

ICC Africa's top conference centre once more

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THE multi-award winning Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (ICC) has done it again – last night it was named Africa's Leading Conference Centre – for the ninth time.

A beaming Miller Matola, the chief executive, went on to the stage with his staff to

collect the prized trophy at the Africa leg of the World Travel Awards (WTA), a highlight of the four-day Indaba travel trade show at the ICC.

“Although we were all optimistic, it is still quite overwhelming, which is why I wanted everyone else up on the stage as I needed their support,” said Matola.

Other regional winners

were: Thanda Private Game Reserve, Zimbali Lodge and Country Club and Fordoun Spa Resort.

The award for Africa's leading travel exhibition went to Indaba.

Former chief executive of Durban Africa (now Durban Tourism), Lindiwe Mahlangu, now the chief executive of the Johannesburg Tourism

Company, picked up an unexpected honour for being Africa's Personality of the Year.

She was praised for playing a pivotal role in changing the perceptions of Johannesburg.

Graham Cooke, president and founder of the WTA, said the prestigious event would be held in Durban again next year.

