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Main Plenary Session (08:30 – 13:00)

Programme Director: Nozipho Tshabalala

08:00 - 08:25 | Conference Video

08:30 – 09:30 | Welcome & Opening Remarks

- **National Anthem**
- **Opening Remarks:**
  - Mr Dada Morero, Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg
- **Message of Support:**
  - H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary-General, AfCFTA Secretariat
- **Minister's Address: Reindustrialising South Africa Through Gauteng: From Policy to Impact**
  - Hon. Parks Tau, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition
- **Message of Support:**
  - Mr Neale Hill, President of the Ford Motor Company Southern Africa
- **Premier's Address: Gauteng's Economic Plan: Delivering a Modern, Inclusive, and High-Performance Economy**
  - Hon. Panyaza Lesufi, Premier of Gauteng

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09:30 - 09:45 | Scene-Setting Preamble

- Dr. Adrian Saville, Professor: Economics, Finance & Strategy, GIBS

09:50 – 11:00 | Panel Discussion 1: Gauteng's Place on the African Continent

Theme: Positioning Gauteng as Africa's Premier Investment Destination

Description:

Gauteng is South Africa's economic powerhouse, yet competition for investment on the African continent is fierce. This panel will explore how the province can strengthen its positioning as the gateway to Africa, leveraging financial services, technology, trade, and infrastructure. Experts will discuss intra-African trade, cross-border partnerships, and policies that can make Gauteng a competitive hub for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

- **Moderator:** Dr. Adrian Saville, Professor: Economics, Finance & Strategy, GIBS
- **Panelists:**
  - Ms Busi Mabuza, Board Chairperson, IDC & Chair: SA BRICS Business Council
  - Mr Saki Zamxaka, Acting Group CEO, GGDA & CEO, GEP
  - Ms Lizeka Matshekga, MD: Strategic Partnerships, Harith General Partners
  - Adv Mtho Xulu, President, SACCI

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11:05 - 12:15 | Panel Discussion 2: Driving Gauteng's Competitiveness through Infrastructure

Theme: Building World-Class Infrastructure to Accelerate Economic Growth

Description:

Gauteng's ability to remain competitive relies heavily on the strength of its infrastructure. Strategic investments in transport, energy, digital connectivity, and logistics are essential to attracting and retaining businesses. Robust infrastructure not only facilitates economic growth but also enhances investor confidence and business efficiency. By prioritizing world-class infrastructure, Gauteng can solidify its position as Africa's leading business hub, driving long-term economic resilience and global competitiveness.

- **Moderator:** Sam Rolland, Director: Sub-Saharan Africa, The Economist
- **Panelists:**
  - Hon. Jacob Mamabolo, Gauteng MEC for Infrastructure Development
  - Ms Yolisa Kani, Chief Business Development Officer, Transnet
  - Mr Sandile Dube, MD, Equinix South Africa
  - Ms Mameetse Masemola, Acting Head, Infrastructure South Africa
  - Ms Phakama Mbikwana, EVP: Infrastructure Sector, Standard Bank CIB

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12:15 - 12:20 | Programme Director Welcomes
Hon. Paul Mashatile, Deputy President of South Africa

12:20 - 12:45 | Keynote Address: Unlocking Gauteng's Economic Potential: A National Priority to Enhance Economic Growth

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12:45 - 13:00 | Pledges and Way Forward

- Hon. Lebogang Maile, Gauteng MEC for Finance and Economic Development



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Finance and Economic Development

13:00 - 13:05 | "Why Gauteng" Testimonials
13:10 - 14:10 | Lunch



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Gauteng Growth Dialogues

The Gauteng Growth Dialogues (GD) are dynamic, sector-focused breakaway sessions designed to drive actionable insights and investment commitments across key economic sectors. These fireside chats bring together industry leaders, policymakers, and investors to explore strategic opportunities that can accelerate Gauteng's economic competitiveness. Covering critical areas such as infrastructure investment and public-private partnerships (PPPs), advanced manufacturing, transport and logistics, and the creative economy, the forums provide a platform for high-impact discussions, investment matchmaking, and policy recommendations. Each session is structured to identify challenges, unlock growth potential, and position Gauteng as Africa's premier investment and trade hub

Breakaway Sessions
14:15 – 16:00 | Growth Dialogues.



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GD 1: Accelerating Infrastructure Investment & Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Gauteng

Objective:
This session examines how PPPs can drive infrastructure rollout and overcome public funding constraints. It brings together treasury, banking, and development experts to discuss frameworks, risk-sharing models, and how to structure bankable projects. The focus will be on unlocking catalytic infrastructure in housing, energy, transport, and municipal services. It will also explore the role of national and provincial treasuries in de-risking projects and encouraging investor confidence.

Opening Remarks: Gauteng MEC for Human Settlements: Ms Tasneem Motara

Key Topics:

- Prioritizing high-impact infrastructure projects for economic growth
- Innovative financing models for infrastructure development
- Case studies of successful infrastructure PPPs
- Addressing legal and regulatory challenges in PPP execution

- **Moderator:** Nozipho Tshabalala, CEO, The Conversation Strategists
- **Panelists:** Mr Boitumelo Mashilo, Head: Infrastructure Advisory Services, GTAC, Dr Zeph Nhleko (Chief Economist, DBSA), Ms Siyanda Mfathehlwa (Head, Sector PPPs, RMB), Ms Ncumisa Mnyani (HoD, Gauteng Provincial Treasury), Laurence Broseta (CEO, Keolis International).

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GD 2: Revitalising Gauteng's Advanced Manufacturing Sector Objective:

With the AfCFTA opening new trade opportunities, Gauteng has the potential to reclaim its role as Africa's manufacturing hub, this panel unpacks opportunities in high-value manufacturing sectors such as pharmaceuticals, agro-processing, automotive, and heavy industry. Panelists will explore innovation, industrial policy alignment, localisation, and how to boost export competitiveness. The discussion is also expected to highlight industrial parks, value chain integration, and investment incentives available in the province.

