



Terms and conditions

- 1 All people entering this competition (the entrants) agree that the competition rules as set out in these terms and conditions are binding on them. A copy of these competition rules is available to all entrants and can be downloaded from <https://www.absa.africa/forbes-leading-woman-summit/>
- 2 The organiser of this competition is Absa. For the purposes of this competition, "Absa Bank Limited" means Absa with registration number: 1986/004794/06 and "Absa Group Limited" means a public company with registration number: 1986/003934/06 incorporated under the laws of the Republic of South Africa, a public company duly registered as a bank and incorporated in accordance with the laws of the Republic of South Africa with its registered address at Absa Towers West, 7th Floor, 15 Troye Street, Johannesburg, 2001.
- 3 Absa, its directors, members, partners, employees, agents or consultants, the suppliers of goods or services and their respective spouses, life partners, business partners, or immediate family members are not permitted to participate in this competition.
- 4 The entrants acknowledge that they have been given enough time to read these terms and conditions before entering into this competition. The entrant is aware of all the terms printed in bold.

Personal information:

- 5 Absa will only collect, store and use entrants' personal information, such as their names, ages, telephone numbers and email addresses for the purposes of entering the entrants into the competition and for administering the draw as set out in these rules. This will not affect any existing marketing preferences that they have registered with Absa.
- 6 By entering the competition, entrants' personal information may be transferred to our service providers and agents (including their subcontractors) to store and use as necessary to administer the draw. We will never pass entrants' information to any third party for them to use in their own direct marketing, without the entrant's consent.

- 7 Entrants' personal information will be held on record for a short period of time as necessary to administer the draw and then securely destroyed.
- 8 Entrants that have won a prize in any competition, contest or promotion conducted by Absa in the last twelve (12) months are precluded from participating in this competition and any subsequent competition, contest and/or promotion within such twelve (12) month period. Absa will verify all entrants' details to establish this prior to announcing a winner.
- 9 Entrants must not have social media profiles that explicitly indicate that they are 'serial competition entrants', being profiles that primarily or predominantly feature posts, content, or activity centred on entering, promoting, or participating in competitions, giveaways, contests, or similar promotions.
- 10 To qualify as an entrant, the entrant must:
 - 10.1 Be a South African citizen and hold a South African identity document;
 - 10.2 Reside in South Africa;
 - 10.3 Provide correct and full personal contact details, as required; and
 - 10.4 Be 18 years and older.
 - 10.5 Must not have made any public statements or comments on any online or digital platform that could reasonably be interpreted as disparaging, defamatory, or damaging to the reputation of Absa

Rules of the competition

- 11 This competition will run from 08 March 2026 to 18 March 2026 (both dates inclusive). Entries received outside of this period will not be considered.
 - 11.1 The social media component of the competition will run from 08 March 2026 to 14 March 2026, during which participants will stand a chance to win.
 - 11.2 The Competition will run on Absa's official Meta accounts: Instagram: [@Absa.SouthAfrica](#) and Facebook: [@AbsaSouthAfrica](#).

11.3 By tagging the official Absa handle in an entry, entrants grant Absa a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce and share the content during the Competition Period for the purposes of administering and promoting the Competition.

11.4 The Metro FM radio component of the competition will run from 11 March 2026 to 14 March 2026. During this period, participants will stand a chance to win.

12. Method of entry:

12.1 Social Media Entry Requirements (Meta)

12.1.1 To validly enter the Competition on Facebook or Instagram, entrants tell us what makes you fully, completely, and unapologetically you by completing the sentence “Here to be...” and explain why.

12.1.2 All entries must begin with the prescribed prompt phrase: “Here to be...”

12.1.3 All entries must include the following mandatory hashtags:

#AbsaxForbesWomenAfrica #YourStoryMatters #InternationalWomensDay #LWS2026

12.1.4 Entries must be publicly visible to be eligible

12.1.5. Entrants who comply with all requirements set out in clauses 12.1 to 12.3 will be eligible to stand a chance to win the prizes listed in Clause 13.

12.2. On-the-Ground Competition Entry Requirements

12.2.1 To validly enter the on-the-Ground Competition, entrants must complete all of the following steps:

12.2.2 Snap a photo of themselves at the Absa Stand at the Forbes Woman Africa Leading Women Summit 2026.

12.2.3 Post the photo on Facebook or Instagram.

12.2.4 Tag @AbsaSouthAfrica in the post so that Absa can locate and verify the entry.

12.2.5 Ensure that the post is set to Public for the duration of the competition period.

12.2.6 Submit the entry by 12:00 midnight on 18 March 2026. Entries posted after the closing time will not be considered.

12.2.7 All posts must comply with the platform rules and must not contain any content that may reasonably be interpreted as defamatory, harmful, offensive, discriminatory, or otherwise inappropriate. Absa reserves the right to disqualify any entry that breaches these requirements.

12.2.8 Entrants who comply with all requirements in clause 12.2 will be eligible to stand a chance to win the on-the-Ground Prize listed in clause 13.

