

GENDER AND CORRUPTION SYMPOSIUM

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Bellville Park Campus, Carl Cronje Drive, Bellville

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Ms Sharonne Adams

Sharonne Adams, a qualified Chartered Accountant since 2004, was appointed as Head of Portfolio at the AGSA on 1 October 2021 and currently have oversight over the Free State, Northern Cape and Western Cape audit teams. Sharonne hales from the Eastern Cape and after completing her articles with Ernst and Young she joined Nkonki Sizwe Ntsaluba as a Forensic audit manager. In 2002 she joined the AGSA as an audit manager, following which she moved to the City of Cape Town as Director: Audit Governance, Investigation and Support. Her passion for the public sector drew her back to the AGSA where she drives the strategy internally and externally in order to ensure alignment across provinces; influencing and sustaining clean administration in the public sector. She regularly engages with, amongst others, Premiers, National and Provincial Speakers and Ministers and Chairs of Standing Committees. Sharonne is passionate, driven, vibrant and energetic with excellent leadership, interpersonal and technical skills. Her guiding principles in life are integrity, honesty, dedication and she has a high work ethic. Her passion for people enables her to motivate her team members to greater heights in their journey of development.



Prof Randhir Auluck

Randhir Auluck is Head of School (SOES), Westminster Business School, at the University of Westminster in London. Formerly, she was Associate Head of School: Enterprise & Commercial at Coventry University and has worked for the UK Cabinet Office/the National School of Government. Randhir has led many international development programmes, and has been on secondment to the South African Public Service in Pretoria and to the French Ministry of Industry, Finance and Economy in Paris. Also, Randhir is a Magistrate/Presiding Justice, on the Board of Coventry Relate and the Central Academies Trust, and Vice Chair of the Board of the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre, and was an elected representative (Councillor) for 8 years, and Chair of Scrutiny Board: Finance & Corporate Services at Coventry City Council as well as serving on other Council Committees. She is chair of the IASIA Working on Public Service Reform and Board Member of the HIV Aids Centre, Stellenbosch University.



Mr Samuel Ade Bwana

Samuel Bwana is currently the Manager Integrity Vice Presidency of the World Bank Group. In this position he investigates and pursues sanctions related to fraud and corruption in World Bank Group-financed projects. As a result, he provides leadership, coordination, and strategic direction to various teams of professionals responsible for successful execution of fiduciary oversight in Africa, Europe, Central and East Asia, and the Pacific. Sam is a lawyer with over 25 years professional experience in anticorruption, governance, and public administration. He has led many successful global initiatives that include, anticorruption strategies in the public sector; compliance in the private sector; multijurisdictional investigations; capacity building for client countries; and, integrity risk identification, prevention, and mitigation. Sam has provided extensive leadership and advice to various clients on core programmatic areas in governance and anticorruption; peer review mechanisms; policies and enabling legislation; and best practice transfer methodologies.



Ms Melissa Botha

Melissa Botha, a Master in Public Administration graduate, is a Lecturer in the School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University. Her research interests include development; society and state; policy; institutional collaboration; green economy; and, sustainable housing development, for which she wrote an opinion piece in the Cape Argus (02/07/14), titled, "More to basic homes than living in them", and an article for the Sustainable Watch, Institute for Futures Research (Issue 77, July 2016). Her greatest passion lies in women's development training programmes where issues related to gender mainstreaming and gender equality within the public sector are emphasized. Melissa is the recipient of multiple awards, including, the Rector's Award for Performance during 2013 – 2014; the best ASSADPAM student conference paper for 2019 which highlighted Public Participation in local government; and, the best PREDAC poster at the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) Conference 2022 along with two colleagues.

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Ms Mercy W Buku

Mercy W Buku is a career banking and compliance lawyer and is currently practicing as an AML/CFT Regulatory Consultant in the Digital Financial Services and Banking Sector. She has a Bachelor of Laws Honours Degree from the University of Nairobi and a Master's Degree in Banking and Financial Law from the University of London, and was admitted to the Kenyan Bar in December 1989. She is also a Certified Anti-money Laundering Specialist (USA) and an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers (UK). She has worked with various banks in Kenya as Head of Legal and Compliance and was previously the Head, Money Laundering Reporting Office in Safaricom Limited (Kenya) where she was charged with the responsibility for overseeing the Anti- money Laundering Function for M-pesa and related financial services offered by Safaricom Limited. Mercy has extensive experience as a trainer and consultant in Compliance, Anti-money Laundering and Risk-based Financial Inclusion Supervision in the Digital Financial Services and Banking Sector.



Dr Marianne Camerer

Marianne Camerer is a senior lecturer at the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town where her teaching and research interests focus on ethics, leadership, anti-corruption, and democratic accountability. From 2014- 2019 she led the Building Bridges leadership development platform and initiated the Emerging African Leaders Programme (EALP) which now has over 100 alumni from ten African countries. Prior to joining UCT, Marianne co-founded the international anti-corruption NGO Global Integrity and headed anti-corruption research at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS). Marianne qualified as an integral coach through UCT's Centre for Coaching at the Graduate School of Business. She currently serves on the board of Corruption Watch and as a Trustee of the Institute for Security Studies. Marianne holds masters' degrees in public policy and political philosophy from Oxford and the University of Stellenbosch. Her Ph.D. in Political Studies, from the University of Witwatersrand, focused on "Corruption and Reform in Democratic South Africa".



Ms Yvonne Chibiya

Yvonne Chibiya is a seasoned development practitioner with over 20 years of experience in Zambia and the southern African sub-region, focusing on governance, human rights, and anticorruption efforts. She served as Vice Chairperson of the Anti-Corruption of Zambia from July 2020 to 2022, and currently sits on the African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption since May 2023. Yvonne has spent the past decade with Oxfam Zambia, currently holding the position of Country Representative. Her extensive work in the region includes collaborating with organizations like the Human Rights Trust of southern Africa (SAHRIT) and Transparency International Zambia, contributing to initiatives promoting good governance, ethics, and the rule of law.



Dr Luckmore Chivandire

Luckmore Chivandire is a researcher with a keen interest in Anti-corruption, Accountability, and Good Governance. Currently, he holds the position of Research and Administrative Assistant at the Anti-corruption Centre for Education and Research of Stellenbosch University (ACCERUS). He is also a Research Fellow at the Africa Centre for HIV/ Aids Management at Stellenbosch University. He obtained his PhD in Public and Development Management from Stellenbosch University, a Master of Science Degree in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe, and a Master of Business Administration Degree from the National University of Science and Technology (Zimbabwe). Luckmore is also a distinguished fellow of the Chartered Governance and Accountability Institute in Zimbabwe. Prior to his current positions, Luckmore gained valuable research experience working in Malawi as a senior research consultant for Data Street Consultancy, a research-based NGO headquartered in Zambia. He also worked for the Research and Statistics department at the National Social Security Authority (NSSA), a prominent state-owned enterprise in Zimbabwe between 2011 and 2017. During his tenure at NSSA, he was elected as one of the trustees of the staff pension fund, overseeing assets exceeding \$US 35 million. Luckmore has an extensive publication record, with numerous peer-reviewed articles focusing on corruption, financial inclusion, and pension fund management. He has also presented at several international conferences on topics related to corruption and governance.

