

# Litha breaks new ground in events industry with Ubuntu Awards

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The Ubuntu Awards Ceremony, which took place in a remote valley on royal land in the former Transkei, has arguably set new standards in the events industry in this country.

The valley chosen for the event had never been mapped, no access roads existed and on exploring the picturesque range not a single level area could be found to set up the stage or the marques tents for what had to be an award ceremony of international standard.

With six weeks to go, Litha put together a team consisting of engineers, land surveyors and the army and set about grading the access road, clearing the event area, trucking in more than 40 tons of soil and determining a route for the interlink vehicles to gain access to the valley - as close as possible to the event area.

Despite the incessant rain that started battering the area only days before the ceremony, Litha managed to stage a world-class event, where international guests enjoyed outstanding entertainment and top cuisine in a plush setting overlooking the spectacular natural beauty of the Eastern Cape.

With the rain continuing unabated after the event, it took eight days to pull out all the equipment and restore the area.

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