Opening Remarks: MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development: Ms Vuyiswa Ramokgopa

Key Topics:

- Localising production to enhance supply chains
- Adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies
- Energy security, infrastructure, and investment challenges
- Policy interventions to drive industrial competitiveness

- **Moderator:** Fifi Peters, Award-Winning Journalist, CNBC Africa
- **Panelists:** Dr Stavros Nicolau (Senior Executive, Aspen Pharmacare), Mr. Tafadzwa Chibanguza (COO, Steel Engineering Industries Federation of Southern Africa), Ms Thandiwe Ngqobe (CEO, OR Tambo SEZ), Ms Millicent Maroga (Corporate Affairs Director, HEINEKEN Beverages).

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GD 3: Enhancing Gauteng's Logistics and Transport Infrastructure

Objective:
Accounting for 60% of South Africa's trade, Gauteng's logistics and transport network underpins its role as Africa's trade hub. This session focuses on modernising Gauteng's transport and logistics networks to support its position as a trade and industrial hub. Panelists will explore investment in freight corridors, port access, public transport integration, and the digitisation of logistics systems. Special attention will be given to leveraging rail, aviation, and road infrastructure to lower the cost of doing business and support regional trade.

Opening Remarks: Gauteng MEC for Roads and Transport: Ms Kedibone Diale-Tlabela

Key Topics:

- Modernising transport infrastructure for global competitiveness
- Rail and road network improvements for efficient goods movement
- The role of OR Tambo International Airport in trade facilitation
- Improving logistics efficiency

- **Moderator:** Francois Fouche, Research Assosiate, GIBS
- **Panelists:** Mr. Tshepo Kgobe (CEO, Gautrain), Ms. Mpumi Mpofu (CEO,ACSA), Dr. Juinata Maree (CEO, Southern African Association of Freight Forwarders), Mr Hennie Heymans (CEO, DHL Express Sub-Saharan Africa), Zoltan Pap, (Managing Director, Intertoll Europe).

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GD 4: Developing Gauteng's Tourism and Creating Economy

Objective:
Gauteng is Africa's leading creative and cultural hub, yet infrastructure gaps and regulatory barriers hinder its full potential. This panel explores the untapped economic potential of tourism, film, music, and the broader creative economy. Discussions will highlight Gauteng's cultural assets, the role of festivals and film production in city branding, and how to build inclusive ecosystems for creative entrepreneurs. Investment in tourism infrastructure, digital platforms, and creative skills development are also expected to feature.

Opening Remarks: Gauteng MEC for Education, Sports and Culture: Mr Matome Chiloane

Key Topics:

- Strengthening Gauteng's global creative and cultural positioning
- Technology, digital platforms, and content monetisation
- Public-private partnerships for tourism infrastructure
- Innovation-driven models for sustainable creative industries growth

- **Moderator:** Ms Nastassia Arendse, Senior Business Anrchor, CNBC Africa
- **Panelists:** Ms Sthembiso Dlamini (CEO, Gauteng Tourism Authority), Ms Shola Sanni (Head of Public Policy, Netflix Sub-Saharan Africa), Mr Timothy Mangwedi (Executive Director, Joburg Film Festival), Mr Zakes Bantwini (Grammy Award-Winning Artist)

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Hon. Paul Mashatile

Deputy President, South Africa

Deputy President Shipokosa Paulus Mashatile was born at Geraldsville, Pretoria, in Gauteng Province, on 21 October 1961.

He began his political activism in the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) and was later elected the first President of the Alexandra Youth Congress (AYCO). From 1989 he became the General Secretary of the United Democratic Front (UDF) until the unbanning of political parties in 1990, when the UDF was dissolved.

Owing to his political activism, he was detained and spent more than four years in prison without trial, where he also pursued his studies.
He served as General Secretary of the South African Communist Party (SACP) in Gauteng and was the head of political education for the ANC Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) region.

Deputy President Mashatile also served in different capacities as an executive member of the Gauteng Provincial Executive Committee of the African National Congress (ANC). He is az former Treasurer-General of ANC who also acted as the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary- General of the party.

He has vast experience in governance, notably as a former leader of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, Member of the Gauteng Provincial Executive Council in various portfolios, such as Safety and Security, Housing, Finance, and Economic Affairs; as well as Premier of Gauteng Province.

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In the national sphere of government, he served as a Deputy Minister and later the Minister of Arts and Culture and Chairperson of the Appropriation Committee in Parliament.

He was sworn in as Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa on 07 March 2024 following his appointment to this role by President Cyril Ramaphosa.

As Deputy President of South Africa, he has been delegated responsibilities as follows: - Leader of Government Business in Parliament - Leading Government efforts to fast-track land reform - Implement Rapid Response interventions on service delivery and trouble-shooting in service delivery hotspots - Assisting the President in the roll-out of the District Development Model through effective coordination of the different spheres of government which will improve the functioning of municipalities - Leading the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) and the country's integrated response to the challenges of HIV and AIDS - Special Envoy on South Sudan and leading peace missions on the continent as required - Leading the National Human Resource Development Council towards addressing the shortage of skills in critical sectors of the economy - Promoting Social Cohesion Initiatives with a particular focus on Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders, as well as Military Veterans

Deputy President Paul Mashatile also chairs the following Cabinet Committees - Governance, State Capacity and Institutional Development - Justice, Crime Prevention and Security

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SPEAKERS



Lebogang Maile

Gauteng MEC for Finance and Economic Development

Lebogang Maile, Gauteng's MEC for Finance and Economic Development, is a key figure in South African politics. He rose to prominence as a youth activist during the country's transition to democracy, notably as COSAS President, influencing education policy.

He progressed through the ANC Youth League, serving as Provincial Chairperson and advocating for youth development, which led to the formation of the Gauteng Youth Commission.

Maile entered the Gauteng Provincial Legislature in 2009 and later served as MEC for Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Economic Development, and Human Settlements. He's championed development and access to resources.

Elected Vice President of the Forum of Regions of Africa, he also chairs Gauteng's Governance Cluster and heads the ANC's provincial elections. An author and public policy advocate, he holds a Postgraduate Diploma and an LLB.