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Ms Inge Herbert

Inge Herbert, Director Sub-Saharan Africa of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation is based in Johannesburg has lived and worked in business and in international and civil society organisations in various African countries for the last 20 years. Inge is a lawyer and holds an Executive MBA from the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business. Inge is passionate about the economic opportunities, diversity and innovative development found on the African continent.



Ms Jennifer Dikeledi Ntlatseng

Ms Jennifer Dikeledi Ntlatseng is the first ever female Executive Director of IPID. She cut her teeth in government in the year 1996. She grew with the ranks and file of government until she was appointed Director Community Safety Gauteng Province, her passion for Community Safety projects was then ignited. She pioneered the Community/Neighborhood Safety Projects and the Community Policing Forum. She has worked very closely with the Member of Executive Council (MEC) for Safety in Gauteng Ms Faith Mazibuko ensuring that the Police in the Province uphold the law and that the state of police stations in the province meets the standards set by the Ministry of Police. Her hardwork and dedication landed her in the IPID as the Executive Director and the Accounting Officer, from 2019 until today. In her role as the Executive Director she is expected to ensure that the conduct of the entire police service is beyond reproach and that acts of criminality like corruption, rape, assault and other matters are investigated with impartiality, holding the police and the Management of the police accountable. In her first year in IPID, she introduced the 10 point plan which amongst others seek to root out corruption within SAPS and MPS, to decisively deal with allegations of Gender Based Violence as well as to ensure that rural communities have access to IPID services by creating a reporting platform for allegations of corruption and GBV. Ms Ntlatseng is highly qualified with degree in law and recently graduated with a degree in Forensic Investigations from UKZN. Her motto is Policing the Police for a safer South Africa.



Deputy Minister Bardhyl Dobra

The Honourable Bardhyl Dobra is Deputy-Minister of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo, in charge of public administration reform and digitalisation. He is a Ph.D. candidate at Ghent University in Belgium on the very specific topic of "Public Administration in Post-Conflict States: the Case of Kosovo". He has published several articles and chapters related to the field of public administration and policies in post-conflict states. From 2013 to 2020, Mr Dobra was the General Secretary of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) based in Brussels, and during the period 2019- 2020 served also as a responsible officer for accreditations at the International Commission on Accreditation on Public Administration Education and Training Programs (ICAPA). As of June 2022, he has returned to IASIA in the capacity of member of the Board of Management of IASIA and has since then been appointed as IASIA Vice-President for Regional and International Cooperation. In addition, Mr Dobra currently is member of the advisory board of a project at University College London, funded by the John Templeton Foundation. After returning to France, Mr Dobra also graduated in postgraduate studies in political science and completed his internship at the French Embassy in Kosovo, after which he continued his professional experience at the International Institute of Administrative Sciences in Brussels. He was the founder and collaborator of several student organizations in France, Erasmus Student Network Reims (ESN Reims), Promo 3E, Association des Etudiants Spécialistes de l'Europe Centrale et Orientale (AESECO). He is a former reservist of the French Army, and until April 2021 he was the Vice-President of the Kosovo Cultural Center in Paris (KCCP) and a board member of the Global Albanian Foundation (GAF). Mr Dobra speaks Albanian, French and English, and has a basic level of Italian.



Ms Christine Kwanele Dube

Christine (Chrissy) Dube is Head of Governance Insights and Analytics at Good Governance Africa (GGA). She is an advanced project manager with extensive implementing, monitoring and evaluation expertise. She is a data analyst skilled in both quantitative and qualitative research methods that provide innovative (data-driven) solutions and recommendations for informed decision-making in the public and private sectors. She also has advanced skills in ethics and compliance. Additional competencies comprise business risk management, a high level of proficiency in stakeholder collaboration for sustainable business development, as well as strategic alignment as an implementing partner. She is a seasoned trainer specialising in capacity building in her areas of expertise. She holds an MA in commerce from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Data Analysis and Advanced project management qualifications from the University of Cape Town. Chrissy is a member of the Business Ethics Network (BEN) – Africa Networking Council

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Dr Monique Emser

Monique Emser is a Senior Lecturer and Programme Coordinator of the Political Science Programme in the International and Public Affairs Cluster, School of Social Sciences, at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Her area of specialisation is complex crimes focusing on human trafficking. The permutations of vulnerability and violence against women and children that often render them invisible and prone to exploitation and abuse form part of her research interests. Of growing interest to her are lesser-known forms of trafficking. Monique has fifteen years' experience in counter-trafficking research and practice. Internationally, she serves as an advisory member on the G-100 Women's anti-human trafficking wing and is a member of Mission 89's international scientific research committee, while locally she is a member of the KwaZulu-Natal Human Trafficking Task Team, the KwaZulu-Natal anti-trafficking coalition and the National Freedom Network. She is currently involved in projects examining the intersection of trafficking and sport, and developing safeguarding and anti-trafficking modules for international sporting bodies.



Prof Somadoda Fikeni

Somadoda Fikeni is a public figure who has held various leadership roles in the public sector organizations and as a scholar or public intellectual who has influenced public discourse, institution building and public policies. He is currently the chairperson of the Public Service Commission of South Africa as well as the chairperson of the Indlulamithi South Africa Scenarios Board of Trustees. Educationally, he holds BA & BA Honours (Unitra), MA (Queens University in Canada) and a PHD (Michigan State University) as well as numerous short programmes in specialized areas. His areas of specialization and interest are political science, public policy analysis and development, history, political economy and heritage. He has lectured in different universities in South Africa and abroad. He has also held management positions at universities and policy institutions as well as think tanks. He is a researcher and an author in the aforementioned fields. His main professional work has been and continues to be in public policy development, higher education and heritage sector. He has chaired a number of boards and councils. He has also participated in establishment and repositioning organizations. He is a visiting professor at the Nelson Mandela University in South Africa. One of the leading public commentators on politics, policy, economic, social and heritage issues in South African and international media and forums having been recognized with several awards for this work. He is a public speaker as well as a motivational speaker. He has received several honours and awards in South Africa and abroad and one of these is the honorary chieftaincy that was bestowed on him in Ghana. He is a community development activist and has initiated a number of community development and charity organizations to mobilize resources for assistance of the poor and the disadvantaged. As a student leader and a youth he was involved in anti-apartheid struggle and got detained on numerous occasions for his activism.



Justice Richard Goldstone

Justice Richard J. Goldstone was a judge in South Africa for 23 years, the last nine as a Justice of the Constitutional Court. Since retiring from the bench, he taught as a visiting professor in a number of United States and European Law Schools. He chaired the Independent Expert Review Group established in December 2019 by the Assembly of States Parties to review the International Criminal Court and Rome Statute system. He is a deputy chair of Integrity Initiatives International and chairs its International Anti-Corruption Court Treaty Drafting Committee. From August 1994 to September 1996 he was the chief prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. He is an honorary life member of the International Bar Association and Honorary President of its Human Rights Institute.



