The female ref received the award on Wednesday night marking the International Women's Day at an event held in Pretoria, South Africa to mark.

She was shortlisted under the Forty Under 40 Africa nominees to grace the Awards Second Edition organized this year by Xodus Communications Limited-Ghana.

In her message after winning this award, Mukansanga said that after making this history, she received many messages from her fellow women who expressed their support for her.

"99% of the people who message me are women. They support me. Even if she is unknown, it doesn't matter, it is every woman, especially from Africa, who wanted to reach the top like me."

The Awards is an annual event that appreciates scheme for young people aged below forty who are making an impact in diverse spheres in the continent.

It identifies, honors, and celebrates a cross-section of Africa's most vibrant and influential minds with accomplishments in a vast range of industries.

It celebrates committed individuals in business growth, professional excellence, and community service who have scaled professional ranks while still young.

The female ref from Rusizi was an official at the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup in France. In 2022, She became the first woman to referee at the African Cup of Nations.

In January this year, Mukansanga was selected as the referee for the Women's World Cup to be held in Australia and New Zealand between July 20 and August 20.