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Siyanda Mflathelwa

Head Of Sector: PPPs and Concessions, RMB

Siyanda Mflathelwa joined RMB's infrastructure finance a decade ago from Investec and has more than 15 years of experience in Infrastructure Finance. She won the ABSIP award in 2021 for the corporate finance deal with the greatest impact for a landmark transaction involving upgrading and maintaining the Beitbridge Border Post in Zimbabwe. She has led and closed multiple notable transactions in the transport and energy sector, including Ghana Railways, San Pedro Ports in Ivory Coast, Beitbridge Border Port in Zimbabwe and multiple renewable energy projects in the RE-IPP (independent power producer) program (SA).



Thandiwe Ngqobe

CEO, Gauteng Industrial Development Zone (OR Tambo SEZ)

Thandiwe Ngqobe has extensive experience in the public sector and has served in various portfolios as an Executive Manager. She started her career at the office of the Auditor General and went on to lead the PFMA and MFMA implementation as a Chief Director at the Gauteng Treasury. She is credited with leading the establishment of various governance structures towards public financial management reform in Gauteng. She has held various COO or Operations Executive positions in multiple SOEs at provincial and national government and is proficient in developing turnaround strategies for efficiency gains and effectiveness. Thandiwe holds a BCom (Accts and Auditing) degree and a postgraduate Diploma in Management from the University of the Witwatersrand.



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Mameetse Masemola

Acting Head of Infrastructure South Africa
Deputy Director-General: Infrastructure Investment Planning & Oversight

Mameetse Masemola is a seasoned professional with extensive experience in public policy, infrastructure investment, and economic regulation. She holds an MBA from Henley Business School, a Postgraduate Diploma in Public & Development Management (Wits), and an Honours in Economics (UWC & University of Missouri). She has also completed executive programmes at Harvard and UCT.

Masemola serves as Acting Head of Infrastructure South Africa and Deputy Director-General for Infrastructure Investment Planning & Oversight, leading national infrastructure strategy, policy development, and investment planning. She oversees significant projects, drives institutional coordination, and works to close the infrastructure investment gap.

Previously, she led ICT sector development at the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies. She held key roles in the Department of Trade, Industry & Competition, including Government Convener at NEDLAC, Policy Analyst, and Economic Research. Her leadership continues to shape South Africa's infrastructure landscape.



Phakama Mbikwana

Executive Vice President: Infrastructure Sector, Standard Bank CIB

Phakama Mbikwana is a seasoned executive with over 23 years in business management and financial services. She is Executive Vice President at Standard Bank Group, leading infrastructure sector coverage in Corporate & Investment Banking.

With 17 years in banking, she served as Director at Barclays Africa, heading Construction & Cement, and held senior roles in State-Owned Companies, Healthcare, and Hospitality. She later transitioned to industry, leading a Project Finance Advisory firm focused on capital raising and infrastructure projects across Telecoms, Power, Mining, and General Infrastructure.

She was also MD of Telecom Towers Africa, expanding tower infrastructure across Sub-Saharan Africa. With expertise in capital markets, strategic leadership, and complex deal execution, she drives impactful outcomes.

Phakama holds a B. Comm (Rhodes), BCTA (UJ), and an International Executive Development certificate (Duke University).





Tafadzwa Chibanguza

COO, SEIFSA

Tafadzwa Chibanguza is the Chief Operations Officer at SEIFSA. He was previously employed as an Economist at the Minerals Council South Africa. Before working in the mining sector, he worked as a senior economist at SEIFSA and a technical wealth and investment analyst at Rand Merchant Bank. His broad focus areas in the metals and mining sectors include industrial policy formulation, economic modelling and economic impact assessment development. His work is also central to the lobby and advocacy initiatives undertaken by SEIFSA. He holds a Bcom Economics and Econometrics degree from the University of Johannesburg, a Bcom (Honours) Degree in Economic Policy from the University of Witwatersrand, a Master of Commerce Degree in Economic Policy. He is in the process of completing a Master of Science in Mining Engineering from the same institution.



Zeph Nhleko

Chief Economist, DBSA

Zeph Nhleko is the DBSA's chief economist, an adjunct professor at the University of South Africa, and a South African Presidential Economic Advisory Council member. Before this, he served as a Deputy Director-General at the National Economic Development Department. This followed a role as a Deputy Director-General at a provincial (sub-national) Department of Economic Development. He earlier spent more than 17 years as a senior economist at the South African Reserve Bank (central bank). He holds, among others, an MCom, MBA and PhD degrees.

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Adrian Saville

Professor: Economics, Finance & Strategy Professor, GIBS

Adrian is a Economics, Finance & Strategy Professor at GIBS and Founding Director of the Centre for African Management and Markets (CAMM). He is also Chief Strategist at Tennant Group and has worked globally, from Brazil to Singapore.

He authored the Visa Africa Integration Index and Investec-GIBS Savings Index and chairs MeTTa Capital's venture capital fund. He holds a visiting professorship at Rotman School of Management, Toronto. Over 25 years, he built an investment firm, later sold to a listed entity, and helped launch a multi-asset investment portfolio. In 2023, he founded Boundless World, an advisory firm specializing in capital markets, business model innovation, and growth strategy.

He holds a PhD in Economics, is a UNESCO laureate, and has completed executive programs at Oxford, Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, and Yale. Adrian is a member of multiple economic and investment industry bodies.





Mpumi Mpofu

CEO and Executive Director, Airports Company South Africa

Mpumi is the CEO and Executive Director of Airports Company South Africa (ACSA), overseeing strategy, stakeholder engagement, and the company's reputation. She ensures ACSA operates effectively while remaining accountable to the government and the South African public.

Previously, she served as Director-General in multiple national departments, including Defence, Transport, Housing, Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation. With 25+ years of experience, she has led significant transport and infrastructure projects, such as Gautrain, Rea Vaya BRT, Taxi Recapitalisation, and King Shaka International Airport. She also spearheaded South Africa's 2010 FIFA World Cup Transport Plan and played a key role in national aviation policy and airport development.