Adv Lavan Gopaul

Adv Lavan Gopaul is an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa. He holds an MPA from Harvard University, an LL.M from Boston University, an LL.B from the University of Natal (now the University of KwaZulu-Natal), and a B.Com from the University of Natal (now the University of KwaZulu-Natal). Adv Gopaul has held senior roles in Stock Brokering and Fund Management and Law with Merrill Lynch, HSBS, and Bernstein's. He served as board member for multiple organizations, including uMngeniThukela Water, Harvard University Alumni of SA, Oil Spill Excellence, and Animation SA. He has also published various academic journal articles on Tax, Law, and Political economy. Adv Gopaul has also been seen in the media as an analyst commenting on Economics and Finance for the last 20 years.

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Prof Evangelos A. Mantzaris

Evangelos Mantzaris completed an Honours in Political Science, Economics and Sociology with distinction at Panteios University, Athens. In South Africa he completed a master's and a Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Cape Town. Since 2012, he is a Senior Researcher and Extraordinary Professor at the Anti – Corruption Centre for Education and Research of Stellenbosch University (ACCERUS) and Retired Research Professor at MUT. Before 2012, he was a Research Professor at Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT), a Director of the Social Policy Programme at the University of Durban – Westville (UDW) the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN), and a Researcher in the Sociology department at UDW. He has published 10 full scale books in English and Greek, 32 peer-reviewed chapters in books, 85 SAPSE peer-reviewed journal articles, 12 peer-reviewed International Conference Proceedings, and has presented papers in over 80 national and international conferences.



Ms Sara Tawfik Hamouda

Sara Hamouda has 12 years of professional experience in the international cooperation and development field. Currently, she works for the African Union Secretariat for Peer Review Mechanism as an officer in charge of the agenda 2063/SDGs continental governance program as well as the South-South Cooperation Portfolio, based in Johannesburg South Africa. Earlier, she worked for the Cabinet of the Minister of International Cooperation in Egypt as Senior Economic Researcher in charge of cooperation with Arab and Regional Funding Institutions and China, and as a professional trainee at the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg. Hamouda contributes to various publications pertinent to governance, SDGs and Agenda 2063 progress in Africa. She holds two master's degrees: A Master of Arts in International Development from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, and a Master of Management (Governance) from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. She also has a Diploma in Peace promotion and disarmament from the University for Peace and Vienna Centre for Disarmament, and a Bachelor's in Political Sciences from the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University. She's an Expert of Mo Ibrahim panel of Governance Index and also recognised as amongst the TOP 50 influential women in Egypt for Leadership and Community service under the Auspices of the Prime Minister's Cabinet.



Dr Bridget Irene

Bridget N Irene is a Senior Lecturer at the Leicester Castle Business School, De Montfort University, Leicester. Her scholarly interests range widely, encompassing entrepreneurs' hip and focusing on the culturally instantiated facets of the debate on gender entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial competencies, family businesses, entrepreneurship education, and the informal economy. Her PhD research contributes to the already established discourse on gendering entrepreneurship and provides explicit feminist perspectives highlighting the inadvertent reinforcement of women's subordination to men in the context of entrepreneurial endeavours.



Ms Deyana Isaacs

Deyana Isaacs a fulltime academic at the School of Public Leadership (SPL), Stellenbosch University. Deyana holds a master's degree in public administration and her focus areas include Public Management, Governance, Women in Leadership and Project Management. She is the academic head of the Advanced Diploma in Public Accountability, an NQF level 7 qualification at Stellenbosch University. She is also the project manager and lead facilitator of the Women in Leadership Programme at SPL, which has trained female leaders across the Western Cape Government. Deyana has attended and presented at various conferences locally and internationally and successfully coordinated The Biannual International Winelands Conference in 2008. As an inaugural a member the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS) Study Group on Quality of Governance, she has presented papers at various conferences related to the Quality of Governance in South Africa. She is also involved in facilitating and training of public sector officials at national, provincial, and local government level in South Africa, based on her areas of interest. She is a professional associate at the Anti-Corruption Centre for Education and Research of Stellenbosch University (ACCERUS), South Africa.

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Ms Kerotse Kekana

Kerotse Kekana holds an undergraduate degree in International Relations and pursued postgraduate studies in Public Administration and Management at the University of Pretoria. With a teaching career since 2018, she has contributed to the development of modules and curriculum in Political Science and International Relations across various higher education institutions. Her research interests lie in the areas of Poverty Alleviation, Sustainable Development, South African Governance, and Stakeholder Relations.



Minister Noxolo Kiviet

The Honourable Noxolo Kiviet is a member of the African National Congress (ANC) Party and became Minister of Public Service and Administration on 06 March 2023. She is the former Deputy Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure and was Premier of the Eastern Cape (2009 to 2014). She is a Member of the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa. The Minister has been very active in politics from an early stage. During the 1980's she held various positions in COSAS and later AZASO. It was due to her political activism that she was excluded from the University of Transkei, thereby being forced to seek employment, and immediately joined the labour movement. The period between 1996 and 2003 saw her serving in several strategic positions in the African National Congress (ANC), including as ANC Whip. Previously, she was elected to the PEC as Provincial Treasurer of the ANC for two consecutive terms, offering much-needed financial management expertise to the organization. She previously served as Cosatu Gender convener (1994-1997) and as a representative of labour in NEDLAC in the Finance and Fiscal Chamber until 1997, when she was elected as a public representative and joined the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature as a Member. From 2003 to 2004, she was deployed as the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee in the Office of the Premier and was a member of the following Committees: Finance and Provincial Expenditure; Economic Affairs; Youth, Gender, and People with Disabilities; SCOPA and Member of the Advisory Board. It was during her term as Premier of the Eastern Cape Province (2009 to 2014) that the Eastern Cape saw the implementation of massive investments for the social and economic infrastructure of unprecedented proportions. Minister Kiviet is the former speaker of the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature (2014-2019), a position she also held from 2004 to 2009. In December 2017, she was elected to serve as an ANC Member of the National Executive Committee (NEC). As education has remained her passion, during her working career, in 2006, she enrolled to further her academic skills. This saw her completing an Advanced Public Administration Certificate Honours Degree and in 2010 graduated with a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Fort Hare. In 2018, the Rhodes Business School awarded her a PRE-PHD certificate in Business and Management Research after she successfully completed the PRE-PHD Workshop, thus allowing her to enrol for a Doctorate Degree.



Ms Sindi Mabaso-Koyana

A Chartered Accountant by training, Sindi Mabaso-Koyana is an investor, corporate leader and champion of transformation, who is held in high regard both in South Africa & internationally. She is the Chairperson of AIH (AWCA Investment Holdings), a woman owned and managed investment company and Managing Partner of AIH CAPITAL. She serves as non-executive director on multiple boards. She is one of South Africa's thought leaders in the areas of financial and risk management and corporate governance, and chairs several Audit & Risk and Remuneration Committees. She is a founding member of AWCA (African Women Chartered Accountants) and has played a vital role to bring the chartered accounting profession to young women from previously disadvantaged communities, who now belong in SA's executive ranks. Sindi has enjoyed an illustrious career both in the private and public sectors.



