

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:30	Opening	Christina Teichmann , Deputy Chairperson, FW de Klerk Foundation
08:35	KAS Welcome	Gregor Jaecke , Resident Representative, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung South Africa
09:45	How to achieve financial capacity to ensure effective services delivery	Ogalaletseng Gaarekwe , Deputy Director-General, Intergovernmental Relations, National Treasury
10:15	How to supply safe drinking water & sewerage sustainably	Xolani Zwane , Deputy Director-General for Regulation, Compliance and Enforcement, Department of Water and Sanitation
10:45	How to accomplish affordable urban housing to realise sustainable development	Dr Michael Sutcliffe , Former municipal manager at eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality
11:15 – 11:35	Tea Break	
11:35	Engineering for People: How to build resilient municipal infrastructure that delivers	Mameetse Masemola , Head of Infrastructure South Africa
12:05	How to achieve thriving local economies and societies	Mayor Christopher John Pappas , Executive Mayor, uMngeni Local Municipality
12:45	Audience Question & Answer session with all speakers Facilitators - Mandisa Gumede and Daniela Ellerbeck, FW de Klerk Foundation	
13:15	Closing Christo van der Rheede , Executive Director, FW de Klerk Foundation	
13:20	Lunch	



FINANCIAL
CAPACITY

09:45



WATER &
SEWERAGE

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URBAN
HOUSING

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MUNICIPAL
INFRASTRUCTURE

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THRIVING LOCAL
ECONOMIES &
SOCIETIES

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Time: 08:30–14:00

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OGALALETSENG GAAREKWE



Ms Ogalaletseng Gaarekwe is the Deputy Director-General, National Treasury: Intergovernmental Relations, Responsible to coordinate fiscal and financial relations between national, provincial and local government; promotes sound provincial and municipal budgetary planning; and implement reforms in the intergovernmental fiscal systems. She joined National Treasury in 2008 as Director: Provincial Budget Analysis in IGR having worked previously in the Northern Cape Provincial Treasury and Free State Provincial Treasury. She was appointed Chief Director: Provincial Budget Analysis IGR in 2016. Since June 2024, she has been working as Acting DDG: IGR. She is a qualified Chartered Management Accountant and has an MBA from Henley Business School. She was appointed as the Deputy Director-General for Intergovernmental Relations branch in June 2025.

XOLANI ZWANE



Mr. Xolani Zwane is currently the Deputy Director General for Regulation, Compliance and Enforcement at the Department of Water and Sanitation. His areas of expertise include water resources management, water sector regulation, water infrastructure management, transboundary cooperation, service delivery improvement, institutional governance and administration, project and program management, operations management and M&E. He has more than 28 years of experience in the water sector. He commenced his career at the then Department of Water Affairs and Forestry under the water resources management directorate (KZN) in 1997. From 2010 to 2022 he worked for the transboundary water resources and infrastructure management organisation, the Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA), first as the Water Resources Operations Director and later as the Chief Executive Officer. He rejoined the Department of Water and Sanitation as the Deputy Director General in 2022. This position is responsible for regulation and licensing of water use as well as economic and social regulation of the water sector. Mr Zwane has a Bachelor of Technology in Civil Engineering obtained from the Durban University of Technology as well as a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management which he obtained from the University of Kwazulu-Natal.

