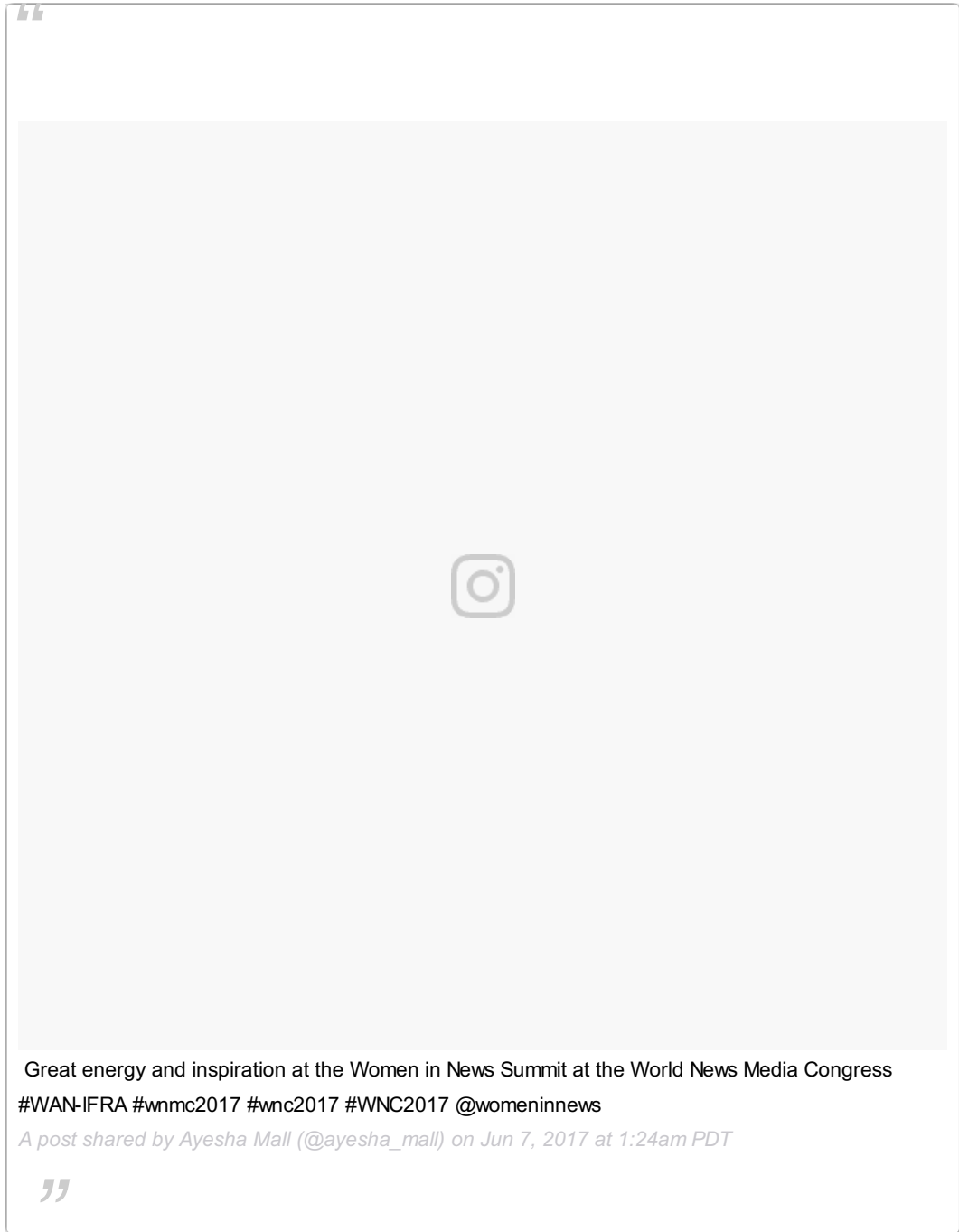


# First ever Women in News Summit under way

DURBAN: Today, 7 June 2017 marks the inaugural global Women in News (WIN) Summit, which commenced at the ICC in Durban earlier today.



In association with the World News Media Congress and World Editors Forum and a component of WAN-IFRA's Women in News initiative, the WIN Summit endeavours to increase women's leadership and voices in the news.



World News Media Congress to host first Women in News Summit  
17 May 2017



'Breaking through' is the theme of this year's Summit, as it celebrates women in media who are innovatively 'breaking through' glass ceilings and traditional ways of doing things to inspire and equip others to do the same.

Honouring such women, the Summit opened with the announcement of this year's laureates of the WIN Editorial Leadership Award 2017. Karima Kamal from the Middle East, North Africa region and Pamela Sittoni from sub-Saharan Africa each received a 2017 WIN Newsroom Leadership Award for their exceptional contribution to their respective newsrooms.

