

“CREATING JOBS AGAINST ALL ODDS”
 The challenges and opportunities facing small businesses.

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TIME:	TOPIC:	PANELLISTS:
08:00 – 08:30	Registration	
08:30 – 08:45	Opening Comments	<p>Bernard Swanepoel: 2017 SBI President</p>  <p>Bernard Swanepoel is a partner at To-The-Point Growth Specialists and THINKspiration. He serves as non-executive director on the boards of Impala, Zimplats, Eqstra and African Rainbow Minerals Limited. Previous roles include CEO and Chairman of Village Main Reef Limited and CEO of Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited. He is the Chairman of the Annual Joburg Indaba as well as a former Vice-President of the AHI. He is Chairman and Managing partner of MMC.</p>
08:45 – 09:15	Keynote Address	<p>Dr. Mathews Phosa: Former President: AHI; Former Premier Mpumalanga; NEC ANC</p>  <p>Dr Mathews Phosa is a prominent political and business leader in South Africa. Dr Phosa qualified with a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of the North and later was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree (PhD (in Law) from Boston University, USA in 1995. He was appointed by President Nelson Mandela as the first Premier of Mpumalanga. He held this position until 1999 after which he became a member of the National Executive Committee of the ANC. In 2007 Dr Phosa was elected Treasurer-General, a position he held until 2012. Dr Phosa is the chairman of various boards, including Jubilee Platinum, SMEC, Hans Merensky, Vuka Timbers, Renaissance Capital, Bauba Platinum, and MCLI to name a few. Dr Phosa is a prolific author who speaks nine languages.</p>
09:15 – 10:15	Panel 1:	Setting the scene: the political & economic environment.
	Moderator	<p>Tim Cohen: Editor Business Day</p>  <p>Tim Cohen is the editor of Business Day. He began his journalism career on Dome newspaper, the official student newspaper of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, whose production schedule was largely dependent on the availability of beer. He graduated to the last outpost, The Natal Witness, which was fuelled by tea, but was subsequently lured to the coffee-infused domain of Business Day. On Business Day, he was political correspondent, finance editor, London correspondent and editor at large, among a variety of other posts. It was probably the coffee.</p>
		<p>Mondli Makhanya: Editor City Press</p>  <p>Mondli Makhanya is Editor-in-Chief of City Press and has been in the media industry for more than 26 years. He has been editor of the Mail & Guardian, the Sunday Times and deputy news editor and Executive Editor at the Star. He was one of the founding editors of Sunday World. Makhanya has also served as Chairperson of the South African National Editors Forum and as Treasurer of The African Editors' Forum.</p>





Jana Marais: Finweek

Jana Marais is a financial journalist who has worked for Bloomberg, Sunday Times and The Africa Report. She is currently the editor of finweek, a business and investment magazine.



Thabi Leoka: Economist - Argon asset management

Ph D & M Sc (Economics) London School of Economics, UK, MA (International Economics) Wits University (first-class and recipient of a Merit award), BA (Wits University). Thabi is our Economic Strategist, reporting to the Chief Investment Officer. She provides important input into the work of our Macro Desk (multi asset and fixed income teams).



Lumkile Mondli: Senior Lecturer at Wits, School of Economic & Business Sciences

Lumkile Mondli is Senior Lecturer at the Wits School of Economic & Business Sciences. He has held several directorships, including non-executive director of Arcelor Mittal SA, KWV Ltd, and was an economic advisor to the Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for South Africa. Lumkile was chief economist and vice-president of the Industrial Development Corporation.

10:15 – 10:45

2nd Keynote Address

Doug Vining: Futurist and Business Strategist



Doug Vining has 35 years business experience and three business degrees, including an MBA from Wits Business School. Doug is an experienced technology and strategy consultant, with a particular emphasis on disruptive technologies driving the fourth industrial revolution. His abiding fascination with emerging technology of all types, from nanotech and biotech to 3D printing and clean energy, is only eclipsed by his firm conviction that digital communication technology is behind the exponential growth in knowledge in recent decades. Doug is chief technology guru at the FutureWorld Global Network and is the Editor of MindBullets: News from the Future.

10:45 – 11:30

Brunch

11:30 – 12:30

Panel 2:

Perspectives on the economy: Relationship between government & SME's

Moderator



Christo Botes: Executive Director Business Partners Ltd

Christo Botes is an Executive Director at Business Partners Limited, the country's premier private sector provider of risk capital to SMEs. His experience in supporting entrepreneurs not only with risk financing, but also with capacity building through value added support stretches over more than 31 years. His role in identifying and acknowledging the heroes in entrepreneurship and job creation also stretch over more than 25 years with his intricate involvement in the Sanlam and Business Partners Entrepreneur of the Year Award. He also serves on the board of BUSA and the Advisory Board of the North West University School of Business and Governance. His studies in the accounting profession were at the University of Stellenbosch and UNISA. He is also the immediate past president of the SBi (previously the AHi) where he also for many years chaired the expert desk for small and medium businesses. He is often a spokesperson for and on behalf of SMEs in the media and on public platforms.



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Prof Edith Vries: Director General (DG) of Department of Small Business Development

Edith Vries is the DG of the Department of Small Business Development. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science, an Honours Degree in Psychiatric Social Work and a Masters Social Science specialising in Clinical Social Work. Vries is a fellow of the South Africa Harvard Fellowship Programme and of the Wits-Harvard Senior Executive Programme. She is a Gestalt practitioner and ultimately served as Acting Vice-Rector: Student Affairs at UWC. Vries has been Executive Director at the Independent Development Trust and Director-General of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.



