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# Catherine Constantinides among new season of *21 ICONS*

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The short-film series *21 ICONS* featured climate activist, social entrepreneur, and food security advocate Catherine Constantinides. The former Miss Earth South Africa is also a humanitarian who has worked throughout Africa and across

## the world championing human rights issues and empowering women.

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As a voice of young South Africa, the executive director of Lead SA, and an Archbishop Tutu African Oxford Fellow, she aims to ensure the continent is included in global conversations regarding the development of Africa and improving the lives of the broader community.

*21 ICONS* traces South Africa's history over the course of its three seasons, moving from the fight for freedom to the country's growth during democracy, and concluding with a vision of the future. *21 ICONS* is a celebration of individuals who inspire through their impact, integrity and influence.

As a communicator of powerful stories, *21 ICONS* uses photography, film and narrative to showcase the pivotal moments of South Africa's nation-building journey.

This season has been envisaged as a tribute to the country's future, shedding the spotlight on youth icons all under the age of 35. Their energy and drive has been captured in coloured portraits; a major departure from previous seasons which featured black-and-white fine arts portraits.

Constantinides has been selected for *21 ICONS* South Africa season three

for the establishment of numerous community outreach projects aimed at driving climate change as well as starting initiatives that show the way forward for the next generation to aspire to be socially conscious and active citizens.

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She has travelled across the world promoting sustainable community development, social entrepreneurship and food security through Generation Earth, of which she is the co-founder, an international youth leadership initiative that engages students and learners to discuss sustainable development, low carbon futures and resource management specifically in Africa.



The Miss Earth South Africa is a leadership programme that aims to empower young South African women by providing a platform to create a sustainable difference and combat the destruction of our country's natural heritage through education and awareness.

Constantinides says; "I'm driven by a passion to empower women through the environment and conservation to take on larger roles in their communities. Those women are the pillars in our communities, they're the women that stand up and understand that they are the pivotal change makers."

The film gives an insightful and inspiring glimpse into her role as an ambassador for climate change and food security as well as the early influences that shaped her understanding of the importance of nature.

She says; "If we don't invest in looking after our natural heritage, our children and our grandchildren will suffer. We must protect the environment for the generations that we'll never meet."

For more information, visit [www.missearthsouthafrica.co.za](http://www.missearthsouthafrica.co.za) (<http://www.missearthsouthafrica.co.za/>). Alternatively, connect with Constantinides on *Facebook* (<https://www.facebook.com/catherine.constantinides?fref=ts>) or on *Twitter* ([https://twitter.com/ChangeAgentSA?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor](https://twitter.com/ChangeAgentSA?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor)).

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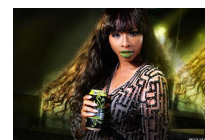
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