Mpumi holds a Bachelor's Honours Degree in Urban & Regional Planning and a postgraduate degree in Town Planning from Coventry University, UK, along with executive training from Oxford University. She has also served on multiple transport, housing, and economic development boards.

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Stavros Nicolaou

Senior Executive: Strategic Trade Development, Aspen Pharmacare

Dr. Stavros Nicolaou, Aspen Pharmacare's Senior Executive for Strategic Trade Development, is a prominent figure in the South African pharmaceutical industry. He pioneered the introduction of generic ARVs in Africa, saving countless lives. With over 30 years of experience, he's received numerous accolades, including an Honorary Doctorate from Wits University and the Order of the Lion of St Mark.

He actively contributes to national and international initiatives, serving on the BRICS Business Council and the SEZ Advisory Board.

He's held leadership roles in organizations like BUSA, PHARMISA, and the PTG. Nicolaou has also served on government bodies, including the National Covid-19 Vaccine Co-ordinating Committee and Brand South Africa's board, and chaired the Interim Board of Cricket South Africa. His expertise extends to advisory roles with the World Bank/IFC and Wits University.





Shola Sanni

Director of Public Policy - SSA Director: Public Policy for Sub-Saharan Africa, Netflix

Shola Sanni, Netflix's Director of Public Policy for Sub-Saharan Africa, is a seasoned expert in digital policy. Her career began in regulatory affairs at MTN Nigeria, then progressed to the GSMA, where she led public policy in East Africa and championed online safety. Her work involved forging strategic partnerships with organisations like UNICEF and the ITU.

At Mastercard, Sanni focused on digital payments and financial inclusion, establishing cybersecurity collaborations with central banks in Kenya and Nigeria. She also developed capacity-building programs for regional policymakers.

Now at Netflix, she navigates the complex policy landscape of Sub-Saharan Africa, engaging in discussions concerning local content quotas and the streaming service's regional impact. Her experience in advocacy and stakeholder engagement is crucial in this dynamic environment.

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Saki Zamxaka

Acting Group CEO, Gauteng Growth and Development Agency and CEO, Gauteng Enterprise Propeller

Saki Zamxaka is the Acting Group CEO of the Gauteng Growth and Development Agency (GGDA), an agency responsible for facilitating trade, investment and economic infrastructure development projects for the Gauteng City Region.

He is also the CEO of the Gauteng Enterprise Propeller (GEP), a provincial financial institution of the Gauteng Department of Economic Development which promotes and develops small enterprises in Gauteng. Zamxaka is the former Acting CEO of the Land Bank, Autopax, and Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA). He has also been a director at the Technical Gautrain Management Agency.

He holds an Honours degree in Economics from the University of the Western Cape and a Diploma in International Education Politics and Economics from Bard College, New York.



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Dr Juanita Maree

CEO, The Southern Africa Association of Freight Forwarders

Dr Juanita Maree, an esteemed 'Captain of Industry' in logistics, actively engages in customs-related entities globally. Her PhD thesis on Customs Risk Management showcases her passion. She drives economic growth through trade facilitation and the 'green lane' logistics approach.

Dr Maree's ability to unite public-private partnerships is acclaimed, and this is evident in statutory changes like Customs Modernisation, the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Program, and the recently created National Logistics Crisis Committee under the President's Office.

Other notable roles include Business Unity South Africa's Customs Fraud Lead, Nedlac's TIC member, the World Customs Organization's (WCO) PSCG member, member of the North-West University (NWU) Advisory Board, and WCO-ESA-RPSG Chair.



Tim Mangwedi

Executive Director, Joburg Film Festival

Tim Mangwedi is a cultural entrepreneur with over 30 years of experience in media, marketing, and business development. Before transitioning to media and entertainment, he shaped change and communications strategies for major organisations like SABC, MTN, and Times Media.

In 2010, he co-founded CulArt Productions, specialising in project management and art advisory. He also served as a Director at DISCOP Africa, a key film and television market.

His passion for film led to the founding of the Joburg Film Festival (JFF) in 2016 and, later, Joburg Xchange (JBX), focusing on Africa-Diaspora content. Through Native Yard, JFF curates premier African and global films while promoting young creatives. Native Yard also partners with Qwest TV as the Africa and Middle East distribution partner on DSTV, MTN, and Vodacom.





Fifi Peters

Award-winning Financial Journalist, CNBC Africa

Fifi Peters is an Award-Winning Financial Journalist and Broadcaster. She is a Senior Anchor at CNBC Africa and Host of the SAfm Market Update, with Moneyweb.

Fifi has worked in some of the most reputable financial newsrooms in South Africa including the Business Day and Financial Mail. An economist at heart, Fifi obtained her BA Degree in Economics & Journalism from Rhodes University in 2010.

She also holds certificates in Finance, Law and Media from the SA Institute of Financial Markets (SAIFM), the London School of Economics (LSE) and the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS), respectively.

As a conference facilitator and MC, Fifi has moderated discussions for government entities and private sector companies in Africa as well as multilateral institutions including the United Nations. Fifi has also facilitated discussion at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

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Nastassia Arendse

Senior Business Anchor at CNBC Africa

Nastassia Arendse is a Senior Business Anchor at CNBC Africa, hosting a daily show that unpacks key finance, markets, and economic trends with top industry experts.

With 16 years of experience, she is a versatile financial journalist skilled in TV, radio, print, and digital media. Her global expertise has taken her worldwide, enhancing her deep market insights. She has anchored business shows on Business Day TV, SAfm, Classic FM, and SABC News. She previously covered global commodity markets for Moneyweb, analysing trends in gold, precious metals, fixed income, and equities.



Boitumelo Mashilo

Head: Infrastructure Advisory Services, GTAC

Boitumelo Mashilo is the Head of Infrastructure Advisory Services at the Government Technical Advisory Centre (GTAC). He oversees the review and assessment of large and complex public infrastructure investment proposals and feasibility studies, generates infrastructure-related research and best practices and promotes their use in the public sector, and advises on reforms and initiatives that aim to improve infrastructure outcomes.

