

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



PROF WISEMAN NKUHLU is currently the Chairman of KPMG South Africa. He was the Chancellor of the University of Pretoria (2007- 2022), the Principal and vice-Chancellor of the University of Transkei (1987 - 1991), and has chaired the DBSA (1995 - 2000), Rothschild South Africa (2009 - Jan 2018), and the Audit Committee of AngloGold Ashanti (2007- 2013). He was also the Economic Advisor to former President Thabo Mbeki. Prof Nkuhlu served as President of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) for two terms and oversaw the development of Accounting standards (2013 - 2018) as Trustee of the IFRS Foundation. Prof Nkuhlu is South Africa's first qualified black chartered accountant, and is passionately involved in the development of Black Accountants. He is the Patron of the Nkuhlu School of Accounting at the University of Fort Hare, and holds the qualifications of DCom(hc) (UFS), DCom(hc) (US), DCom (hc) (UCT), DCom (hc) (UP), DAccSci (hc) (UNISA), MBA (New York) and a BCom (UFH).



PROF MUSA MANGENA is a Professor of Accounting at the Nottingham University Business School, University of Nottingham, U.K. His primary research focuses on: (1) Corporate governance, (2) Responsible business and sustainability, (3) Corporate reporting strategies and consequences, and (4) market-based accounting. His work is widely published in prestigious academic journals that include, among others, Journal of Corporate Finance, Review of Accounting Studies, British Journal of Management, Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance, British Accounting Review, The International Journal of Accounting, European Accounting Review, Accounting and Business Research, Sustainability Accounting, and the Management and Policy Journal. Musa is currently the Associate Editor of the Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies and Journal of Applied Accounting Research. He is also the chair of the International Scientific Committee of the African Accounting and Finance Association, a platform for academics and practitioners to debate the role of accounting, finance, corporate governance, and related fields in Africa.

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE GOVERNANCE OF SUSTAINABILITY

FACILITATOR OF PANEL DISCUSSION



MOHAMED ADAM is an admitted attorney and also holds an LLM in International Trade Law from the University of Essex in the UK. He held several positions in Eskom Ltd in a professional and management role, and in February 2015 he joined ArcelorMittal South Africa Ltd as General Counsel and GM Regulation. His experience includes involvement in executive management, legal and compliance, ethics, corporate governance, sustainability and integrated reporting. He has been a member of the King Committee on Corporate Governance for South Africa for many years and served on the King IV task team, and is currently the Deputy Chair of the King Committee. He is also the lead independent director of The Ethics Institute of South Africa. Mohamed has presented at conferences locally and internationally on corporate governance and legal topics and is the co-author, together with Dr Reuel Khoza, of *The Power of Governance: Enhancing the Performance of State-Owned Enterprises (2005)*.

PANELLISTS



IMRE NAGY CA(SA), RA, is the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' (IRBA) Chief Executive Officer since 2022 and joined the organisation as Director Inspections in 2013. Over the past 20 years, he has gained extensive experience in performing audits, audit regulation, audit quality monitoring and audit quality control, among others. Since 2013 to 2021, he served as an independent quality/technical advisor to the Auditor-General South Africa's (AGSA) Quality Control Assessment Committee. He was appointed as an International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR) Board member in 2020. Presently, he chairs the IFIAR's Audit and Finance Committee and is also a non-executive director of the IFIAR Association.



PROF DIVYA SINGH holds a Doctorate in Law, is a Certified Ethics Officer and the Executive Director of Globethics.net, Southern Africa. She is a professionally trained advocate in her own practise and serves time as a Regional Magistrate, assessor in the High Court, a consultant to the South African Law Commission, and is an adjunct Associate Professor with Walter Sisulu University. Divya has been an academic and researcher for more than 30 years with 15 years' experience in higher education leadership. She is currently the Chief Academic Officer at STADIO Holdings Ltd, a private higher education investment company listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Prof Singh served on public and private Boards, and successfully initiated and facilitated co-operative and stakeholder relationships with local, continental, and international partners. She received acclaim both domestically and internationally for her academic contribution and community engagement, as well as stakeholder recognition from various bodies including the FBI (USA) and the United Nations.



DR JAISHEILA RAJPUT, a Green Economy leader with a global perspective on the development of solutions for companies doing business in Africa, holds a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Cape Town. With extended experience in technical management systems, strategy and sustainability, she leveraged her research and innovation capabilities to develop practical, industry relevant solutions. Her career spans two decades where she worked globally in large corporates in the automotive, chemicals and construction industries, including South Africa, Germany and Hong Kong. Jaisheila is passionate about empowering others to develop economic models for sustainability and to inspire change in the way we do business. She is the Founder and CEO of TOMA-Now|Tomorrow Matters Now, a leading green economy consultancy based in Africa, and serving clients across Africa, Asia and Europe, with the focus on global collaboration leading towards a sustainable future for all. TOMA-Now turns 10 in 2023! She is also a co-Founder of SDG Lab Africa, an innovative, collaborative space for clients and partners to understand, design, experiment and solve their most pressing sustainability challenges.



SHAMEELA SOOBRAMONEY, CEO of the National Business Initiative (NBI) since 2023, is passionate about the systemic importance of sustainability thinking in corporate strategy, with her role at NBI focusing on the oversight of the executive, strategic and governance functions. Shameela previously held the position of Chief Sustainability Officer at the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE), where she contributed to work into climate change, local market to trade in carbon credits and environment-related products, the development of a Green, Social and Sustainability bonds framework, impact investing, the JSE's sustainability, innovation, and CSI strategies as well as the annual sustainability investor briefing. She project-led the JSE's Sustainability and Climate Change Disclosure Guidance which won the 2022 award for Thought Leadership in Sustainable Investing: Africa from Environmental Finance. She served on international industry advisory panels on sustainability, responsible investing, and climate change, as chairperson of the World Federation of Exchange's (global) Sustainability Working Group, the Sustainable Finance Working Group of the National Treasury of South Africa and as a member of the Strategy Group of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance (GISD). She is a non-executive director of the WWF (South Africa), the Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) and is the winner of the SERAS Africa CSR/Sustainability Professional 2021 and the IRMSA ESG Sustainability Professional 2020 awards. Her experience includes senior roles in the banking and insurance industries. Shameela holds a Master's degree in Sustainability Leadership (MSt), University of Cambridge, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA), University of Pretoria, Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) and is a recipient of the Chevening and Mansion House scholarships and holds the ESG Global Competent Boards designation (GCB.D).



JACQUES DE BIE is Head of Outsourcing and Investor Relations at Singular Systems, with over 26 years of experience in South Africa and Europe. He joined Singular Systems in 2015 after the company acquired a specialised share register analytics operation. Prior to this he was Business Unit Head at Magna Carta Reputation Management, as well as a previous partner at Instinctif which he joined in 2006. In London between 1991 and 2005, Jacques worked at Chase Manhattan Bank in corporate communications, as well as Standard & Poor's, where he was Marketing Director for structured finance credit ratings in Europe, Middle East and Africa. He has advised executives in and around the boardroom in all areas of integrated reporting (IR) and corporate reputation management, including ESG and sustainability. Jacques was until recently a board member of the IR Society of South Africa which he assisted in founding (2016) and of the IAS. Until recently he was a non-executive director of WESSA, South Africa's longest standing wildlife and environmental society. Jacques holds a BA (Hons) and an MBA from City Business School London, iCIR (UK).

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