

## Speaker Profiles

(in order of appearance)

### Henning Suhr



Henning Suhr is Director of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in South Africa, based at the office in Johannesburg. He was born in Hamburg and studied Economy and Political Sciences in New York, Berlin, Potsdam and Florence. He graduated in 2006 and holds a Master Degree in International Relations. After having been engaged with the GTZ in Eschborn in Germany for several months, he started his career with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in May 2007 as Project Assistant in Rio de Janeiro. From 2009 to 2012 he worked at the KAS Head Quarters in Berlin as Desk Officer Southern Africa. Hereafter he was Director of the KAS Country Offices in Costa Rica/Panama and then Venezuela. His focus areas are activities on development cooperation, regional integration and international dialogue as well as consultancy for political parties including political communication.

### Prof Lyal White



Prof. Lyal White is the founding Senior Director of the Johannesburg Business School (JBS), one of Africa's largest business schools, based at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa. With a Pan-African focus, imbued with innovative responses and a technological orientation, the JBS is a school geared to develop purpose-driven individuals and organisations with a contextual impact.

He is an Associate Professor in International Business with a focus on comparative political economy and strategy in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Prof. White is widely published in news media, academic journals and books, and a regular commentator in popular media. Prof. White has a vast experience in 'on-the-ground' research and advises on strategy, political economy, policy and general business practice in new dynamic markets – especially in Africa and Latin America, deeply conscious of purpose and the social, cultural and political dimensions (and impact) of business and management.

Prof. White has lived and worked in South Africa, Rwanda, Argentina, Colombia, Morocco and the US, and is associated with a number of institutions across the globe. He was previously at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) at the University of Pretoria, and has taught at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia, Al Akhawayn University in Morocco, Science Po – Bordeaux, France, and the Kelly School of Business - Indiana University. Prof. White lectures regularly at CEDEP in Fontainebleau, France, Strathmore Business School in Kenya, and is faculty on the Global Leadership Programme with the Conscious Leadership Institute. He was a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Latin American studies (CLAS) at UC Berkeley in the US.

### Tshediso Matona



Tshediso Matona is currently the Secretary of Planning in the National Planning Commission in the Presidency, South African Government, since September 2015. He was the Chief Executive of power utility Eskom from October 2014 to May 2015. He was previously the Director-General (DG) of Public Enterprises (DPE) since January 2011. Prior to that, he was DG of Trade and Industry from 2005 to 2010. An economist by training and an experienced executive in the public sector, he held several senior positions in government throughout his career, and served as a trade diplomat at the SA Embassy to United Nations (UN) and World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland from 1996 to 1998.

In his current role he provides strategic and technical support to South Africa's National Planning Commission, a think-tank that compiled the National Development Plan and advises government on its implementation. In this role, Matona also leads and supervises a multi-disciplinary team of professionals. He has over 23 years of senior management experience

and skills in the fields of international trade and diplomacy, export promotion, investment promotion, industrial development, enterprise development, economic/business regulation, and corporate governance, among others.

He holds Bachelor and Honours Degrees in Economics and Politics from the University of Cape Town (UCT), a Masters in Development Economics from the University of East Anglia (UK), various certificates, including an Executive Leadership and Management certificate, as well as a certificate in Infrastructure Development from Harvard University's J F Kennedy School of Government.

### **Dr Miriam Altman**



Miriam is recognised as a leading economist, strategist and thought leader.

She is a Commissioner on the National Planning Commission (NPC) in the South African Presidency. She was a significant contributor to SA's first National Development Plan. Amongst other responsibilities, Miriam leads work on economic revitalisation and restoring the path towards the NDP's Vision 2030 for employment, poverty eradication and equity. She is also leading work on SOE governance. In her private capacity, she advises governments and companies in their economic and commercial strategies and is involved in capital raising. She is an investor in and advisor to digital companies at points of growth inflection.