Boitumelo holds a master's degree in Economics from the University of Pretoria and has worked in the public sector for over ten years.



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Lizeka Matshekga

MD: Strategic Partnerships, Harith General Partners (Pty) Ltd

Lizeka Matshekga is the Managing Director of Strategic Partnerships at Harith General Partners, a leading Pan-African infrastructure investment firm driving digital, energy, and transport development across the continent. With over 28 years in financial services—including private equity, investment banking, and development finance—she spent 14 years in senior roles at the Industrial Development Corporation.

A seasoned infrastructure leader, she has engaged with BRICS, WEF Africa, and SAVCA, and looks forward to shaping Gauteng's industrialization at the investment conference.

She holds a Master's in Development Finance (Stellenbosch), a BCom Finance (UCT), and a BCom (UWC). She serves on multiple boards, including Kelvin Power and MAZIV, and previously held positions in multinational firms across South Africa and the continent. With expertise in strategy, stakeholder engagement, and leadership, she has also authored thought leadership pieces on infrastructure and water development in South Africa.



Sandile Dube

MD, Equinix South Africa

Sandile Dube is the Managing Director of Equinix South Africa, leading the company's market entry and expansion strategy. He focuses on driving digital growth, fostering strategic partnerships, and overseeing the development of the JN1 IBX data centre in Johannesburg, a key interconnection hub for Africa's digital infrastructure.

Before joining Equinix in November 2023, Sandile was the Managing Director of Hewlett Packard Enterprises (HPE) South Africa, where he also served as Country Manager for Sales and Channel and as a board member. His career spans over 20 years in the ICT industry, including Britehouse (Dimension Data) leadership roles.

Sandile holds executive certifications from IE Business School (Madrid) and Stellenbosch Business School (Cape Town). With deep industry expertise, he is committed to shaping South Africa's digital future through connectivity and innovation.



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Yolisa Kani

Chief Business Development Officer

Yolisa Kani is Transnet's Chief Business Development Officer (CBDO) and is responsible for Group Commercial, looking after Transnet's Top 20 customers and identifying and pursuing new and diversified business opportunities locally and within the African region, amongst other things.

Ms Kani is a seasoned executive with civil engineering, transport planning, freight, and logistics qualifications. She is an avid reader, an international speaker, a Board Member, and a member of Boardroom Africa, an organisation for women in Africa in leadership.



Sthembiso Dlamini

CEO, Gauteng Tourism Authority (GTA)

Sthembiso Dlamini is an accomplished leader with a track record of driving innovation, growth, and strategic excellence. She is a Board Committee Member at the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC)and currently holds the position of CEO at the Gauteng Tourism Authority (GTA), which is responsible for marketing and positioning Gauteng as a tourist destination of choice and a competitive global city region across Africa and the World.

Before joining the GTA, Sthembiso was a Chief Operating Officer at South Africa Tourism (SAT), managing a portfolio of R700 million and over 80 employees, and was later asked to act as the CEO.
Before this, Sthembiso was employed as the COO, a role she had occupied since August 2012, and she worked for the South African Revenue Service (SARS) as acting director of corporate affairs from 2007 to 2012.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Criminology and a Postgraduate Diploma in Project and Programme Management. She recently completed her Master of Commerce in Programme Management.





Adv. Mtho Xulu

President of the South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI)

Adv. Mtho Xulu is an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa and holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree and a Master of Laws (LLM) degree from the University of South Africa (UNISA). His areas of specialization include Commercial Law and Corporate Governance.

As a National Business leader, he holds the following positions:

* Founding CEO and Executive Director of JSX Investments (Pty) Ltd (an investment holding company with business interests in 8 economic sectors in South Africa),
* President of the South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI),
* Chairman of the SA BRICS Business Council Trade and Investment Working Group,
* Member of the South African Statistics Council,
* Board member of Bombela Concession Company, the current concessionaire of the Gautrain,
* Member of the B20 (G20 South Africa) Business Advisory Council,
* Former Board member of the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), and
* Former Board member of Business Unity South Africa (BUSA).

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Millicent Maroga

Corporate Affairs Director for HEINEKEN Beverages

Millicent Maroga is the Corporate Affairs Director for HEINEKEN Beverages, with more than 20 years as a Corporate Affairs practitioner in the beverages sector and financial services.

Millicent has served on a number of Boards in both public and private sector including the Gauteng Enterprise Propeller (GEP) and the Gauteng Growth Development Agency (GGDA). She is also a trustee of the Old Mutual Employee share scheme; and a Board member of various alcohol industry associations.



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Hon. Parks Tau

Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition

Parks Franklyn Mpho Tau is the former Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. He is also a former Executive Council (MEC) member responsible for the Department of Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture & Rural Development in the Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG). He is also a former Provincial Treasurer of the ANC in Gauteng and former Chairperson of the Gauteng legislature portfolio committee on Finance.

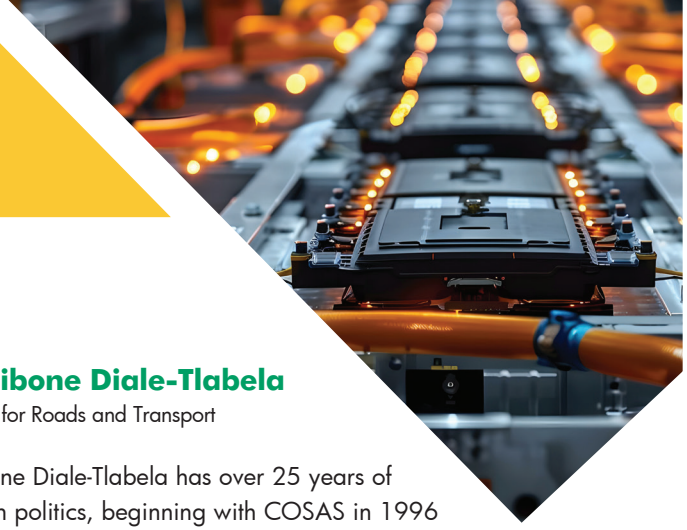
Minister Tau has completed studies in Public Management from Regenesys Business School and holds a Master's degree in Public Policy & Management from the University of London.

