

**“CREATING JOBS AGAINST ALL ODDS”**

The challenges and opportunities facing small businesses.

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TIME:	TOPIC:	PANELLISTS:
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>	
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Opening Comments</b>	<p><b>Bernard Swanepoel: SBI Chairman @zbswanepoel</b></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>
09:15 – 09:45	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<p><b>Lindiwe Zulu – Minister of Small Business Development @LindiweZulu6</b></p> <p>Lindiwe Zulu (MP) is the Minister of Small Business Development in South Africa. She is a member of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the African National Congress (ANC). Minister Zulu is particularly interested in issues relating to the strengthening of institutions of governance, multiparty democracy, community development and promoting a culture of entrepreneurship and the economic empowerment of women and youth. She believes that the entrepreneurship will provide both poverty reduction and economic growth benefits.</p>
09:45 – 09:50	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	<b>Minister of Small Business Development</b>
09:50 – 10:10	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<p><b>Dan Mashitsho: Director-General Cooperative Governance &amp; Traditional Affairs (CoGTA)</b></p> <p>Dan Mashitsho is currently the Director-General of the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. He was the Director-General of the Department of Water and Sanitation where he was ex officio, Sherpa to the State President on matters relating to the United Nation's High Level Panel on Water (HLPW). He has extensive experience spanning over 22 years, particularly in the field of Local Government and Public Service in general. He served the Gauteng Government for a period of ten years in various capacities. He served as a Municipal Manager for a period of 12 years. It was during his tenure as the Municipal Manager that he founded and was elected Chairperson of the Institute of South African Municipal Accounting Officers (ISMAAO). He holds a Bachelor's degree and Post graduate qualifications in various academic fields including Law, Management, Politics, Business Administration and Industrial Psychology from the Universities of Witwatersrand( Wits), Johannesburg (UJ) and Management College of Southern Africa (MANCOSA ).</p>



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## Panel 1:

## The importance of Local Government and Business Chambers working together; Challenges and opportunities.

## Moderator


**Siki Mgabadeli: News anchor & SBI Director @sikimgabadel**

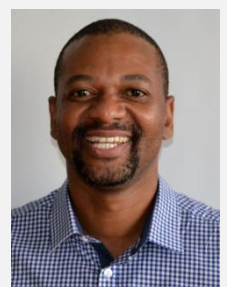
Siki Mgabadeli is an award-winning financial journalist. She has worked for various broadcasters in South Africa as a reporter, producer, anchor and editor. Her well-rounded grasp of business and politics has seen her anchor various TV current affairs programmes, most notably, the acclaimed ENCA and eTV programme, The Big Debate. She holds an Honours Degree in Journalism from Rhodes University. She has been featured in the M&G SA Book of Women, and the M&G Young South Africans publications.


**Dr Makhosi Khoza: OUTA @Dr\_MakhosiKhoza**

Makhosi Khoza is a Civil Activist and former Member of Parliament who served as chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Public Service and Administration. She holds a PhD in Public Administration and a Master's Degree in Social Science. The corruption and maladministration in the local sphere of government led her to join OUTA as an Executive Director and Head of their Local Division.


**Dawie Roodt: Chief Economist Efficient Group @Dawie\_Roodt**

Dawie Roodt is a founder, Director and Chief Economist of the Efficient Group. He serves on a variety of investment committees within the Efficient Group. Dawie's latest role is that of Chairmen of Efficient Private Clients, of which Efficient Group is the majority shareholder. Dawie is a nationally renowned economist, with over 30 years' experience. He specialises in monetary and fiscal policy and is involved with the management of client asset portfolios. His interest in international and local politics has grown and he has become knowledgeable in the field of politics as well. Dawie is ranked the most referenced economists in the country and received the prestigious Economist of the year award by Sake 24, a media house. He has been the anchor presenter of the television program Ontbytsake for the past 15 years.


**Sithole Mbanga: CEO SA Cities Network @SACitiesNetwork**

Sithole Mbanga has been with the South African Cities Network (SACN) since 2002. He is arguably one of the most knowledgeable people in the country about the journey that our current system of local government has travelled, and particularly the evolution of our municipalities. He has been a consistent advocate and informant of the urban development agenda for over a decade and has helped steadily grow the influence and contributions of the SACN to improving urban governance practice and analysis. Sithole was previously the Local Government Coordinator at the National Business Initiative (NBI), was involved with conducting capacity building training in Municipal Service Partnership (MSP), and participated in the development of the then National Department of Local Government's (DPLG) national policy on Integrated Development Planning (IDP). Sithole's contributions are well recognized in political and technical circles in South Africa. Reputed for a "no holds barred", creative and dynamic approach to tackling issues, he has been continually sought after to advise municipal and party leadership, contribute to various Boards (e.g. SANPARKS), and speak at various engagements.