13. Prizes

13.1. Grand Prize: Social Media

13.1.1. One (1) winner will receive the following (“Grand Prize”):

13.1.1.1 One (1) double ticket to the 2026 Forbes Woman Africa Leading Women Summit, valued at five thousand five hundred rand (R5 500) per ticket.

13.1.1.2. One (1) Takealot voucher valued at R2 000; and

13.1.1.3. One (1) featured spot in a Forbes Africa Women Advertorial, valued at forty-five thousand rand (R45 000), which includes a professional photoshoot.

13.1.1.4. The Grand Prize winner will be selected and announced on 16 March 2026, or as otherwise communicated on Absa’s official platforms during the competition period.

13.1.1.5. The double ticket to the 2026 Forbes Woman Africa Leading Women Summit will be delivered to the winner electronically no later than 24 hours prior to the event start date.

13.1.1.6. The 2026 Forbes Woman Africa Leading Women Summit will be held at the Sandton Convention Centre on the 18 March 2026, and the double ticket grants the winner and their guest access to the event at this venue.

13.1.1.7 All travel, transportation, accommodation, and any associated costs incurred by the winner(s) in relation to attending the 2026 Forbes Leading Women Africa Summit at the Sandton

Convention Centre shall be solely for the winner's own account. Absa shall not be responsible or liable, whether in contract, delict, or otherwise, for any transportation arrangements, expenses, losses, damages, injuries, or claims of any nature whatsoever arising from or connected to the winner's travel to, from, or attendance at the event.

13.2 Subsidiary Prizes (Social Media)

13.2.1 In addition to the Grand Prize described in Clause 13.1, Absa will award five (5) Subsidiary Prizes, each consisting of a Takealot voucher valued at two thousand rand (R2 000).

13.2.2 Only entrants who submit valid entries during the Subsidiary Prize entry period, running from 08 March 2026 to 18 March 2026 (both dates inclusive), will be eligible for the Subsidiary Prizes.

13.2.3 The Subsidiary Prize will be fulfilled electronically using the winner's contact details provided via their Meta profile. Absa is not responsible for any failure of delivery due to incorrect, incomplete, or outdated contact information provided by the entrant.

13.2.4 Absa is not liable for any loss, delay, or damage arising directly or indirectly from the redemption or use of the Subsidiary Prize. Winners must refer to the applicable Takealot terms and conditions for voucher use, validity, and restrictions.

13.3. Metro FM Radio Competition

13.3.1. One (1) winner will receive the following Radio Grand Prize:

13.3.1.1. One (1) double ticket to the 2026 Forbes Woman Africa Leading Women Summit, valued at five thousand five hundred rand (R5 500) per ticket.

13.3.1.2 One (1) Takealot voucher valued at R2 000; and

13.3.1.3. One (1) featured spot in a Forbes Africa Women Advertorial, valued at forty-five thousand rand (R45 000), which includes a professional photoshoot.

13.3.1.4 Only entrants who submit valid entries during the radio competition period, running from 11 March 2026 to 14 March 2026, will be eligible for this prize.

13.3.1.5 The advertorial feature, professional photoshoot, and related timelines will be coordinated directly with the winner and Forbes Women Africa and will be subject to Forbes' editorial policies, scheduling requirements, and reasonable lead times.

13.4 On-the-Ground Prize

13.4.1 One (1) winner will receive the following on-the-Ground Prize:

13.4.2 A featured spot in a Forbes Africa Women advertorial, alongside other inspiring women from the Summit.

13.4.3 The advertorial feature and any associated photoshoot or editorial process will be coordinated directly with the winner and Forbes Africa Women. All timing, production requirements, and editorial decisions will be subject to Forbes' standard policies and discretion.

13.5. General Prize Conditions

13.5.1 Prizes will only be awarded to winners who are legal residents of the Republic of South Africa.

13.5.2 Where applicable, prizes will be fulfilled using the contact details provided by the winner. Entrants must ensure that their contact information is accurate and up to date.

13.5.3 Absa reserves the right to verify the eligibility of all entrants and may request proof of identity, residence, or any other supporting documentation before awarding any prize.

14 Incomplete or illegible entries, bulk entries, entries from third parties and entries which do not satisfy the requirements of these terms and conditions in full will be disqualified and will not be considered.

15 The winners for this Competition on Meta (Facebook and Instagram) will be selected from all valid entries received during the Competition Period, in accordance with the entry mechanics set out in Clause 12.

16 Winners for this Competition will be selected at random from all qualifying entrants by Absa's appointed Digital Agency through a virtual lucky draw conducted via Microsoft Teams.

16.1 The lucky draw for the Grand Prize (one (1) double ticket to the 2026 Forbes Leading Women Africa Summit, one (1) R2 000 Takealot voucher, and one (1) featured spot in a Forbes Africa Women Advertorial) will take place on 16 March 2026, following the closing date and time for the Grand Prize entries on 14 March 2026.

16.2 The lucky draw for the five (5) Subsidiary Prizes (each consisting of a R2 000 Takealot voucher) will take place on the 19 March 2026, following the close of the Subsidiary Prize entry period on 18 March 2026.