Minister Parks Tau is a seasoned local government practitioner and is a former Councillor in the Johannesburg Metro. In 2000, Minister Tau was appointed as a Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Development Planning, Transportation, and Environment. From 2003 to 2011, Tau served as MMC of the City of Johannesburg's Finance & Economic Development portfolio. Minister Tau was elected as the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, where he served from 2011 until 2016. He was the second democratically elected Mayor after Mr Amos Masondo.

Minister Tau has served in many organisations during his years as a public representative:

- He is a former President of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA).
- He is also the former President of United Cities & Local Governments (UCLG).
- He was appointed Co-Chairperson of the UN High-Level Independent Panel, established to oversee the effectiveness of the UN-Habitat programme.
- He is a member of the World Resource Institutes & Coalition for Urban Transition.
- He is a former Chairperson of SA Cities Network.
- He is a former Deputy Chairperson of the UN Special Advisory Committee on Safer Cities.
- He is a member of the C40 Climate Change Network Steering Committee.
- He is a former co-president of Metropolis – a network of metropolitans established to build resilient and sustainable cities.

In 2019, Minister Tau was appointed Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and traditional Affairs. He served in this position until he was appointed to the GPG in December 2020. Minister Tau has served as part of the ANC Greater Johannesburg Regional Executive Committee as Regional Secretary and Chairperson. He is the former Provincial Treasurer in Gauteng and a current member of the ANC NEC. He was appointed and currently serves as the Minister of Trade, Industry, and Competition (the dtic) in the 7th Administration.





Hon. Kedibone Diale-Tlabela

Gauteng MEC for Roads and Transport

MEC Kedibone Diale-Tlabela has over 25 years of experience in politics, beginning with COSAS in 1996 and later serving as SASCO Gender Officer. She rose through the ANCYL ranks and is now in her second term on the ANC Provincial Executive and Working Committees. As convenor of the Economic Transformation Subcommittee, she contributed to Gauteng's Economic Recovery Plan and policy oversight.

With a decade at the City of Tshwane, she led youth development and community initiatives before serving in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature. Appointed MEC in 2023, she has driven financial accountability, securing unqualified audits for the Department of Roads and Transport and g-Fleet Management.

She champions road infrastructure projects, licensing service expansion, and strategic partnerships. Holding an Honours in Public Administration, she is pursuing a Master's degree. Her leadership is shaping Gauteng's transport and infrastructure landscape through innovation, collaboration, and policy-driven transformation.

MEC Diale - Tlabela is passionate about education and gender equality, having advocated for programmes aimed at improving female senior management roles within the Department.

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Hon. Jacob Mamabolo

Gauteng MEC for Infrastructure Development,
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs

MEC Jacob Mamabolo is passionate about education, technology, and infrastructure efficiency. His political activism began in his youth, leading to roles as SASCO President and Young Communist League Coordinator. He also served in leadership positions within SADTU and the SACP.

His public service career includes roles as Office Manager for the Deputy Minister of Correctional Services, Chief of Staff at Home Affairs, and Project Manager for the Home Affairs Turn-Around Strategy. He later led the Home Affairs 2010 FIFA World Cup Project and served as Chief Director for Ports of Entry.

Since 2014, he has held various MEC positions, including Human Settlements, Infrastructure Development, Roads and Transport, and Treasury. In 2024, he returned as MEC for Infrastructure Development and Cooperative Governance. He holds a Senior Diploma in Teaching, a B. Proc, and a Master's in Public Administration, with expertise in change management and project strategy.



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Tshepo Kgobe

CEO, Gautrain

Tshepo Kgobe is a seasoned leader in engineering, project management, and smart mobility solutions. He Joined the Gautrain Management Agency (GMA) in 2014 as Senior Executive Manager for Technical Services, later becoming Chief Operating Officer in 2020. His work has been pivotal in shaping GMA's commercial strategy and advancing transport innovation.

Kgobe has led the Integrated Fare Management Programme, developing a single ticketing system, a Transport Management Centre, and a data-driven ITS backbone. He also oversees the integration of transport fare systems across Gauteng, driving seamless, efficient mobility.

With over 13 years of board-level experience, he has contributed to BBBEE, transformation, and corporate social investment. His international experience, including work with Corus Rail Consultancy in the UK, enhances his expertise in large-scale transport projects. Kgobe's strategic leadership continues to redefine South Africa's mobility landscape, ensuring smarter, more accessible public transport solutions.



Hon. Matome Chiloane

Gauteng MEC for Education, Sports, Arts and Culture

MEC Matome Kopano Chiloane, born in 1982 in Tladi, Soweto, has been active in politics since childhood, distributing ANC election materials before the 1994 elections. His leadership journey began in student activism, leading SASCO at Midrand Graduate Institute and later serving in the ANC Youth League at branch, regional, and provincial levels.

Chiloane has held multiple leadership roles in the ANC, SACP, and Young Communist League. In 2018, he joined the Gauteng Provincial Legislature as Chairperson of the Education Portfolio Committee. He was re-elected to the ANC Provincial Executive Committee in 2022 and currently serves as Gauteng's MEC for Education.

Academically, he holds a BSc in Information Systems (MGI), a Diploma in Property Development (UP), and a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration (GIBS). He is completing his MBA at GIBS. Chiloane remains committed to transforming education and youth development in Gauteng.





Neale Hill

President of Ford Motor Company Southern Africa

Neale Hill is the President of Ford Motor Company Southern Africa, overseeing operations across Southern, Sub-Saharan, and North Africa. He also serves on the boards of Ford Motor Company of Southern Africa and Ford Financial Services South Africa.

Born in Durban in 1968, Hill earned a Bachelor of Social Sciences from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He joined Ford in 1991 as a Graduate Trainee and quickly advanced through marketing, sales, and service roles. His international experience includes leadership positions in Thailand, China, New Zealand, and Australia before returning to South Africa in 2016.