**Morné Seaman: SBI Provincial Chairman KwaZulu-Natal**  
**@morne\_seaman**

Morne Seaman is the Managing Director and Co-founder of Ethemba Computers and Consulting, which is a value added Information Technology company supplying, implementing and maintaining hardware and software that are complimented by the provision of associated Consulting, support services and solutions. He became involved in the local Business chamber in 2009 and was elected to the management in 2010. He was elected as the Chamber president in 2015 and again 2017. He was elected SBI KZN Chairman in 2018. His main drive is to build better working relations between government and business to create an inclusive economy where entrepreneurs can lead the way and provide employment.

11:00 – 11:05

**Q & A**

**To the panel**

11:05 – 11:25

**Keynote address**



**Paul Mashatile: Treasurer General of the ANC @PaulMashatile**

Prior to his election as Treasurer General, Paul Mashatile was serving as the Provincial Chairperson of the ANC in the Gauteng Province. He's served the organization in various capacities throughout his political activism. Boasting a vast experience in government Mashatile has previously held several portfolios in government, having served as Minister of Arts and Culture, Gauteng Premier and the MEC for Human Settlement and Cooperative Governance.

11:25 – 12:25

**Panel 2:  
Moderator**



**The business environment of the future.**

**John Dlodlu: Columnist Business Day**

John Dlodlu was educated at Rhodes University where he read journalism and media studies, industrial psychology as well as creative writing. He holds a BA and an MA from the same institution. A journalist and writer by profession, he is the founder of Orwell Group of Companies. He has written extensively for a range of publications in South Africa and abroad including Africa Today and New African. His work experience has included stints at The Financial Times and I-Net. He writes a political economy column for Business Day where he spent nine-and-half years in various capacities, and was editor of Sowetan in 2002-2004.

**Presentation:  
11:25 – 11:40**



**Toby Shapshak @shapshak**

Toby Shapshak is editor-in-chief and publisher of Stuff, a Forbes contributor and a Financial Mail columnist. He has been writing about technology and the internet for 20 years and his TED Global talk on innovation in Africa has nearly 1,5-million views (and has nearly as many views as Richard Branson). He has written about Africa's tech and start-up ecosystem for Forbes, CNN and The Guardian in London. He was named in GQ's top 30 men in media and the Mail & Guardian newspaper's influential young South Africans. He has been featured in the New York Times. GQ said he "has become the most high-profile technology journalist in the country". He's been running his own small business for 18 years.

**Presentation:  
11:40 – 11:55**



**Justine Limpitlaw: LINK Centre University of Witwatersrand**  
**@JustineLimLaw**

Justine Limpitlaw - BA LLB (Wits) LLM (Yale) - is an independent communications law consultant a Visiting Adjunct Professor with the LINK Centre at the University of the Witwatersrand. She specializes in broadcasting, media, telecommunications, Internet and space and satellite law. She is an expert in drafting legislation, regulations and policies for electronic communications regulation. She is the author of two two-volume books, the Media Law Handbook for Southern Africa and the Media Law Handbook for Eastern Africa, all of which include extensive analysis of broadcasting and online regulatory environments. She has given lectures on various communications-law issues at a number of universities including: the University of the Witwatersrand, the University of Pretoria, Rhodes University as well as Columbia and Oxford Universities.



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**Presentation**  
11:55 – 12:10



**Ian Bessarabia: ConsenSys**

Ian Bessarabia, holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Business Management and Economics from the University of South Africa and a Diploma in Strategic Business Management from the University of Cape Town. Working collaboratively with financial market players, central banks and regional bodies across Sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on improving business processes, and his passion for community upliftment through technology is what drives him to educate the broader market of the benefits to come. He thrives on mentoring start-ups and early-stage initiatives looking at deploying technology for social good. As an ethical protagonist, he is also a participant of the Ethics and Governance Think Tank, run by The University of Pretoria's Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIB's), under the stewardship of Rabbi Gideon Pogrand. Having held senior positions in various industry initiatives throughout his career, he is now tasked to support the implementation of enterprise Blockchain solution as Head of South African Operations at ConsenSys a New York based company.

**Presentation**  
12:10 – 12:25



**Devon Krantz: Linum Labs @Devkrz**

Devon Krantz is the Managing Director and Co-founder of Linum Labs, a blockchain initiative impacting the health and identity sectors, with its roots grown in Cape Town, South Africa. Devon and her team have been building blockchain products, focusing on the next evolution of molecular research and development in the pharmaceutical industry. They also direct resources towards building blockchain communities across Africa and Europe to inspire unique solution development and free thinking."

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**Conclusion & closing remarks**  
**Lunch and Networking**



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