From 2013-2016, Miriam was Head of Strategy and Regulatory Affairs for the Telkom Group. She was recruited to craft and chart Telkom's strategic repositioning and turnaround. The success of this programme is reflected in its share value rising by 6 times with significant, sustained improvements in company financials, regulatory matters, customer service and market repositioning.

Miriam was Executive Director at the Human Sciences Research Council in South Africa from 2002 to 2013. The "Employment Scenarios" was her flagship at the HSRC. This drew leaders from government, the private sector, labour and academia together over a period of years to define a vision and practical strategies to address extremely high unemployment in South Africa.

Miriam has a BA in economics from McGill University, an MPhil from the University of Cambridge and a PhD in economics from the University of Manchester. She is an Adjunct Professor at Graduate School of Development Policy and Practice, University of Cape Town, a non-resident Fellow at the Center for Emerging Markets at CEIBS in Shanghai, and a visiting lecturer at Tsinghua University's Graduate School of Public Policy and Management and Fudan University's Economics Department. Miriam has produced more than 100 publications. She was commissioning editor of approximately 400 policy papers and publications, and was guest editor of four special edition journals. These publications can be found at [www.miriamaltman.com](http://www.miriamaltman.com).

### **Prof Brian Armstrong**



Prof Brian Armstrong is one of the foremost ICT industry leaders in South Africa, with over 30 years of top-level management experience in Telecommunications, IT, technology R&D and systems engineering, both in South Africa and abroad. He is widely regarded as a thought leader in digitalisation, convergence and business strategy.

Brian is currently a Professor in the Chair of Digital Business at the Wits Business School. His focus here is on building a comprehensive knowledge base on Digital Business, and developing more scientifically rigorous models for core concepts in digitalisation. He consults widely to government and industry on these topics and is an acclaimed public speaker on digital disruption and transformation, and its socio-economic impacts.

Previously Brian spent seven years in Telkom, in the capacity of Group Chief Operating Officer and Group Chief Commercial Officer. Before that he was BT's Vice President for Middle East and Africa. He also spent time in South African listed ICT services group AST (now Gijima), as Managing Director of AST Networks, and with South Africa's CSIR, ultimately as the Director of the Division for Information and Communications Technology.

Brian completed his BSc (Eng) and MSc (Eng) at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1982 and 1984 respectively, and obtained his PhD from University College London in 1992.

### **Herman Singh**

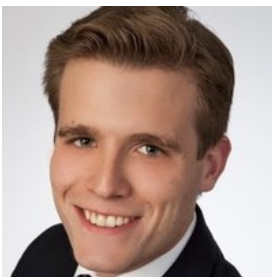


Herman Singh is the Innovation Strategy Executive for the MTN Group. Prior to that he set up the Group Chief Digital Officer role for the MTN Group, and has served in that position for three years from 2015. Herman has been responsible for driving out the formulation and execution of MTN's Digital and Innovation Strategy.

Herman joined the MTN Group from Vodacom, where he held the position of Managing Executive for Mobile Commerce. Prior to that, he was the CEO of Beyond Payments, the Innovation and New Business Incubator division of the Standard Bank Group.

Herman has an MBA degree from the University of Witwatersrand (Wits) and a BSc. in Engineering from the same institution. Herman lectures at Wits and GIBS (Gordon Institute of Business Science) on their MBA and Executive Development programmes.

### **Philipp Meyer**



Philipp Meyer works as Executive Assistant to the Board at the German machinery- and high technology company TRUMPF. In his role he is also responsible for coordinating the company's business activities in China.

Prior to this position, he completed a Ph.D. in Economics and International Commercial Law at the University of Hohenheim and the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law.

Philipp authored several publications on Chinese tax and investment law and holds a Master degree in International Business Administration of the University of Mannheim.

