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Coface South Africa Champions at the 2019 Gender Mainstreaming Awards

Coface South Africa, the international credit insurer, was the overall Gender Mainstreaming Champion at the 2019 Awards.

Winning four different awards:

- The award for a Non-JSE listed company in the category Women Empowerment in the Workplace.
- The Women on Boards Award and Women on Executive Committees in Multinationals award.
- Third finalist award for Equal Representation & Participation.
- Jacqui Jooste, Coface South Africa CEO, was awarded the 4th finalist in the Positive Role Model Trail Blazers category.

This was a proud moment for Coface South Africa, recognising the in-depth work which has been done at Coface on Gender Focus for the last two years. In 2017, Coface launched a worldwide initiative in order to ensure gender diversity, baptised *Women to Win*. Its aim is to raise awareness of gender balance issues and ensure that female talents are properly leverage at every level of the organisation.

“Coface was up against some strong competition in these categories, competing against the likes of EY, Bowmans, RMB & Anglo Gold Ashanti Limited,” said Jacqui Jooste, Coface South Africa CEO. “We are proud to have been part of Gender Awards initiative and to have been recognised for our excellent gender balance across all levels of the company and in our industry”, she said.

Jacqui Jooste was the first woman appointed at the board of directors at Coface South Africa in 2008. Since then many milestones have been achieved on diversity at Coface. As a result, the Coface South Africa Board of Directors is currently balanced for racial diversity and has reached 71% of female representation on the board.

Besides, as part of its strategic focus on education, Coface South Africa has channelled its Skills Development activities into contributing to upskilling the financial services industry. “A key next step for Coface South Africa will be to focus all CSR initiatives towards the financial services industry and more actively supporting the education of young females within this industry” Jacqui further added.

Coface is proud to be a member of the “30% Club Southern Africa”, an initiative launched by *Business Engage* and congratulates Malcolm and Colleen Larson on their work in engaging corporate South Africa to support this key initiative.

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