

EVENT SPEAKERS



Tiro Matjiu

Tiro Matjiu, affectionately known as Mr. T, is a seasoned Market Access and Business Development specialist with extensive experience in supporting entrepreneurs in building sustainable businesses. His corporate background includes tenure at Nestlé, AVI, and EOH, where he honed his expertise in market access and business development.

Over a decade ago, Mr. T transitioned from corporate life to focus on entrepreneurship projects aimed at building authentic South African

brands that can thrive in the local economy. Notably, he successfully led Mofaya Beverages Company from its inception, securing a foothold in the South African retail market. Mr.T has made contributions to the growth of brands such as DRIP, Chuck Chilli, TOYS WITH ROOTS, YOCOCO, MORGIN, AU GOLD and many others.

Throughout his career, Mr. T has mentored and advised over 500 entrepreneurs through various programs at esteemed organizations such as SASOL, Nelson Mandela University, Allan Gray, Department of Tourism, Commercial Transport Academy, and many more. His expertise and guidance have enabled entrepreneurs to build sustainable enterprises that leave a lasting legacy.

Today, Mr. T remains the go-to specialist for entrepreneurs seeking to establish and grow their businesses. His wealth of knowledge and experience make him an invaluable resource for those navigating the complexities of market access and business development.



Adv Mtho Xulu

Adv. Mtho Xulu holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree and a Master of Laws (LLM) degree from the University of South Africa (UNISA). His areas of specialization include Commercial Law and Corporate Governance. After completing his LLB degree, Adv. Xulu was admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa in 2011.

As a National Business leader, he holds the following positions:

1. Founding CEO and Executive Director of JSX Investments (Pty) Ltd (an investment holding company with business interests in 8 economic sectors in South Africa),
2. President of the South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI),
3. Member of the Institute of Directors in South Africa (IoDSA),
4. Non- Executive Director of the Community Scheme Ombud Service (CSOS),
5. Chairman of the BRICS Business Council Trade and Investment Working Group,
6. Member of the National Governing Council of the African Peer Review Mechanism (also serving as the Chairman of the Corporate Governance Workstream),
7. Board member of Bombela Concession Company, the current concessionaire of the Gautrain,
8. Governing Committee member of the South African Photovoltaic Industry Association (SAPVIA),
9. Board member of IQ Business,
10. Former Board member of the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), and
11. Former Board member of Business Unity South Africa (BUSA).



Alan Mukoki

CEO OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Alan Mukoki has had many years' experience working as a senior executive, board level executive and non-executive director for various major private and public entities in South Africa, including, amongst others, Khula Finance, Business Partners, Peoples Bank, Land and Agricultural Bank, Nedbank, Denel.

Alan is a founder member of Pacific Atlantic Capital and Hloma BCI Investments, both companies have been involved in the identification and acquisition of BEE opportunities in various sectors.

Alan studied banking, strategy, finance, and the management of mega projects at the University of Oxford, where he graduated with both the Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Strategy, as well as the Master of Science (MSc) in Mega Projects Management. He is a Certified Associate CAIB (SA) and Fellow (FIBSA) of the Institute of Bankers in South Africa. Alan also completed the (MAP) at Wits, the (SEP) at Wits University, the (SEP) at Wits/Harvard, the Postgraduate Diploma in Company Direction from GIMT, the Executive Development Programme University of New York and the Advanced Management Programme (AMP) at Harvard Business School.

He was appointed as CEO of the South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry in July 2015.



Andre Fourie

Andre Fourie, a visionary technopreneur and fintech specialist whose expertise extends far beyond the confines of conventional business. Andre is not only a master in structuring diversified company structures and driving innovative projects in finance switching, eCommerce, and alternative payment technologies, but he also has a profound passion for unlocking the potential of wildlife ranching and tourism as key contributors to our economy.

Beyond his business acumen, Andre is deeply committed to nature conservation. As a qualified field guide registered with FGASA, he is actively involved in initiatives aimed at preserving our planet's precious wildlife and natural habitats. Today, Andre continues to explore the untapped potential of wildlife ranching and tourism, advocating for their role in enriching our economy and enhancing our connection to the natural world.