### **Dr Roze Phillips**



Roze holds the position of Management Consulting lead and Geographic Council member for Accenture Africa, and Board member of Accenture South Africa. She also serves as the Innovation lead, creating the enablers for Accenture to lead Innovation on the continent, collaborating with others. Roze has over 20 years of experience in consulting to consumer related industry clients across the value chain with the intent of driving better strategic and sustainable outcomes while transforming business and improving wellbeing in Africa.

Working at the intersection of business and technology, Roze now assists leaders from industry (public, private, start-up and academic sectors) to unleash the business and societal value that can be unlocked when digital technologies, including intelligent machines (AI) work collaboratively with empowered human beings to create the Future of WORK on the continent.

Roze is Executive Sponsor and member of the Board of Trustees for BORN to SUCCEED, a Public Benefit Organisation dedicated to helping young South African women with the necessary skills and mentorship to prepare for the workplace and find employment.

By invitation, Roze serves on the Business Consultative Forum ICT Sector Task Team, a government-business partnership aimed at utilising the ICT sector to foster innovation and economic development of the Gauteng province and its contribution to South Africa's economic growth and competitiveness.

Additional to her Accenture responsibilities, Roze also serves as non-executive Director on SPEAR REIT, a property portfolio investment company focused on the Cape Town area, the first black woman to be holding such position.

## Philipp Zindler



Philipp Zindler is the Managing Director of Detecon International CASA Office South Africa, responsible for the sub-Saharan region of Africa and Member of the International Management Board of Detecon International GmbH.

Key consulting areas are, Digital Transformation; Strategy; Corporate Governance and Transactional Advisory for sectors such as Public, ITC, Logistics and Power.

## Alphonzo Samuels



Alphonzo Samuels joined Telkom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 1984. He is a 34-year veteran and held various positions in the organisation, currently in the position of Chief Executive Officer for Openserve.

Prior to this appointment, he served as the Chief Technology Officer at Telkom, the Managing Executive: Network Infrastructure Provisioning and the Group Executive: Wholesale and Marketing Operations. He has also held various senior management positions in numerous divisions during his tenure at Telkom, including Broadband Technology, Planning, Engineering, Operations, Capital Project Management and Human Resources. He has completed a nine-month assignment with SBC (AT&T) in 1998.

## Envir Fraser



Envir is a Partner in deal team with a primary focus on portfolio company management. He also oversees the research, regulatory, policy and strategic business development functions.

Prior to joining Convergence Partners, Envir worked in the public sector for 10 years both at provincial and national government. This included 5 and a half years at the Department of Communications (DOC) responsible for Internet and telecommunications policy and legislation. Following his time at the DOC, he was the research and development manager at the Meraka Institute, a ICT research and development institute based at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (“CSIR”), whose establishment he was intimately involved with.

Envir serves on the Boards of some of Convergence Partners portfolio companies, as a Trustee of the Convergence Partners’ social venture capital foundation and staff trust. He is also a member of various advisory committees which includes Meraka Institute’s Research Advisory Panel and FTTH Council Africa’s regulatory and policy sub-committee.

## Lebo Nke



Lebo Nke leads partnerships and advocacy efforts at Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator where she engages with Harambee’s partners across the private, public and social sectors.

Lebo brings 18 years of experience in organisational change management, having worked at Accenture and De Beers Group before serving as the Managing Director of Converse Consulting and Management Services, which was acquired by Ernst & Young. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Economic History from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa and a Master’s degree in Consulting and Coaching for Change from INSEAD – France, Fontainebleau Campus.

## Prof Saurabh Sinha



Prof Sinha obtained his B. Eng, M. Eng and Ph.D. degrees in Electronic Engineering from the University of Pretoria (UP). As a published researcher, he has authored or co-authored over 110 publications in peer-reviewed journals and at international conferences. Prof Sinha served UP for over a decade; his last service being as Director of the Carl and Emily Fuchs Institute for Microelectronics, Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering.