Dr Itai Makone

Itai Makone is a Social Science and Policy Innovation Researcher at The Policy Innovation Lab. She holds a PhD in Political Science from Stellenbosch University in South Africa, funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation. Itai's PhD focused on political risk analysis in hybrid regimes. Itai has a wealth of experience in Academia as a Lecturer at Stellenbosch University and Researcher at HUMA, University of Cape Town, in public service as an Economist for the Ministry of Industry and Commerce in Zimbabwe, and as an individual consultant for the Parliament of Zimbabwe and various NGOs like the African Development Bank and the International Rescue Committee. From her experiences, Itai brings vast expertise in policy-relevant projects across various topics and advanced qualitative analysis skills to the team. Her research interests include using AI for evidence-based policymaking, Ethics in AI, political risk analysis and security, public policy, and sustainable development goals.

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Dr. Puni Mamdoo

Puni Mamdoo is a medical doctor with a specialization in Public Health Medicine, with more than 20 years of experience, 15 years of which in health systems strengthening and public health. Her main career focus has been building health systems through health impact assessment (multidisciplinary approaches); training; mentorship; critical analysis of policy and implementation; strengthening of pharmaceutical systems and service delivery at facility and district levels. I also consult in Occupational medicine for limited private clients. In the past 5 years I have been building capacity in data analysis, visualisation, dashboards and M&E of digital interventions. I have consulted for multinational companies (bringing these skills together and creating value and intelligence for corporate strategy. I am also adept at knowledge translation mechanisms. On a personal note...I am a daughter, mother, sister, wife and friend to some very special people. I am fuelled by a desire to make an impact on people's lives. I feel strongly about equity, representation, capitalisation of talent and the opportunity costs of poor governance, inadequate regulation and corruption in the health sector and I am not afraid to work hard to overcome these barriers. To know me is to know my passion for public health.



Dr. Shruti Mantri

Shruti Mantri is currently serving as an Associate Director, ISB Institute of Data Science, Indian School of Business. She has to her credit 22+ years of experience in the field of academics, research, and industry. She has done her Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Mumbai and Post-Graduation in Cyber Security from Cranfield University, United Kingdom. Her areas of expertise are Cyber Security and Cryptography, Business Analytics, and Artificial Intelligence. She has also served as an Adjunct-Faculty with S.P. Jain Global School of Management, UAE. Prior to joining the Indian School of Business, she served as a Founding Director of J.S. Kothari Business School, Mumbai. She has to her credit 25+ research papers published in reputed International Journals, on the topics related to the domain of Computer Science, Machine Learning, Fraud Analytics, and Cyber Security. She has also been Resource Person at many National and International Conferences on AI, Data Science, and Cyber Security. She has been awarded as 'Outstanding Women in Security 2023' by Computer Society of India.



Prof Thuli (Thulisile) Madonsela (Adv.)

Professor Thuli (Thulisile)Madonsela is the director of the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) in the Faculty of Law at Stellenbosch University and the Law Trust Research Chair Professor of Law in Social Justice Studies. She is the founder of the Thuma Foundation for Democracy Leadership and Literacy and a member of the African Academy of Sciences. She was recently appointed to the UN Scientific Advisory Board and as Chairperson of Cities Alliance. She is a member of the International Anticorruption Advisory Council and Global Justice Leaders. The former Public Protector of South Africa and full-time Commissioner in the South African Law Reform Commission, Prof. Madonsela was one the 11 technical experts who helped draft the South African Constitution and is a co-architect of several constitutionally mandated laws, including the Equality Act, Employment Equity Act and Promotion of Administrative Justice Act. She has an extensive background in applied constitutional, social justice and administrative law principles, mainly based on her public service years and her investigation of improper conduct in state affairs as Public Protector. A regularly sought keynote speaker, Prof Madonsela has written, taught, presented papers and published for decades on these matters and on ethical leadership, good governance and gender mainstreaming. Prof Madonsela helped draft several international human rights instruments at UN, AU and SADC level and country reports on such matters. She teaches Constitutional Law, Social Justice Law, Administrative Law, and Constitutional Governance and Ethical Leadership. With two law degrees, eight honorary law doctorates, a Harvard Advanced Leadership Certificate, and other postgraduate qualifications. Named one of Time 100 most influence persons in the world in 2014, Prof Madonsela has garnered over 70 global awards, including the Rotary's Paul Harris, Commonwealth Lawyers Truth and Justice, and the global ACFE Cressy Award.



Ms Martha Munthali

Martha Munthali is a Development Economist with over 17 years of professional experience spread across national, regional and global levels with a passion for development and governance. Martha works as Senior Policy Officer on Economics and Statistical Matters, at the African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC) 2017 where she provides strategic advice on anti-corruption and governance issues to Members States of African Union. Through the AUABC, an African Union organ combating corruption by implementing the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption (AUCPCC), she offers strategic technical expertise on anti-corruption efforts. This includes program implementation, researching corruption's socio-economic impact on Africa, and supporting anti-corruption strategy implementation. Martha also serves as technical expert on the AUCPCC Review mechanism where State parties are reviewed on their progress and compliance with the AU Convention on Preventing and Combatting Corruption. Martha's position has also allowed her to tap from global reach of United Nations, African Development Bank, AU's global reach for the best and tested anti-corruption methods, challenges and what's working for Africa while also gaining the insights, practices, challenges as well as of what has worked outside Africa.

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Dr Cheryl Mohamed Sayeed

Cheryl Mohamed Sayeed is a Commonwealth Scholar, who currently serves as a Senior Lecturer in Public Policy in the School of Social Sciences at the University of KwaZulu Natal. Her experience at institutions of higher learning spans over 25 years with key teaching and supervision specialisation in Public Policy, Public Governance, and Development Management. Her research interests are primarily in Public Policy and Public Governance, with particular reference to their role in development management. She has published widely in peer reviewed journals, produced chapters in books, and has presented research papers at national and international conferences. She is the sub editor *Alternation*, an interdisciplinary academic peer-reviewed open access journal for policy makers, practitioners, and the research community, on the Arts and Humanities and related fields in Southern Africa. She is the editor of *Alternation* Special Issue: Public Policy in the Time of Pandemics (2020), and has served as co guest editor of *Alternation: South Africa: Re-imagining the Rainbow Nation* (2019), which raised critical questions about 25 years of democracy in South Africa. Cheryl is a Research Associate at ACCERUS, Stellenbosch University.



Ms Devoshum Moodley Veera

Devoshum Moodley-Veera is a distinguished advocate for transparency and integrity. She is regarded as an integrity activist and disrupter for change. With over two decades of experience as a public servant, Ms Moodley-Veera has made significant contributions to the global and national conversation on anti-corruption and whistleblowing. She is also an author of anti-corruption and whistleblowing articles. She actively participates in training sessions, workshops and conferences, where she shares her expertise on best practices for preventing and addressing corruption. In 2023, she was awarded "Authentic People Caring Leader" by the ME-Vision Academy. Ms Moodley-Veera was the co-founder of the global "Speak Up Network" and recently introduced her new series titled "Hidden Agendas" on social media discussing pertinent issues. Ms Moodley-Veera holds several academic qualifications making her a diverse individual in the field of ethics, governance, law, auditing, information technology and forensics. She's a public servant who, in her spare time, advises whistleblowers, mentors students, and studies at Stellenbosch University. Her commitment to justice and integrity inspires others to combat corruption and promote transparency and accountability.