“ Karima Kamal receives Editorial Leadership Award [#WINSUMMIT #WNC17 pic.twitter.com/a1zYLxohQa](#)— Women In News (@WomenInNews) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ The Women In News leadership award goes to Pamella Sittoni from Kenya, the first woman in such a senior print position in Kenya. [#WNC17 pic.twitter.com/rUeTiGytI6](#)— Verashni Pillay (@verashni) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

Some takeouts from the keynotes and interactive panel discussions include:

“ Maria Ressa, CEO & ED of Rappler in the Philippines shares her tips on war zone reporting at [#WIN #WNC17](#).— Nabeelah Shaikh (@Nabeelah\_Shaikh) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ My journo hero [@mariaressa](#) says her lessons from conflict reporting worked equally well for starting a media business! [#WNC17 pic.twitter.com/Rd0USFKV4M](#)— Verashni Pillay (@verashni) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ The fourth speaker says we must explore opportunities, not limitations [#WNC17 #WINSUMMIT @NewsConf @IOL pic.twitter.com/BB1WRBNbsP](#)— IG: MojoIOL (@MojoIOL) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ [@lisataljard](#)'s advice to her 20-year-old self is brilliant: "Learn to pick locks and not break down doors". [#WNC17 #WINsummit](#)— Verashni Pillay (@verashni) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ Women often are doubtful about their abilities so more feedback should be given in newsrooms, says [@lisataljard](#) [#winsummit #WNC17](#)— Simone Flueckiger (@SimoneFluckiger) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ "Being a journalist, wife and mom requires a superpower which I'm still trying to find." - Mahlatsi Gallens [#WINSummit #WNC17 #Quicktalks](#)— Nabeelah Shaikh (@Nabeelah\_Shaikh) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ Mahlatsi Gallens: Through all of the hurdles I had to jump, there was another woman who held my hand [#winsummit #WNC17](#)— Simone Flueckiger (@SimoneFluckiger) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ We are not our mistakes. Choose to learn from them instead [#WINSUMMIT #WNC17 @BarbaraKaija @CarolNatukunda @CarolAriba @MukiibiH\\_NV @namlyd](#)— Penlope Nankunda (@Penkunda) [June 7, 2017](#) ”

“ We often wrongly equate hard work to long hours in the newsroom - [@verashni](#) at [#WINSUMMIT #WNC17 @BarbaraKaija @CarolNatukunda @CarolAriba](#)— Penlope Nankunda (@Penkunda) [June 7, 2017](#) ”



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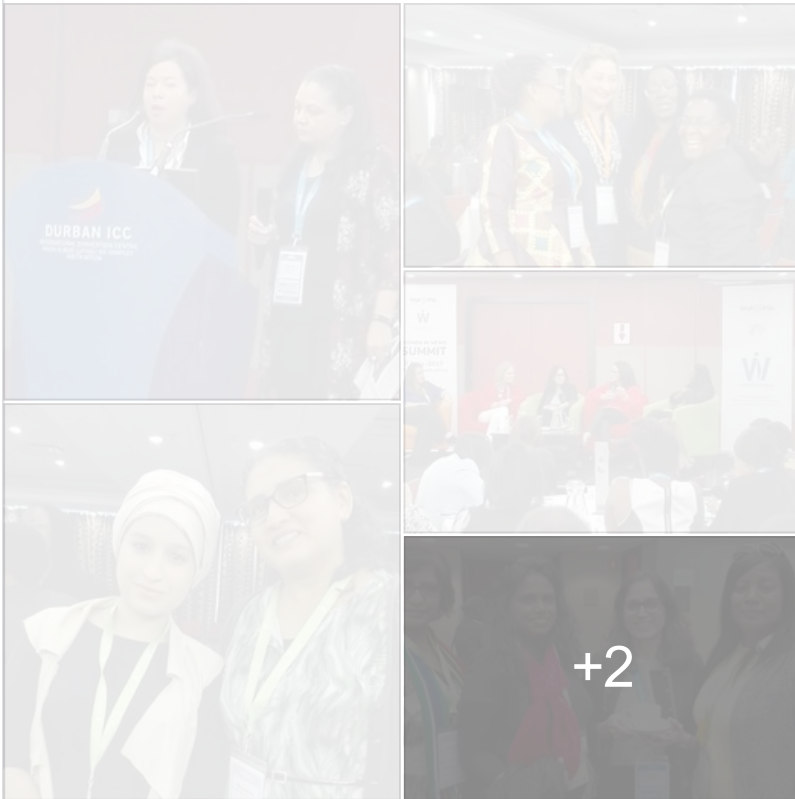


Enlightening morning panel discussion on Women In News at World News Media Congress, ICC, Durban.

Did not realize how many powerful women exist in this industry.

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The Summit is being followed by a networking lunch before the rest of the Congress gets underway.

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