Appointed Managing Director in 2018, he later served as President of naamsa from 2021 to 2023. Outside work, Hill enjoys golfing, wildlife photography, and birdwatching.



Zakes Bantwini

Grammy Award-Winning Artist

Zakhele Madida, known as Zakes Bantwini, was born in KwaMashu, KwaZulu-Natal. He studied Light Music at Natal Technikon (now Durban University of Technology) and founded Mayonie Productions during his final year.

A pioneer in South African dance music, Zakes has delivered hits like “Bum Bum,” “Wasting My Time,” and “Osama,” which dominated South African airwaves for 14 consecutive weeks. His 2013 album The Fake Book and Real Book: My Music Bible earned a SAMA nomination, while Ghetto King won two SAMAs.

In 2023, he won a Grammy for Bayethe alongside Wouter Kellerman and Nomcebo Zikode. Beyond music, he relaunched Studio, a luxury lifestyle venue in Cape Town, and runs IMG Africa, managing stars like Boity Thulo. With his upcoming final album Abantu, Zakes Bantwini is set to retire from music, cementing his legacy as a trailblazer in the industry.



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Ncumisa Mnyani

Head of Department for Gauteng Provincial Treasury

Ms. Ncumisa Mnyani, the Head of Department for Gauteng Provincial Treasury is a highly accomplished and astute executive, with nearly two decades experience in the public sector and the financial services industry on multinational platforms.

Mnyani joined the Gauteng Provincial Government from the private sector where she worked in the civils, construction, and property development sectors.

She previously worked for the Gauteng Provincial Treasury as part of the implementation team of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). Her key performance areas included guiding and supporting the Gauteng Provincial Government departments and municipalities to ensure that proper financial governance and controls were in place.

Mnyani has worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc, Thebe Investment Corporation and later joined Sizwe Ntsaluba VSP as an internal audit manager, where she gained exposure in different industries and diverse business operations.

She holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the Gordon Institute of Business Science. Her vast experience is in a wide range of disciplines such as supply chain management, financial governance, risk management, internal auditing, external auditing and financial accounting, in both the private and public sectors.



Hon. Tasneem Motara

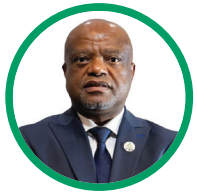
Gauteng MEC for Human Settlements

MEC Tasneem Motara is passionate about women empowerment and youth development. Raised in a family of activists, she joined the ANC Youth League in her teens, leading at local and provincial levels for 17 years. She was elected to the ANC's Provincial Executive Committee in 2019 and again in 2022, later serving as Deputy Provincial Secretary.

She holds a Psychology degree from UNISA, a Certificate in Governance and Public Leadership from WITS, and completed an Executive Education Programme at University College London.

Motara has experience in both private and public sectors, including finance and construction. She served on the NYDA Gauteng Board, in Parliament, and as a whip in the National Council of Provinces. Appointed MEC for Infrastructure Development in 2019, she served as MEC for Economic Development and now is presently the MEC for Human Settlements.





Cllr. Dada Morero

Mayor of Johannesburg

Sello Enoch Dada Morero is the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg. His priorities include achieving a 90% revenue collection rate, eliminating load-shedding through public-private partnerships, and addressing apartheid-era spatial planning by expanding the city's economy.

Born in Orlando West Extension, he began his activism in high school, later becoming a student leader in COSAS. He holds a postgraduate diploma in Public Management from Wits Business School and a Master's from Regenesys, currently pursuing another at London University.

Morero's career spans the South African Secret Service, Home Affairs, and the City of Johannesburg, where he worked in finance and customer communications. Elected ANC Regional Secretary in 2011, he served three terms before becoming Regional Chair in 2022. A father of five, he lives in Roodekrans, Roodepoort, and is passionate about news and polic development.



Wamkele Mene

Secretary General, AFCFTA Secretariat

Wamkele Mene was elected by the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of States & Government of the African Union, to the position of Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat. Prior to being elected Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, he served as Chief Director: Africa Economic Relations, at the Department of Trade & Industry of South Africa. In this role, he was South Africa's chief trade negotiator in the AfCFTA and Tripartite FTA negotiations. During his tenure as chief negotiator, South Africa ratified both the AfCFTA and Tripartite FTAs agreements, providing new export markets in fast growing and dynamic markets in East and West Africa.

Prior to assuming this position, Wamkele was Director: International Trade Law & Investment Law at the Department of Trade & Industry, a role in which he was principal legal counsel on international trade law and international investment law. From 2010 until 2015, Wamkele represented South Africa at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland. During his posting to the WTO, Wamkele was elected by over 130 governments to the position of Chairman of the Committee on International Trade in Financial Services, a committee comprising trade negotiators, financial regulators and financial policy makers from over 160 countries. Prior to joining the government, Wamkele worked for the law firms Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in London and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP in Hong Kong.



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Busi Mabuza

Chairperson, IDC

Busi Mabuza is the Board chairperson of the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) of South Africa; which is the largest national development finance institution in sub-Saharan Africa. Ms Mabuza also serves as the Chairperson of the SA Chapter of the BRICS Business Council. Prior to her appointment as the IDC Board chairperson, Ms Mabuza served as a Non-executive director on several corporate boards.

She's a respected business leader whose prior professional experience in asset management and private equity is reflected in her passionate service to private sector and government led initiatives aimed at transforming South Africa's economic and social landscape. Busi holds the CD(SA) designation.

She is an MBA graduate from the New York University's Leonard Stern School of Business and holds a BA Mathematics and Computer Science degree from Hunter College - City University of NY. Ms Mabuza also serves on several listed and unlisted private sector boards.



Sam Rolland

The Economist

Sam is the Network Director for Sub-Saharan Africa at EICN. He is a trained economist specialising in understanding the complexities of the South African economy and advises business leaders how to craft strategies and develop future-ready plans for handling the macroeconomics of the day.