Ms Putsetso Morapedi

Putsetso Morapedi, former Southern Africa Director at the Platform to Protect Whistleblowers in Africa (PPLAAF). PPLAAF seeks to defend whistleblowers, strategically litigate, and advocate on their behalf where their disclosures speak to the public interest. As co-founding Board Secretary of the Botswana Centre for Public Integrity, she contributes to Botswana's Vision 2036 Pillar 4 and SDG 16. Morapedi initiated the Southern African Anti-Corruption Network (SAACON), dedicated to fostering a corruption-free and prosperous SADC region. She holds a Master of Arts in Politics and International Relations, a Post Graduate Diploma in International Studies, and a bachelor's degree in Humanities from Rhodes University and the University of Botswana respectively.



Adv. Lekgoa Mothibi

Advocate Lekgoa Mothibi (Known as Andy), Head of Special Investigating Unit (SIU), was appointed by the President of South Africa with effect from May 2016. He is tasked with leading the SIU to execute its mandate to investigate Maladministration, Malpractice and Corruption within the State Institutions and the Private Sector as authorised by Proclamations issued by the President of South Africa. He has served in various capacities including among others, Public Prosecutor in the Magistrates and Regional Courts in the Johannesburg and Soweto Magistrates Courts; Magistrate in the Johannesburg and Soweto Magistrates Courts; and, Head Employee Relations at the then Department of Finance in 1995. He was part of a Project that worked on the establishment of the South African Revenue Service (SARS), and has served as the Head of Corporate Legal Services and the Head of Governance. Other accomplishments include, Head of Compliance at South African Airways (SAA), Senior Manager Enterprise Risk Management at Nedbank, Head of Operational Risk for Standard Bank of South Africa; and, Executive Director at Medscheme Holding a subsidiary of AfroCentric Health. He championed a successful implementation of the AfroCentric Enterprise Risk Management Framework, including reorganisation of the Group Forensic Investigations Business Unit, which improved forensic investigations capability and recoveries. Adv Mothibi is currently appointed as the Vice President of International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) and has served as Chair of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Anti-Corruption Committee (SACC). He is the Chairperson of Local Government Anti-Corruption Forum.

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Prof Sibusiso Moyo

Sibusiso Moyo is the DVC Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies at Stellenbosch University from 1st September 2022. She has published widely on differential equations and their applications. She holds a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Natal (now UKZN) and a master's degree in Tertiary Education Management (with distinction) from the University of Melbourne, Australia. Her previous positions at DUT include DVC Research, Innovation and Engagement, Head of the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Physics. She was a thought leader on a number of innovative projects and initiatives including supporting undergraduate research excellence. She has been guest editor of a number of mathematical sciences journals published by Springer-Verlag, John Wiley & Sons and the American Institute of Physics and has been invited as keynote speaker on a number of occasions dealing with Mathematics, promoting Science, Technology and Innovation and topical issues in Higher Education. Currently, she serves on the editorial board for the Taylor & Francis Journals of Higher Education Policy and Management and Agenda (a journal that critiques the understandings of gender and feminism in its broad and complex sense). She is also a two-time recipient of the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) Entrepreneurial Development in Higher Education leadership award (2019 and 2021) and was instrumental in the establishment of DUT's Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. She was also appointed as Honorary Dean of the School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Tianjin Vocational Institute, Tianjin, China from 2021 to 2023.



Ms Tshifhiwa Mphaphuli

Tshifhiwa Mphaphuli is a dynamic community outreach officer and project manager at the South African Youth Economic Council. At just 24 years old, she holds an Honours degree in International Relations and is a qualified wellness counselor in South Africa. With a passion for challenging and robust engagements, Tshifhiwa dedicates herself to issues of gender equality, youth inclusion, and the betterment of society. Her commitment to offering a helping hand shines through in her work, as she strives to make a meaningful impact in her community and beyond.



Ms Zakhona Mvelase

Zakhona Mvelase is a seasoned anti-corruption practitioner who has spent over a decade in the field of governance and anti-corruption in South Africa. She is internationally Certified as Fraud Examiner and holds a Master's degree from Harvard University. Zakhona is a Harvard South Africa fellow, a John F Kennedy fellow at Harvard Kennedy School and a 2023 Eisenhower Global Fellow. Zakhona is the founder of African Women Against Corruption Network (affectionately known as AWACN), an organisation on a mission to amplify the voice of women against corruption in Africa and focus the lens on the impact of corruption on women and girls. She serves as a Chairwoman of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) Coalition Taskforce on Mainstreaming Gender in Anti-Corruption frameworks.



Dr Syeda Lubna Nadvi

Syeda Lubna Nadvi is an academic and researcher based in the School of Social Sciences at the University of KwaZulu Natal. She lectures under-graduate and supervises post-graduate students in the disciplines of Political Sciences, International Relations and Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies. She has served in various leadership roles including Secretary / Treasurer of the South African Association of Political Studies (2001 – 2004), Head of Department of Political Sciences at UDW (2003 – 2005), Academic Co-ordinator: Political Science Programme in the School of Politics at UKZN (2009), Academic Leader for Teaching and Learning (Acting) in the School of Social Sciences at UKZN (2018) and Programme Co – ordinator of International Relations (2019 – 2022). Her expertise are in the fields of Political Science, International Relations, Gender/ Feminist Studies, Civil Society, Middle East, Indo-Pak and African Politics, Political Islam and Social Movements. She's contributed to academic journals, edited books, co-edited one, and written for popular publications. Additionally, she's a community activist, freelance journalist, and often shares insights on current issues in local and global media. She's penned numerous op-ed pieces covering diverse topics. She has served on the Boards of various human rights organisations such as the Advice Desk for the Abused and served as its Deputy Chair (2007 – 2011) and Chair (2011 – 2013 and 2021 – 2022). As a gender activist, she is a member of various community-based organisations such as Women in Action SA, and Faith Action to end GBV. She is also active within the international and national Palestinian solidarity movement and is a member of the KZN Palestine Solidarity Forum, South Africa Palestine Movement and the national Palestine Solidarity Movement. She has a BA Honours from the University of Durban Westville, an MA from Coventry University (UK) in Diplomacy, Law and Global Change and a PhD from UKZN. She currently resides in Durban, South Africa.

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Prof Goonasagree Naidoo

Goonasagree Naidoo has been in management for over 20 years. She has been in university management for approximately 15 years. She was the Director: Teaching & Learning Strategy Projects and Portfolio Performance in the Office of Vice Principal, the Acting Dean, Acting Deputy Dean, and the Director for the School of Public and Operations Management (approx. 7 years) in UNISA. Hitherto, she was the Chair of Department for six years. From 2009 to 2012, she was appointed as an editor for Politeia - journal. Her publication record includes over fifty publications in scholarly journals, peer-reviewed book chapters, and double-blind peer reviewed published conference proceedings. She is currently appointed on four editorial boards nationally and internationally. She has been nominated Ambassador for the Commonwealth Association of Universities. She also participates in the United Nations forum on disaster risk management.