On 1 October 2013, Prof Sinha was appointed as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment (FEBE) at the University of Johannesburg (UJ). Prof Sinha is currently the UJ Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Internationalisation. Among other leading roles, Prof Saurabh Sinha also served the IEEE as a Board of Director and IEEE Vice-President: Educational Activities.

## Juliane Petrich



Juliane Petrich is head of education at Bitkom, the German Association for IT, Telecommunications and New Media.

She oversees the education policy and communicates the positions of Bitkom and its members at both federal and state level. Juliane drives forward projects for a future-oriented education system. Prior to Bitkom, Juliane has gained work experience at federal agencies and several companies, including Allianz and Lufthansa. She holds a Master Degree in Communication Science.

## Shafika Isaacs



Shafika Isaacs is an international digital learning consultant, community builder and professional coach. She currently serves as Technical Advisor to UNESCO and as Research Associate at the University of Johannesburg's Centre for Education Practice Research based in Soweto.

She has worked on digital learning policy, programmes and research in many countries including as senior advisor to the Department of Basic Education; and built and serviced numerous grassroots community and international organisations.

She serves on the governing boards of global and local organisations, including as Chair of the Telkom Foundation and GreenMatter, as Trustee of The Lewis Foundation, as Board member of Bridge and on the International Advisory Panel of Hundred.org. In 2017 she won the Woman of Stature 2017 Woman of the Year Award. She has published widely on digital learning in Africa.

## Toby Shapshak



Toby Shapshak writes and speaks about how innovation is better in Africa. His TED Global talk on how Africa is solving real problems has had over 1,4-million views; and he has been featured in the New York Times. Toby is the editor-in-chief and publisher of Stuff magazine. He is a contributor to Forbes and writes a weekly column for the Financial Mail.

He believes Africa is a mobile-driven continent, about which he has written for CNN, The Guardian in London and for Forbes. He is writing a book on innovation in Africa, looking at how the problems Africa is solving for itself will benefit the rest of the world.

He has spoken at numerous conferences about innovation in Africa, including TED Global in Edinburgh (2013) – which has nearly as many views as Richard Branson and Al Gore. Toby has spoken four times at the South by South West (SxSW) conference in Austin, Texas, on South Africa's tech landscape (2011); on how mobile drives African innovation (2013); and how music is being

consumed (2014); and how innovation is better in Africa (2017). He also spoke at Intel's IDF conference in San Francisco.

Toby was named in *GQ's* top 30 men in media and the *Mail & Guardian* newspaper's 300 influential young South Africans list; and has won the ICT Journalist of the Year. *GQ* said he "has become the most high-profile technology journalist in the country" while the *M&G* wrote: "Toby Shapshak is all things tech... he reigns supreme as the major talking head for everything and anything tech."

As a news and political journalist, he ran *Mail & Guardian* newspaper's website when it was the first news site in Africa, shadowed Nelson Mandela when he was president, and covered the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He has interviewed a range of tech industry luminaries, including Apple co-founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak. He has also spoken at The Guardian's Activate: Johannesburg on innovation out of necessity, Germany's Zukunftskongress (Future Congress), Sweden's The Conference, AfricaCom in Cape Town, TEDxGateway in Mumbai, Pivot East in Nairobi, and Tech4Africa in Joburg.

### Lee Naik



Lee Naik is the CEO of TransUnion Africa and is recognised as one of South Africa's leading digital and technology transformation experts. He leads a portfolio of TransUnion's businesses in using big data and information services to help consumers and organisations make more informed decisions. In his previous role, Lee spent almost 19 years at Accenture where he served as the Managing Director of Accenture Digital, helping organisations transform their businesses to remain competitive in an increasingly digital world. Prior to that Lee was the Managing Director of Accenture's Technology Strategy business.

Lee is a frequent speaker and commentator and was recognised as a global top 10 technology commentator in the 2015 LinkedIn Top Voices awards. He is also a recipient of the 2015 Standard Bank Rising Stars award.

