or companies to sponsor us as beauty queens, because many people out there still perceive beauty pageants as typical competitions between petite women for crowns and sashes, and miss the charity part of it. We get to change lives and inspire people to do better and be better; which is actually the crucial part of the pageant."

Zee, as she is known to her friends, says that the highlight of this journey was 24 June, where finalists attended an official sashing event at the Harties Cableway.

"I am also looking forward to distributing sanitary towels from Dignity Dreams and desk bags to underprivileged pupils in schools. I simply love putting smiles and bringing hope to the people," Cekiso said.

The pageant week will take place from 29 October and the crowning will take place on 5 November. Ms Africa is hosted by its CEO and Founder, Carolyn Botha.

Readers can follow Cekiso on her Facebook page: Zanele Cekiso- Ms Africa Finalist 2017 or on Instagram: @zanelecekiso12.

You can also vote for her on the Ms Africa Facebook page by liking her picture among the finalists' pictures, to help her win the "Ms Africa public choice" award.

Cekiso would like to call upon business owners and people of power in the Rustenburg community, to support her in raising funds to buy and distribute washable, reusable sanitary towels from Dignity Dreams and desk bags for primary school children without school bags.

Her message to other aspiring models is the following: "Don't let your big dreams intimidate you. As big and scary as they may seem, they are achievable! Always remember you are an individual, you are your own competitor! Refuse to be comfortable because there's no growth in comfort, however always be content!"



Zanele Cekiso

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Stories should be original and unpublished works.

The story can be on any subject but should not exceed 1,000 words. Entries can be typed in double spacing on one side of A4 paper with all pages showing the title of the story and your name.

Hand written entries should be clear and legible. You may enter one story per entrant written either in: Afrikaans; English; Sotho or Zulu.

Entries should be posted to the following address: SkryfNet Writing Competition, PO Box 82046; Southdale; 2135.

Entries may be also be mailed to [SkryfNetcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:SkryfNetcompetition@gmail.com) and should include the author's contact details including parents' or guardians' telephone numbers.

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