Mr Rajen Naidu

Rajen Naidu has twenty-seven (27) years of experience in the public service followed by seven years in the private sector. Rajen currently serves as an Extraordinary Lecturer at Stellenbosch University, School of Public Leadership under the auspices of the Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences. He is also involved in preliminary discussions on developing new courses in the field of forensic investigations and anti-corruption. Naidu has also previously lectured at the University of KwaZulu Natal, School of Public Administration and Development Management as a guest presenter on the master's programme. He has served in various positions in government, including, Deputy Director of the Forensic and Specialist Investigative units and Security Risk Management. Rajen is an adept negotiator and has excelled in multi-stakeholder engagements across a range of public entities such as Law Enforcement, SAPS specialised units, the Directorate for Priority Crimes Investigation - Hawks, Special Investigation Unit, Specialised Commercial Crime Unit, State Security Agency, Western Cape Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster and the Joint Operational and Intelligence structure committees.



Prof Rose Namara

Rose Namara is an Associate Professor of Development Management at Uganda Management Institute (UMI) and is currently the Chief of Institute Research and Innovation Centre. Namara teaches Postgraduate, Masters and PhD programs at UMI, supervises graduate research and is an external examiner in many African Universities. Namara is a national Gender and equity budgeting trainer, a member of the National Monitoring and Evaluation Technical working group under the Office of the Prime Minister, an M&E mentor with 3ie Washington, DC, as well as a member of the Uganda Evaluation Association. She has served as a member of the editorial board and a reviewer of numerous journals.



Dr Deepak Narayanam

Deepak Narayanam is a seasoned Data & Analytics leader with over 23 years of experience in Financial Services and Banking across geographies including a decade in UK and another decade in India and last 3 years in Africa. Currently Group Head of Data & Analytics in the role of Chief Data Officer at pan-Africa bank Access Bank Plc, driving group Data & AI strategy across 18 countries in Africa. Accomplished and result oriented Data & AI leader driving digital transformation by setting foundations in Data Management, Data Governance, Data Engineering and Data Sciences specialized in monetizing data through AI use cases and data products. Passionate about driving AI and Technology adoption in the areas of Risk Management, Anti-Fraud and Anti-Money Laundering across various financial institutions. Previous stints including setting up of analytics, data science teams and scaling them to drive value at HSBC and Barclays UK and GE Capital. Member of EDM council and Fellow of Royal Statistical Society, UK. A continuous life-long learner with various Masters degrees from India in Computer Science, Statistics, Psychology, Business Administration and Risk Management and Honorary Doctorate in Computer Science and Doctoral thesis submitted in Computer Science, and currently a research scholar at Stellenbosch University, South Africa pursuing another Doctorate in Public and Development Management in the areas of Ethics, AI, Anti-Corruption and Financial Systems. Member of AIM Leaders Council and 3AI Thought Leader. Speaker at Seamless Africa Conferences in Kenya (2022) and South Africa (2023).

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Prof Zwelinzima Ndevu

Zwelinzima Ndevu is the current serving Director at the School of Public Leadership (SPL) and a Professor of Public Leadership at Stellenbosch University and an Academic Head: Honours in Public Development and Management, responsible for lecturing undergraduate and postgraduate students and a professional associate at the Anti-Corruption Centre for Education and Research of Stellenbosch University (ACCERUS), South Africa. An expert in the field of Public Leadership, Human Resource Management with specialisation on Performance Management, Ethics, Public Participation and Local Government. He has published peer-reviewed chapters in books, accredited journal articles and peer-reviewed national and international conference proceedings. He is a supporter of inter-disciplinary research which leads to numerous capacity-building projects in South Africa and abroad, a lead expert in short courses training and professional consultation. Zwelinzima serves on the Boards of South African Association of Public Administration and Management and Association of Southern African Schools and Departments of Public Administration and Management. Serve as Chairperson of Council for King Hintsa TVET College and board of directors at the Inclusive Society Institute as well as the Deputy Chairperson, chairperson of finance and research committees. Contributes as Television expert analysis on Public Leadership, Governance and Performance, Radio Analysis on current public administration, local government and political affairs and appointed as an external examiner for Master's and Doctoral dissertations for several universities in South Africa and abroad.



Dr Phumlani Nkontwana

Phumlani Nkontwana is a development economist, researcher and entrepreneur involved in the science and practice of entrepreneurship-led sustainable development in Africa. He is the founding academic director of the Allan Gray Centre for Africa Entrepreneurship at Stellenbosch University and founding CEO of Fuata Africa (fuata.org). He is a Steering Committee Member for the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (see <https://gsbberthacentre.uct.ac.za/>) and Board Member for Interdisciplinary Network for Technology and Entrepreneurship Research in Africa (see www.intera.network). During his career, Phumlani has actively participated in multiple social change projects to enhance entrepreneurship-led sustainable development, spanning 15 years across Africa.



Ms Jennifer Mukuka Njelesani

Jennifer Mukuka Njelesani is a Chartered Accountant, who holds a Master's in Business Administration and is currently a PHD candidate. She has over 35 years of experience in Finance with extensive experience in both Public and Private Sectors. She has worked in various strategic, executive and senior financial management roles. An organisational strategist, she specialises in strategic financial turnarounds, public sector finance optimisation and international financial reporting legislation. Her vast experience has also seen her work as an auditor and a strategic consultant in her area of expertise. Ms Njelesani is passionate about the empowerment of women and has been involved in various women empowerment programmes especially concerning women in the accountancy profession. Professionalism, Integrity and Excellence are key in all spheres of her life – professional and personal. Ms Njelesani is currently serving as a Director in the Office of the President - Cabinet Office of the Government of the Republic of Zambia.



Mr Koogan Pillay

Koogan Pillay, B.Sc. and MBA (strategy), former advisory board member to former Public Protector South Africa (Adv Thuli Madonsela) and former Project Manager for the National Anti-Corruption Strategy, in the Presidency / DPME and the SIU. Served on various structures focusing on moral regeneration and a values charter for leadership. He drafted the original concept for the inaugural Kgalema Motlanthe conference on building an inclusive society, and the 'Illicit Financial Flows' high level/expert panel discussion with the Thabo Mbeki Foundation, both in collaboration with the European Union. He previously led the Tambo Debates on implementing the National Development Plan in partnership with Wits University, UNDP, Presidency and Tambo Foundation. He is currently a management board member of the School of Public Leadership's Anti-Corruption unit at the University of Stellenbosch (ACCERUS), and a steering committee member of the IACC, a campaign of NGO, Integrity Initiatives International (III), and co-chair of the Africa sub-committee.

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Prof Pregala Solosh Pillay

Pregala (Solosh) Pillay has enjoyed a versatile academic career for three decades and holds a Doctor of Administration from the University of Durban-Westville (now known as University of KwaZulu-Natal) in South Africa. She has published widely in the field of Public Administration with particular emphasis on governance, ethics, leadership, women, and corruption. She has co-edited several books on corruption and has a wealth of experience in lecturing at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, supervising diverse postgraduate students, presenting papers at national, regional and international conferences and examining postgraduate research for a plethora of institutions. She is currently Co-Chair of the Working Group on Public Sector Ethics and Culture at the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration. She is a Member of the Unit for Sustainable Urban Governance and Innovation (University of KwaZulu-Natal). She was a visiting Professor at KU Leuven University (Belgium) and is currently a Professor in the School of Public Leadership and Director of the Anti-Corruption Centre for Education and Research at Stellenbosch University. She served as the first Vice Dean: Social Impact and Transformation (2016 – 2021) in the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, Stellenbosch University.