16.3 The winner for the On-the-Ground Prize (the Forbes Africa Women advertorial feature) will be selected on 20 March 2026, following the close of the On-the-Ground Competition entry period on 18 March 2026.

16.4 Winners for the Metro FM radio component of this Competition will be selected solely by Metro FM in accordance with Metro FM's own terms and conditions, promotional rules, and winner selection processes. Absa has no influence or control over the radio station's selection of winners.

16.5 Metro FM will notify Absa of the confirmed winner(s) after completing its selection and verification processes. Absa will not be held responsible for any disputes arising from Metro FM's selection procedures or eligibility assessments.

16.6 Upon receipt of the confirmed winner details from Metro FM, Absa will be responsible for fulfilling the applicable components of the Radio Grand Prize. This includes issuing the Takealot voucher to the confirmed winner and facilitating the Forbes Africa Women advertorial feature in collaboration with the Forbes Women team, in accordance with Forbes' editorial processes, timelines, and requirements.

17 Only qualifying entrants with valid entries, as defined in Clause 12, will be included in the respective prize draws.

18 Winner Notification

18.1. The winner of the Grand Prize will be notified via direct message on the applicable social media platform by an Absa Community Manager on 16 March 2026, following completion of the prize draw.

18.2. Winners of the five (5) Subsidiary Prizes will be notified via direct message on the applicable social media platform by an Absa Community Manager between 20 March 2026 and 24 March 2026, following the close of entries for the Subsidiary Prizes on 18 March 2026. The winner of the On-the-Ground Prize will be notified via direct message on the applicable social media platform by an Absa Community Manager on 20 March 2026, following the completion of the On-the-Ground Prize draw.

19 Absa will make at least three (3) attempts to contact each winner during the applicable notification period. If a winner does not respond within this period, Absa reserves the right to disqualify the winner and proceed with the selection of an alternate winner at its discretion.

20 If a prize is declined, unclaimed, or if the winner cannot be contacted after Absa's required attempts, a replacement winner will be selected at Absa's discretion. The replacement winner will be notified using the same contact procedure. If the replacement winner also fails to accept or claim the prize, Absa may repeat the process or withdraw the prize entirely.

21 When the winner(s) accept(s) their prize, Absa shall have the right to identify the winner by taking their photograph (at no fee) and publishing this in the relevant media as decided by Absa. However, Absa acknowledges the winner's right to choose to not be identified and may refuse to have their photograph taken and published in printed media or to appear on radio and television.

22 If the winner has given their written consent, Absa has the right to publish the winner's name and photographs (at no fee) in any advertising, promotional, print, point-of-sale or public relations material. The nature of these publications will be determined at the sole discretion of Absa, for a period of 12 (twelve) months from the date of the lucky draw.

23 Absa is not liable in any way for any direct or indirect loss or damage because of an entrant or winner's participation in the competition.

- 24 If Absa cannot continue with the competition for any reason beyond its reasonable control or if it is required by any regulatory terms or applicable law, Absa may end or alter the terms of the competition on condition that:
- 24.1 No winner/s has been determined; and
 - 24.2 Reasonable notice has been given beforehand to all entrants.
- 25 If the competition is ended as set out in 24 above, no entrant will have any claim of any nature whatsoever against Absa.
- 26 Absa is not obliged to award more than the defined prize. If the prize is anything other than a cash award, Absa will not be liable for any defects or damage to the prize. The winner must refer to the applicable supplier/manufacture warranty for the replacement or repair of the item.
- 27 The prize:**
- 27.1 Cannot be transferred and will only be handed over if all details given are factually correct; and
 - 27.2 Will not be exchanged for cash amounts or for any prize other than the prize offered in this competition.
- 28 Once the prize has been handed over in terms of these rules, the results of the competition are final in all respect, and no correspondence will be allowed.
- 29 Amendments to the terms and conditions:
- 29.1 Absa is entitled to amend the terms and conditions hereof in so far as same is deemed necessary and such amendments may relate to any aspect of such competition.
 - 29.2 The amendments may include the addition and/or deletion of any existing and/or proposed terms and conditions of the competition, which amendments may also affect the identified prize including but not limited to the cash prize of such competition.
 - 29.3 The proposed amendments may be effected before the start date of the competition and during the competition period, which amendments may result in the competition period being reduced and/or extended as deemed necessary; and

29.4 It is the entrant's responsibility to regularly check the website where the competition rules are made available as per clause 1 for any amendments.

30 No entrant will have any recourse or claim against Absa as a result of any amendment to these terms and conditions or, as a result of Absa's cancellation, termination or suspension of the competition in line with these terms and conditions.

31 In the event, that the terms and conditions of this competition are amended in terms of clause 29, such amendments will become effective immediately or on such date as may be determined by Absa. However, all entrants who have received confirmation of the prize before such date will remain eligible to receive the prize that has been awarded to them in accordance with the terms and conditions in force when they were selected as winners.

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