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DR MICHAEL SUTCLIFFE



Dr. Michael Sutcliffe earned an M. Sc. degree from the University of Natal and a PhD degree from Ohio State University. In 2023 he was awarded an Honorary PhD in Administration from University of KwaZulu-Natal. He currently serves as a co-Director of City Insight with Ms Sue Bannister (www.cityinsight.co.za). Established in 2012, City Insight provides information and advice on development issues, and has completed over 100 projects providing insight, information and advice on development, decentralisation and impact. Until his contract ended on 31 December 2011 he was, for over 9 years, the City Manager of eThekweni metropolitan municipality (www.durban.gov.za), a city of some 4 million people, where he headed the administration of some 25000 employees with a budget of over R26 billion (US\$3.5 billion) per annum. He was previously appointed by President Mandela to chair the Municipal Demarcation Board (www.demarcation.org.za), which redrew the boundaries for municipalities. And his other positions have been as a Member of Provincial Legislature (KwaZulu-Natal) (1994-1999), Director Public Affairs: University of Durban Westville (1991-1994) and Associate Professor: Town and Regional Planning: University of Natal (1982-1991). Dr. Sutcliffe was integrally involved in the transition process from an undemocratic, racist South Africa to a free and democratic state. He was involved in developing the ANC's policy positions, constitutional inputs on local government and the development of the local government legislation. Over the past 45 years, Dr. Sutcliffe has acted as a consultant to a wide range of local and international organizations and continues to serve as a board member of a few developmental organizations. During this period he has written over 500 articles and reports on a wide range of issues, from demarcation and delimitation issues to urbanization, economic analysis and analyzing political trends. He continues to research local government in South Africa. He has received several awards, including a prestigious professional award from the Association of American Geographers. Dr. Sutcliffe has been invited to present papers at conferences in the following countries: Canada, Mexico, UK, Sweden, Turkey, France, Norway, Australia, USA, Tanzania, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Uganda, Nigeria, Mozambique, India, Palestine, Tunisia, Bahrain, Kenya, Brazil, Zambia, Qatar, Bahrain, UAE, Germany and Spain. In addition, he has attended and presented papers at over 200 conferences in southern Africa and South Africa. Dr. Sutcliffe was Co-Chair of the UCLG's Commission on Urban Strategic Planning and an international Board member of the Global Cities Indicator Forum. He was until recently the Chairperson of the Local Government Skills and Education Authority of South Africa and served as a Board member of the Independent Development Trust. He is currently a member of the Minister of Human Settlements' Advisory Panel and was appointed by the National Assembly to be part of the Electoral Reform Consultation Panel. He previously served in short-term Ministerial Advisory positions to Cooperative Governance, Home Affairs and Human Settlements.

MAMEETSE MASEMOLA



Ms. Mameetse Masemola is the Head of Infrastructure South Africa (ISA), where she provides strategic leadership in advancing South Africa's national infrastructure development agenda. She is a highly accomplished public sector professional with extensive experience in infrastructure investment planning, public policy, economic regulation, and intergovernmental coordination. She holds a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Reading's Henley Business School, a Postgraduate Diploma in Public and Development Management from the University of the Witwatersrand, and an Honours Degree in Economics from the University of the Western Cape, with part of her studies completed at the University of Missouri in the United States. Ms. Masemola has also completed executive programmes in Leadership in Development at Harvard University and Evidence-Based Policy Making at the University of Cape Town. In her role as Head of ISA, Ms. Masemola is responsible for shaping and overseeing South Africa's infrastructure strategy, including policy and legislative development, closing the infrastructure investment gap, and providing oversight of a portfolio of nationally strategic infrastructure projects and programmes. She plays a central role in strengthening institutional coordination across all spheres of government, state-owned entities, and key public sector institutions. Previously, she served as Deputy Director-General for Infrastructure Investment Planning and Oversight, where she was instrumental in driving reforms to improve

infrastructure planning, financing, and delivery. Prior to this, Ms. Masemola led ICT sector development initiatives at the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies. Her earlier career includes senior roles at the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, where she served as Government Convener for the Trade and Industry Chamber at NEDLAC, as well as a policy analyst and economic researcher. Ms. Masemola currently leads the development and implementation of the National Infrastructure Plan 2050, focusing on alignment, long-term vision, and investment coordination across government, public entities, state-owned enterprises, and the private sector. She is widely recognised for her ability to bridge policy formulation with practical implementation, positioning infrastructure as a key driver of inclusive economic growth and national development in South Africa.

MAYOR CHRISTOPHER JOHN PAPPAS



Chris Pappas is the Mayor of the uMngeni Local Municipality and a dedicated advocate for transparent, service-driven governance. A Hilton College alumnus with a background in Town and Regional Planning, Chris previously worked as a development economist before entering public service. His transformative approach to local leadership earned him a place on the 2023 TIME100 Next list, recognizing him as a rising global leader. Born and raised in the Midlands, Chris is passionate about unlocking the economic potential of the region while building a resilient, collaborative future for all its residents.

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