Mr Mogolodi Sonic Rantsetse

Mogolodi Sonic Rantsetse is the Head of the Commonwealth Africa Anti-Corruption Centre (CAACC). Mr Rantsetse joined CAACC in 2015 from the Ministry of Education and Skills Development where he held the position of Chief Education Officer – Anti Corruption Unit (ACU). He has held the position of Assistant Director at teaching Service Management from 2008 to 2012. Prior to that, Mr Rantsetse worked for the Independent Electoral Commission, managing Elections Offices for North East and part of Central Region from 2006 to 2008. He also worked in several learning institutions as a teacher between 1990 and 2006. Mr Rantsetse has a Masters Degree in Leadership and management in Education with Human Resources Management as his concentration area of study, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts with Digital Photo Media as majors. Both qualifications were acquired from the University of Newcastle in Australia between 2002 and 2004. He served as an Employer Trustee at Botswana Public Office Pension Fund in the Benefits and Human Resources Committees from 2009 to 2013.



Mr Russell Rensburg

Russell Rensburg is a health activist working towards equitable access to quality health care for rural communities and serves as the current RHAP director. He has over 15 years' of experience working on strengthening health systems, with 8 of those spent managing technical assistance in Eastern Africa and South Africa. He has a strong interest in strengthening the responsiveness of public finance allocation processes towards advancing the realization of constitutionally enshrined socio-economic rights. He has served as a commissioner on the South Africa Lancet Commission for quality health systems as well on the ministerial task team tasked with the development of the National Human Resources for Health Strategy. He is a founding member of the Budget Justice Coalition and a member of the advisory panel of the Public Economics project at the Southern Centre for Inequality Studies @WITS.



Dr Munya Saruchera

Munyaradzi Saruchera (PhD) is a Senior Lecturer at the Africa Centre for HIV/Aids Management at Stellenbosch University. With a PhD in Sociology (Stellenbosch University), Master's in Policy Studies (Universities of Fort Hare and Zimbabwe) and a Bachelor of Science Honour's degree in Politics and Administration Studies (University of Zimbabwe), Saruchera regards himself as a pracademic. He has accumulated more than 25 years of professional work experience in both academic, social change and community development sectors. Saruchera has previously worked as an independent consultant under Labyrinth Consult and a range of national and international organisations, including the World Conservation Union (IUCN) Regional Office for Southern Africa in Harare, the IUCN Ecosystems Commission in Botswana, the Institute for Poverty and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS) at the University of the Western Cape, and the Sustainability Institute among others. He has published popular education, policy briefs, scholarly articles, and book chapters on a range of topics and edited a book 'Securing land and resource rights in Africa: Pan-African perspectives.' Saruchera has been an Ashoka Fellow for Social Change and Innovation since 2009. He is an Associate at the Anti-Corruption Centre for Education and Research of Stellenbosch University (ACCERUS). His research interests include the sociology of health and corruption, corruption and health and relational leadership and climate change.

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Ms Cheyanne Scharbatke-Church

Cheyenne Scharbatke-Church is a scholar-practitioner with a lifelong interest in governance processes that have run amuck. She has significant experience working on peacebuilding, governance, accountability and learning across the Balkans and West and East Africa. For fifteen years, Cheyanne taught program design, monitoring and evaluation in fragile contexts at the Fletcher School. Prior to that she was the Director of Evaluation for Search for Common Ground and Director of Policy at INCORE. She has had the privilege of working in an advisory capacity with a range of organizations such as ABA/ROLI, CDA, ICRC, IDRC, UN Peacebuilding Fund and the US State Department. She currently serves as the Executive Director of Besa Global, CJL's host institution. She can be commonly found in the Canadian Rockies with her fierce daughters and gem of a husband.



Prof George Scott

George Kojo Scott is Secretary General of the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM), and Associate Professor Extraordinary, School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Scott holds PhD in Development Studies, Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA), Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration and Diploma on the study of the French language. Scott has been involved with the work of several international organizations including the Guinea Current Marine Ecosystem, African Union, African Peer Review Mechanism, UNDESA, CEPA (as observer) and the UNPAN. Prior to his appointment with AAPAM, Scott served for many years in the Public Service of Ghana in different capacities including Chief Director (Permanent Secretary). Scott has authored four books, several book chapters, co-edited five recently published AAPAM books; and contributed widely to internationally accredited journals.



Ms Rose Nunu Seretse

Rose Nunu Seretse holds a Bsc in Construction Management from Ferris State University in Michigan USA and a Masters Degree in Public Administration (Public Policy) from the University of Botswana. Currently enrolled for a PhD with the University of Botswana. She is a certified Ethics Officer. Ms Seretse started her career in the construction industry before moving to the field of anti- corruption. She has extensive experience in anti- corruption having worked for the Directorate On Corruption and Economic Crime Botswana for 20 years of which 8 and a half years she was the Director General. She then moved on to establish the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority before retiring from public service after 33 years of Public Service. She has recently been involved with Regulatory Compliance in the Aviation Industry. Ms Seretse is a recipient of several awards which include: Presidential Order of Honour; Africa's Most influential Women; SADC Certificate of Recognition; Outstanding Performance Ministry of State President; and, Commonwealth Recognition for the role in the establishment of the Commonwealth Africa Anti- Corruption Centre.



Adv Nthabiseng Sepanya

Advocate Nthabiseng Sepanya-Mogale is an Admitted Advocate in the High Court of South Africa. She holds an LLB and LLM in Constitutional Litigation and Human Rights. In addition to her legal academic career, Adv. Sepanya-Mogale holds a B.A in Social Work, a Postgraduate Higher Diploma in Advanced Social Work Practice and Certificates in Trauma Counselling and International Human Rights Law obtained from Copenhagen, Denmark and Oxford University & University of George Washington, respectively. As appointed by the President of the Republic of South Africa, President Cyril Ramaphosa, Adv. Sepanya-Mogale is the Chairperson of the Commission for Gender Equality. In 2017, she was appointed as a part-time Commissioner in the Commission. She has extensive experience in working with survivors of sexual and domestic violence. She has also held several senior management positions in all three spheres of government, as well as in Non-Profit Organisations such as People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA). Adv Sepanya-Mogale's strength is in initiating projects and organisations, and structures therein. She has over the years established the Trauma Clinic of the Centre for the Study of Violence & Reconciliation (CSVR) and the National Forum Against Racism & Xenophobia (NFARX). During her employment at the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), she was part of the founding team of the Thuthuzela Care Centres (TCC's), set up nationally to provide services for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and their families.