Prior to joining the EICN, Sam spent time in both the public and private sector, first as an economist within the Economic Policy division of the National Treasury, and then as a consulting economist at Econometrix and Deloitte. During his time in the private sector, Sam specialised in analysing events and government policies to dilute these into constructing business strategies.

Sam also spent time in Switzerland as an economist for airline industry body IATA. Sam holds a master's degree in economics from Stellenbosch University and has studied further at the Institute for Social Studies in The Hague, the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College in New York state.



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Hennie Heymans

CEO, DHL Express Sub-Sahara Africa

Heymans is the Chief Executive Officer for DHL Express Sub-Saharan Africa and currently oversees a team of 4000+ professionals across 51 countries. He joined DHL Express over twenty years ago as Direct Business Unit Manager for South Africa. From here he held various roles within the organization, including Managing Director for Central Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands (CENIO).

He then moved on to become MD for DHL Express South Africa where he was instrumental in driving change and implementing new innovative processes and strategies for the ZA business division. Heymans is very passionate about Africa and believes that the continent will rise on the global agenda as the last real growth frontier. As a result, he was an active participant in the World Economic Forum 2019 Africa, winner of the Accenture Rising Star Award 2020, and international panellist at the Africa Go Trade Summit 2022. Heymans is an invited member of the DHL Express Global Management Board.

He is highly passionate about people and regards employee satisfaction and engagement as a key component to cultivating business commercial success. He is a family man with personal interests that include cycling and running.



Francois Fouche

Research Fellow, GIBS

Francois is the co-founder and director of Boundless World, an economics advisory firm, and a research fellow at the Gordon Institute of Business Science's (GIBS) Centre for African Management and Markets (CAMM). Francois hails from Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates, a U.S.- based commercial think tank founded by Nobel Prize winner Dr. Lawrence Klein.

Today, he advises central banks, governments, and industries on trade and investment matters, including evidence-based export strategy development. He teaches trade in Africa and economics at GIBS and the NWU Business School.

In addition, Francois provides trade strategy and policy advice to companies across industries. He frequently speaks and participates in panels on economic developments in South Africa and the broader continent.



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Vuyiswa Ramokgopa

Gauteng MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development

Vuyiswa Ramokgopa (née Mutshekwane) is a seasoned entrepreneur and business leader with over 15 years of experience across retail, marketing, events management, and property investment. She holds a BCom in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from UCT and has completed executive programs at GIBS and Oxford University.

She founded her first business, a retail clothing boutique in downtown Johannesburg, in 2009 and has since led multiple ventures. As CEO of the SA Institute of Black Property Practitioners, she championed transformation in the property sector, advocating for youth and women's participation. In 2020, she became the inaugural Chairperson of the National Property Practitioners Council. She has also served on the Black Business Council National Council, the BRICS Women's Business Alliance, and founded 'Women on the Rise' to amplify women's voices in policy.

A Fortune 500 Vital Voices alumna, she has been recognized in Destiny Magazine's Top 40 Under 40, Young Independents Top 100, and was a finalist for CNBC Africa's All Africa Business Leaders Award and Standard Bank's Top Women in Business.



Laurence Le Blanc neé Broseta

CEO, Keolis International

Laurence Broseta is the Keolis International CEO, in charge of the group Rail, Metro, Trams and bus operations across the world.

Keolis is part of the SNCF group (French public-owned Rail operator) and partners with Public Transport Authorities worldwide to deliver first class transport services and promote shared mobilities.

Laurence has a 25 years' experience in the transportation sector. As an engineer, she spent a first part of her career in operation, maintenance and projects for the Paris Region public transport services.

She has lived abroad in the UK to coordinate systems design for the High Speed 1 construction project, and in South Africa where she was the first CEO of the Gautrain operating company. Subsequently she was involved in multiple major new Rail infrastructure projects in India, Italy, Algeria.
She then developed transport O&M businesses and led international teams over all continents.

Laurence also has 5 years' experience in the Energy sector. As UGII CEO she developed the business and planned for the transition to renewable Liquid Gas.





Zoltán Pap

Managing Director, Intertoll Europe

Zoltan has been specialising in concessions since 1995. He joined Intertoll in 1999 as Country Manager for India, and subsequent to the successful pre-operations period and mobilization of the Delhi-Noida Toll Bridge operations, he moved to Intertoll European Division in 2001 as Project Development Manager. From 2005 he fulfilled the role of Project Development Director of Intertoll-Europe.

Since 2011 Zoltan fulfills the role of Managing Director of Intertoll Europe. Prior to joining Intertoll in 1999, he worked for an international consulting engineering company specialising in toll systems and toll facility infrastructure and was responsible for the design and construction of toll plazas, maintenance centres and associated toll facilities for the M5 motorway concession in Hungary and than the N4 Witbank – Maputo toll road.

Zoltan played a key role in securing bridge financing for Group Five in 2018 as well as during the tender and sale process by Group Five of its Intertoll European division in 2019-2020.

Zoltan is also a Management Board Director of several Intertoll entities, registered in the Netherlands as well as a Board Director/ Supervisory Board member of several concession companies.

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Nozipho Tshabalala

CEO, The Conversation Strategists

Nozipho Mbanjwa-Tshabalala is the CEO of the Conversation Strategists, an organization dedicated to designing and delivering impactful conversations that drives measurable outcomes and societal change.

The Conversation Strategists have become more than facilitators—they are the architects of transformation, partnering with visionary organizations to spark conversations that inspire action and achieve strategic objectives.

As the go-to person for high-level conversations, Nozipho has facilitated critical global conversations for leading institutions, including the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations, the African Union, as well as major multinationals.

Known for her exceptional ability to distil complexity into simplicity whilst ensuring depth and intellectual insight, she operates at the intersection of development, economics, business strategy, and politics.

She is an alumni of the following academic institutions:

- Saïd Business School, Oxford (Tutu Fellow)
- University of London (Masters in International Studies)
- Stellenbosch Business School (Masters in Development Finance – cum laude)
- University of Pretoria (Hons: International Relations)