### Stafford Masie



Stafford Masie has been in the IT industry for more than 20 years. Through the early 90's he worked for Telkom after returning from Israel where he lived for several years. He went on to join Dimension Data before launching his first tech-startup and then joined Novell South Africa. Nine months later he moved to their corporate headquarters in Utah, USA.

During his seven years in the USA, he played a significant role in the global open source software arena and was responsible for international partnerships and corporate technology strategy for a number of international territories. He returned to South Africa in 2004 as country manager for Novell and in 2007 developed and launched Google South Africa's local presence and becoming Google Africa's regional director.

Stafford is an investor in several leading-edge technology start-ups and works closely with a number of local blue-chip companies. He lectures on several executive MBA programs for GIBS, Henley School of Business and Wits Business School and is a non-executive board member of Advtech where they are driving change in our education sectors.

Stafford is the Founder of thumbzup.com which invented ABSA's Payment Pebble and Payment Handset which launched in South Africa. They went on to launch in Australia and New Zealand and will soon be seen in the Asia Pacific region. A regular industry media guest, he provides insights and views on technology-related matters.

## Alexander Gaus

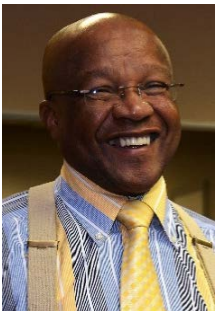


Alexander Gaus is a project manager at the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) in Berlin. His research and consulting work focuses on innovation in development, humanitarian assistance, and monitoring and evaluation. At GPPi, Alexander currently leads a study on the implications of the automation revolution in Sub-Saharan Africa and manages the evaluation component of an international public sector reform.

Prior to this, he managed a process for civil society organisations in the European Union and the United States to provide input on the nexus of security and development, which was jointly implemented by GPPi, InterAction, and Saferworld. Earlier, he managed a research project on humanitarian food assistance, and contributed to GPPi's work on monitoring and evaluation.

In addition to his work at GPPi, Alexander is co-founder and co-director of Between|ness, a consulting company focused on network analysis and organisational development. He advises non-profit and for-profit clients on building communities and teams, strengthening networks, and organisational change. Alexander holds a PhD in political science from the University of Potsdam with a focus on network governance and organisational politics. He holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Freiburg, and received a Diplôme d'Administration et Politique Internationale from the Université Pierre Mèndes France in Grenoble, France. He also holds a postgraduate diploma in public management from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

## Themba TC Dlamini



Mr. Dlamini is the former Chief Executive Officer for the Public Protector of South Africa (PPSA).

Prior to joining PPSA, he was the Chief Executive Officer of the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MMDA). Furthermore, he was the former Managing Director of the Black Management Forum, the Chief Executive Officer of the National Gambling Board (NGB), the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) and Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA). In addition, he was the former Deputy Director- General responsible for Corporate Services and Governance at the Department of Science and Technology.

Other positions he has held includes: Special Advisor to Minister of Labour; Chief Director responsible for Corporate Services at the Provincial Department of Health in the North West; Manager responsible for Regulatory Affairs at Telkom; a Project leader at the DBSA and Research Assistant at The Urban Foundation. He holds a Diploma in Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics (Cum Laude), and a Master of Arts in Development Economics degree. He served on the Boards the Metropolitan Trading Company (MTC) ; National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBR). He is currently a board member of the North West Development Corporation (NWDC); the Chairperson of the National Library of South Africa (NLSA) and a Commissioner on the National Planning Commission (NPC).

## David Gregosz



David Gregosz is the Coordinator for International Economic Policy, European and International Department at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Berlin and has conducted events on "Managing the Digital Revolution" in various countries around the world together with the respective KAS country offices and their local partners.

He completed a joint degree in Political Science (Diploma) and Economics (Bachelors) in Marburg. He is an alumnus of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. Since the beginning of 2009, David Gregosz has worked for the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Berlin and Santiago de Chile on Economic Issues.