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Mr Kwezi Sogoni

Kwezi Sogoni is a dedicated professional with a passion for fostering democracy and advancing the rule of law in South Africa. Currently serving as the Programme Manager for South Africa at the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF), he is responsible for building sustainable partnerships in both the civic and governance space that help strengthen SA's maturing democracy. With a strong background in research and public policy, Sogoni has worked in various capacities in both the civic and public sphere. At the South African Institute for International Affairs (SAIIA), his focus was on resource governance with a keen focus on SA's mining industry. Sogoni has gained crucial experience in the public service, beginning as a researcher in parliament before moving to local government the City of Johannesburg Council. There, he continued as a researcher, steadily rising to the position of Assistant Director in the Office of the Chief Whip. In 2021, he was appointed as Director of Operations in the office of the Executive Mayor. In this capacity, Sogoni effectively deputised for the Chief of Staff, providing invaluable advisory support while overseeing the smooth functioning of the Mayor's operations. Sogoni holds both a Bachelor and Honours degree from the University of Cape Town in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE), and was selected as a Mandela Washington Fellow in 2021. He hopes to continue making contributions to the development of a prosperous South Africa.



Ms Cynthia Stimpel

Cynthia Stimpel is the Whistleblower Liaison Officer of The Whistleblower House since Feb 2022. She is a Motivational Speaker, speaking on her story as a Whistle Blower, and "making a difference where you are". She is a Yoga Instructor for Adults and Children. She is a Board Member on one Board – National Committee – Defend our Democracy. She volunteers at Accountability Now, Radio Veritas, and does community work. She is the Author of "Hijackers on Board", about her experience at South African Airways (SAA). Highest qualification is an MBA. Her career has been primarily in Banking, and Treasury and Risk environment. The last ten years was at SAA of which the last 2 years was in the role of Group Treasurer. She was awarded the Citation on Integrity Award by the Air Pilots Association of South Africa (APLA-SA) in 2021. Awarded the BluePrint for Free Speech in 2022- Special Recognition Award. Congress of Business Economics awarded her the "Ahmed Kathrada Excellence in Leadership Award" in 2023. Also in 2023, The Public Interest of South Africa (PISA) awarded her the Whistleblower Excellence Award and the Sherpa Award for support of whistleblowers.



Mr Mofihli Teleki

Mofihli Teleki holds a B.A (UNISA), B.P.A (Hons) (Stellenbosch), M.P.A (cum laude) (Stellenbosch) and currently studying towards a PhD degree at the School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University. Teleki is also a graduate of the Thabo Mbeki School of Public and International Affairs (UNISA) where he studied Thought Leadership and Good Governance. Teleki is a former committee member of UNESCO's Communication and Information Sub-Committee in South Africa. He is also a former Fellow of the Mellon Foundation's Ubuntu Fellowship (2018); an initiative of Michigan State University (United States) and Stellenbosch University. Teleki works at the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, where he is the Director for Stakeholder Relations and Communication at the B-BBEE Commission. He has authored over 10 peer-reviewed book chapters and articles that have been published in internationally accredited journals. He has presented academic papers at universities in South Africa, Cameroon, Scotland, China and Canada. His research interests include public policy, governance, human rights and gender equality.



Ms Ashlene Van der Berg-Ross

Ashlene Van der Berg-Ross is a committed lecturer with 6+ years of experience in teaching students from various social and cultural backgrounds. Possessing excellent administrative, verbal communication and written skills with constructive and effective teaching methods that promote a stimulating learning environment. She holds a Master of Commerce degree in Public and Development Management from Stellenbosch University. Her field of study is Human Resource Management and Public Administration. She has worked as an administrator at the Department of Local Government and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. In both departments she has gain much insight and experience on how Local Government is run and supported by Provincial Government. She has worked on projects such as Improving/Developing Regional Competitiveness, Municipal Capacity Building Programme and the Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) programme.

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Prof Sope Williams

Sope Williams is a professor of public procurement law and the deputy director of the African Procurement Law Unit, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. She is an expert in anti-corruption law, public procurement law and policy in Africa; procurement in the multilateral development banks; gender-responsive procurement; emergency contracting; sustainable public procurement and blockchain technologies. She has written/edited several books and authored over 60 peer-reviewed publications. She co-developed and teaches on the LLM and PGDip in Public Procurement Regulation and Policy at Stellenbosch University, the first of its kind in Africa. She has been globally recognised for her research and in 2019, she obtained her first NRF rating in the B2 category. In December 2022, she was awarded the prestigious International Anti-Corruption Excellence Award for Academic Research and Education by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the State of Qatar. In 2021 she was designated by the Open Contracting Partnership (USA) as an "anti-corruption champion." She has received Stellenbosch University's Research Excellence Award twice- in 2014 and 2019. In 2020 she was also appointed as a research fellow by the Public Procurement Research Group in the University of Nottingham, UK. Her research was cited by the South African Constitutional Court in the case of Shaik v The State (2008), in which corruption allegations were levelled against President Jacob Zuma. She is involved in academic and policy oriented research and has drafted some significant policy and research reports, for international organizations, such as for Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, (South Africa, 2024); for the International Development Research Centre (Canada, 2023 & 2024); for UN Women (South Africa, 2023); for Global Integrity (USA, 2022); for the Open Contracting Partnership (USA, 2021); for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (Ethiopia, 2017); for the European Union and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Nigeria, 2015) and for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (France, 2011). She is a regular keynote and conference speaker and has spoken at over 120 international events in over 35 countries. As an expert on anti-corruption law and policy, she developed anti-corruption courses for the UN Virtual School in 2012 and the UNODC in 2019. She served on the World Bank's Procurement Technical Advisory Group from 2008- 2011, created to advise the World Bank on its procurement policy. She has an LLM (with distinction) from the London School of Economics (2000), and a PhD in public procurement and anti-corruption law from the University of Nottingham, UK (2011). She has worked at the universities of Stirling and Nottingham, both in the UK, and the University of Lagos in Nigeria.



Prof Ingrid Woolard

Ingrid Woolard is Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences and Professor of Economics at Stellenbosch University. She is also Honorary Professor of Economics at the University of Cape Town; a Research Fellow of the Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) in Bonn, a senior non-resident research fellow at the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) and a Research Associate at the Commitment to Equity Institute at Tulane University. Her areas of research specialization include the measurement of poverty and inequality, unemployment, social protection and fiscal policy. She is strongly committed to providing evidence-based policy advice. She served on the Employment Conditions Commission from 2008 to 2014 and on the Davis Tax Committee from 2013 to 2018.



Dr Najat Zarrouk

Najat Zarrouk is the Director of Development Branch, and of the African Local Government Academy of the United Cities and Local Government of Africa (UCLG-Africa). She has nearly 40 years of experience in the Public Governance, Administration and Service at national (Morocco), continental (Africa), and global levels. Beside being former Senior Civil servant in the Ministry of the Interior of Morocco, including as Governor, Director, she served in several institutions, as member of the Arab Women's Leadership Institute (AWLI) to empower women's in the Arab Region, member of the U.N. Committee of Experts of Public Administration for 3 terms (2010-2013; 2014-2017 and 2022-2025), including as Chairperson of this Committee in 2012 and 2013, as Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the International Commission on Accreditation of Public Administration (ICAPA) education and training programs of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA), as Vice-President of the Africa Public Service Human Resources Managers Network (APS-HRMNet) -2018 to 2023, and since July 2022, as President of IASIA. She's been honored nationally, regionally, and internationally for her exceptional dedication to advancing Public Administration, Public Services, and Public Policy worldwide.