

THE OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS FOR THE TRACE AWARDS 2023

	CATEGORY	ARTIST NAME
	Best Male	Asake (Nigeria) Burna Boy (Nigeria) Davido (Nigeria) Diamond Platnumz (Tanzania) Didi B (Ivory Coast) K.O (South Africa) Rema (Nigeria)
	Best Female	Ayra Starr (Nigeria) Josey (Ivory Coast) Nadia Mukami (Kenya) Soraia Ramos (Cape Verde) Tiwa Savage (Nigeria) Viviane Chidid (Senegal)
	Song of the Year	"BKBN" - Soraia Ramos (Cape Verde) "People" - Libianca (Cameroon) "Suavemente" - Soolking (France) "Encre" - Emma'a (Gabon) "Sugarcane" - Camidoh (Ghana) "Last Last" - Burna Boy (Nigeria) "Rush" - Ayra Starr (Nigeria) "Calm Down" - Rema (Nigeria) "Peru" - Fireboy DML (Nigeria) with Ed Sheeran (UK) "Sete" - K.O (South Africa) "Cough" - Kizz Daniel (Nigeria) "MORTEL 06" - Innoss'B (DRC)
	Best Music Video	"2 Sugar" - Wizkid (Nigeria) feat. Ayra Starr (Nigeria) "Baddie" - Yemi Alade (Nigeria) "Kpafloage" - Suspect 95 (Ivory Coast) "Loaded" - Tiwa Savage (Nigeria) & Asake (Nigeria) "Ronda" - Blxckie (South Africa) "Tombolo" - Kalash (Martinique) "Yatapita" - Diamond Platnumz (Tanzania)
	Best Newcomer powered by Luc Belaire	Azawi (Uganda) Krys M (Cameroon) Libianca (Cameroon) Nissi (Nigeria) Odumodublvck (Nigeria) Pabi Cooper (South Africa) Roseline Layo (Ivory Coast)
	Best Collaboration powered by Martell	"Many Ways" - BNXXN (Nigeria) with Wizkid (Nigeria) "Mine" - Show Dem Camp (Nigeria) with Oxlade (Nigeria) "Peru" - Fireboy DML (Nigeria) with Ed Sheeran (UK) "Second Sermon" - Black Sherif (Ghana) with Burna Boy (Nigeria) "Sete" - K.O (South Africa) with Young Stunna (South Africa), Blxckie (South Africa) "Stamina" - Tiwa Savage with Ayra Starr (Nigeria) & Young Jonn (Nigeria) "Trumpet" - Olamide (Nigeria) with Ckay (Nigeria) "Unavailable" - Davido (Nigeria) with Musa Keys (South Africa)

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	Best DJ	Danni Gato (Cape Verde) DJ BDK (Ivory Coast) DJ Illans (France) DJ Spinall (Nigeria) Michael Brun (Haiti) Uncle Waffles (Swaziland)
	Best Producer	DJ Maphorisa (South Africa) Juls (Ghana) Kabza de Small (South Africa) Kel-P (Nigeria) Tamsir (Ivory Coast)
	Best Gospel Artist	Benjamin Dube (South Africa) Janet Otieno (Kenya) KS Bloom (Ivory Coast) Levixone (Uganda) Moses Bliss (Nigeria)
	Best Live	Burna Boy (Nigeria) Fally Ipupa (DRC) Musa Keys (South Africa) The Compozers (Ghana) Wizkid (Nigeria) Yemi Alade (Nigeria)
	Best Dancer	Robot Boii (South Africa) Tayc (France) Uganda Ghetto Kids (Uganda) Yemi Alade (Nigeria) Zuchu (Tanzania)
	Best Artist Africa - Anglophone	Asake (Nigeria) Ayra Starr (Nigeria) Black Sherif (Ghana) Davido (Nigeria) Diamond Platnumz (Tanzania) Fireboy DML (Nigeria)
	Best Artist Africa - Francophone	Didi B (Ivory Coast) Emma'a (Gabon) Fally Ipupa (DRC) KO-C (Cameroon) Locko (Cameroon) Serge Beynaud (Ivory Coast) Viviane Chidid (Senegal)
	Best Artist Africa - Lusophone	Gerilson Insrael (Angola) Lisandro Cuxi (Cape Verde) Perola (Angola) Plutonio (Mozambique) Soraia Ramos (Cape Verde)
	Best Artist - Rwanda	Ariel Wayz (Rwanda) Bruce Melodie (Rwanda) Bwiza (Rwanda) Chriss Eazy (Rwanda) Kenny Sol (Rwanda)
	Best Artist - East Africa	Bruce Melodie (Rwanda) Diamond Platnumz (Tanzania) Zuchu (Tanzania) Khaligraph (Kenya)

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		Nadia Mukani (Kenya) Azawi (Uganda)
	Best Artist - France & Belgium	Aya Nakamura (France) Booba (France) Nihno (France) Ronisia (France) Soolking (France) Tayc (France)
	Best Artist - UK	Central Cee (UK) Headie One (UK) Ms Banks (UK) Raye (UK) Stormzy (UK)
	Best Artist - The Caribbean	Admiral T (Guadeloupe) Bamby (French Guiana) Kalash (Martinique) Maureen (Martinique) Popcaan (Jamaica) Princess Lover (Martinique) Rutshelle Guillaume (Haiti) Shenseea (Jamaica)
	Best Artist - Indian Ocean	Donovan BTS (Mauritius) GaEi (Madagascar) Goulam (Comoros) Mik'I (Reunion) Sega el (Reunion) Terrell Elymoor (Mayotte)
	Best Artist - Brazil	Djonga (Brazil) Iza (Brazil) Leo Santana (Brazil) Ludmilla (Brazil) Luedji Luna (Brazil)
	Best Artist - North Africa	Amira Zouhair (Morocco) Artmasta (Tunisia) Dystinct (Morocco) El Grande Toto (Morocco) Kader Japonais (Algeria) Raja Meziane (Algeria)
	Album of the Year	"DNK" - Aya Nakamura (France) "Love Damini" - Burna Boy (Nigeria) "Maverick" - Kizz Daniel (Nigeria) "More Love, Less Ego" - Wizkid (Nigeria) "Timeless" - Davido (Nigeria) "Work of Art" - Asake (Nigeria)