David French: CA(SA) Taxation Director

Extensive experience in International Tax, Financial Services and Financial Instruments
Previously reviewing and approving technical opinions for assessments in the Transfer Pricing division of SARS
Provides training and review of all technical taxation opinions
Technical expert in Direct Tax
Experience in Transfer Pricing
Support audit teams in all taxation related matters
Assisted clients in drafting taxation opinion on a number of technical tax matters
Experience in structured private equity deals as well as transaction tax acquisitions
Experience in taxation of Southern African countries, including Zambia, Namibia, Swaziland and Lesotho



Chris Darroll: CEO of the small Business Project Research Think Tank

Chris Darroll is the founder and Chief Executive of Small Business Project, SBP. SBP specialises in undertaking targeted and robust evidence-based research to inform government policy-making, support SME development and job creation, assist in improving the efficiency of regulatory frameworks and administrative procedures for private sector growth. Chris has more than 26 years' experience in private sector development, with a special focus on SMEs and job creation. Chris has served as an advisor to several key South African and African government Ministers on addressing constraints to private sector growth and SME development in particular. Chris was a primary architect of the pan-African Investment Climate Facility for Africa.

12:30 – 13:00

3rd Keynote Address



Bonang Mohale: CEO Business Leadership SA (BLSA)

Bonang currently is the Chief Executive Officer of BLSA and until June 2017 he was the Vice President Upstream and Chairman of Shell Downstream South Africa (Pty) Limited, where he was Chairman of the boards of Shell South Africa Holdings (Pty) Ltd; Shell Downstream South Africa (Pty) Ltd; Shell South Africa Refinery (Pty) Ltd and South African Petroleum Refinery (SAPREF). He had country responsibilities for the Oil, Chemical, Aviation, Marine and Lubricants global businesses and is operationally accountable for the Retail; Fuels & Bitumen; Supply & Distribution classes of businesses as well as Finance; Legal; HR; Safety (HSSE) and Transformation classes of functions.

13:00 – 14:00

Panel 3:

Creating opportunities out of challenges.

Moderator



Dr. Ernest Messina: SBI CEO

Ernest Messina is CEO of SBI. A businessman with two master's degrees and a DPhil in History, he is chairperson of Groot Constantia, co-chairperson of Smile 90.4FM and serves on the boards of the Du Toit Group and Isipani Construction. He has been chairperson of the Franschhoek Empowerment and Conservation Trust, a director of Bridge House School and the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, Chairperson of the Franschhoek Valley Transformation Charter and a director of National Scrap Metal.



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Murendi Mafumo: Kusini Water Plans

Murendi Mafumo is a water scientist with 10 years' experience working within the water and sanitation sector. He started off working within the City of Cape Town as a water scientist, looking at developing systems for a city that only receives winter rains, he worked as part of a team of scientists in design and monitoring water treatment systems for the City of Cape Town. He studied water treatment technology through the University of Cape Town and is founder of Kusini Water.



Ndumiso Madlala: Ubuntu Kraal Brewery

Ndumiso Madlala was born and raised in the village of Elandskop in Pietermaritzburg. He is a Chemical Engineer by profession. After graduating in 2001 he got a scholarship to further his studies at the University of Twente in the Netherlands. His Masters thesis introduced him to what would later become his passion, beer. He returned to SA and briefly worked for Sasol before SAB poached him. He later worked for Heineken to set up their only brewery in South Africa and subsequently joined SABMiller Africa looking after 25 breweries in 14 African countries. Ndumiso left corporate world to follow his entrepreneurial passion. He found brand Soweto Gold - a craft beer that was the first to be brewed in a township. After successfully running the company for 4 years he joined forces in August 2017 with the worlds' second largest brewer, Heineken to make Soweto Gold one of the household beer brands in South Africa.



Ashwin Willemse: Entrepreneur & Activist

Ashwin Willemse is a retired South African rugby union player. He played at wing for the national team, the Springboks. He was one of the outstanding performers during the 2003 season.



Princess Ndiweni: Shandos

Princess Ndiweni is a business owner and founder of Shando's Construction Pty Ltd. I grew up in Alexandra Township and lived in Joburg all my life. Princess worked for many years in the corporate world after which she did her BBA and a few years down the line she then decided to start her own business. In 2011 she started Shando's Construction. In 2015 I had an opportunity to feature on the Drum magazine for the business publication which opened some new doors for the business. In 2016 my company was part of the 4th Annual SA Premier business Award, of which Shando's Construction was selected in two categories which were: The Woman Owned Company Award and Enterprise development support award. In 2017 I also had an opportunity to be part of the Enterprise Women SA 2017 of which I was a finalist and came 3rd, and, I was the finalist on the Fair Lady Magazine women of the Future 2017.



Annie Malan: Actress and Business Woman

Annie Malan established Annie Malan Promotions in 2003, where she continues to serve as CEO. Honoured recently as a "Winning Woman" by EY at their World Entrepreneur Conference in Monaco, Malan had more experience under her belt before the age of 21 than many people achieve in a lifetime. At 19 she was made a director for Ferreira Brokers (Later Unifer), receiving the Wolraad Woltemade award from Old Mutual for most sales nationwide. She was awarded as one of the Top Ten Brokers Nationwide for New Business at age 20 and went on to serve as director for various healthcare entities in the IT sector. She was sales director of "The Media" and head of Consumer Promotions for Primedia.

14:00

Conclusion



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