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SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC: BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION

ALEX VAN DEN HEEVER
AND RENIAS MHLONGO

SPEAKER TOPIC:

Power of Relationships



Alex van den Heever earned the title of Senior Tracker Evaluator in 2004, making him the youngest to achieve this distinction. He is instrumental in the success of the Tracker Academy in South Africa.

Renias Mhlongo is from a family of hunter gatherers in the greater Kruger National Park. He is regarded as one of the best Trackers in the world and plays a fundamental role in teaching others the ancient skill of tracking in the wilderness.

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& RENIAS' INTRO VIDEO



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC: BRANDING

DR ALISTAIR MOKOENA

SPEAKER TOPIC:

Self-mastery



Dr Alistair Mokoena is an international keynote speaker and a Chartered Marketer with 27 years' blue chip corporate experience. Some of his previous roles include Unilever Brand Manager, SABMiller Marketing Manager, Absa Head of Marketing, Ogilvy South Africa Chief Executive Officer and Google South Africa Country Director. He's the author of a self-effectiveness book called "Servings of self-mastery" which was featured in Exclusive Books' prestigious HomeBru Campaign in May 2024.

He is currently an Extraordinary Professor of Practice at the North-West University Business School, and visiting faculty at local and international business schools including the University of Oxford Said Business School. He has published many articles, presented conference papers, reviewed and co-authored numerous books. His academic qualifications include Bcom, LLB, MDP (Management Development Programme), EDP (Executive Development Programme), MBA, PhD, and he is in the process of completing a DBA (Doctor of Business Administration).

He has received many industry awards over the years including the Global Brands Magazine's Best Advertising and Marketing Leader Award in South Africa (2019), North-West University's Alumni Excellence Award for Business Leadership (2023), a Finalist in the IMM (Institute of Marketing Management) Marketing Excellence Awards (2023) and Rhodes University Distinguished Alumni Award (2024).

Dr Mokoena is also a philanthropist. In March 2024 he established the Dr Alistair Mokoena Education Fund at Rhodes University, North-West University and the University of Johannesburg which supports students that cannot afford university fees. He is passionate about bridging the digital divide and is an advocate for the role that responsible Artificial Intelligence can play in making the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals a reality in our lifetime.

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ALISTAIR'S INTRO VIDEO



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
ENTERTAINMENT

OFENTSE PITSE & ORCHESTRA



A Creative Visionary inspired and enchanted by the African Continent; Ofentse Pitse is an enthusiast. An enthusiast of art, music, architecture and Africa. At 32, she holds a Masters Degree in Architecture from South Africa's University of the Witwatersrand. A creative visionary with a deep desire to showcase the work of Black African composers, she is also the founder of the pioneering Anchored Sound, the first-ever fully black owned and operated orchestra on the continent.

Born in Pretoria, it was here in the country's vibrant capital where Ofentse first discovered her deep and abiding love for music, following in the footsteps of her grandfather Otto Pitse who was a well-known trumpeter. With a family that is active in the Salvation Army, in addition to learning the value of selflessness and service, Ofentse was soon attracted to its famous brand band. This is where she first learned to play the English horn, trumpet, flugelhorn and cornet. As her skill improved, so too did her range and she began expanding her repertoire from gospel music into classical and then to jazz.

Today, Ofentse splits her time between her work as an architect, where she is pursuing her artistic vision for African spaces and her central role at Anchored Sound. The latter now boasts an impressive 40-piece orchestra, alongside a 25-person strong choir, though both the orchestra and the choir can scale down to core teams of 15 and 10 respectively, a unique flexibility that broadens their appeal.

In addition, Ofentse has also grown her talent, moving from musician to conductor, purely through the strength of her conviction that a black, female, orchestra conductor was a dream worth chasing.

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OFENTSE'S INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
MC'S/FACILITATORS

CASPER OELOFSEN



Casper Oelofsen is an international executive business coach and thinking partner to his clients.

His passion is to assist clients (individuals and teams) to develop best practices to increase the quality of their thinking in complex environments. He has a strong background in entrepreneurship, strategy, and business consulting. Casper is a founder of various enterprises where he's acted at both executive and non-executive levels.

Casper is a leader in assisting clients to perform in the complexity and diversity of the "world of work". He combines his knowledge and practice of business with tools and applications to help his clients understand the VUCA world, create capacity and healthy resilience in a world that is increasingly demanding. Casper is a leading expert on complexity and how applied mindfulness and the Enneagram Assessment combination can support clients to thrive, rather than just survive, in the ever changing world of today.

Casper is a sought-after presenter on Mindfulness and the impact of complexity on resilience and the quality thinking of clients in the new normal. He has taught and presented on this topic internationally. Casper was one of the founding members (Chairman of the Board Keymatrix at age 32) who then became Capitec Bank Ltd voted best bank in the world.

After the listing of Capitec on the Stock Exchange he left the company and broaden his entrepreneurial reach. He played a fundamental role in the establishment of the nationwide Cash Crusaders Retail Group, and he is still invested in small and medium size businesses. He has board-level organizational experience and understands the tough demands on leaders who constantly need to drive change and growth amidst the complexity of their environment.

Some examples of Clients of Mindful leadership: Facebook, MunichRe, Hewlett Packard, Johnson & Johnson Group, Woolworths, Santam, British Petroleum (BP), CompTIA, Beiersdorf Intl, Discovery Health, Multichoice (Mweb), Jupiter Drawing Room, Quirk, Sanlam, Nedbank, Old Mutual SA, Standard Bank, ABSA, McKinsey India, Coronation, RMB, Londolozi, Singita, Relais & Chateaux, Unilever, Goldbeck (CEE) and others.

Casper is a registered member of Comensa (Coaches and Mentors of South Africa), the Neuro leadership Institute based in Sydney Australia, The Institute for Mindfulness in South Africa (IMISA), The International Regulator of Coaching (ICRM), The International Coach Federation (ICF), The Coaching for Stress Association. Professional Member of the International Enneagram Association.

SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

LANDI JAC

SPEAKER TOPIC:

In Search of Excellence

Landi Jac's extensive travel and work in over 50 countries have given her the reputation of a Global Citizen. As CEO of the Circle of Excellence Group, Landi is known for her high levels of energy, global community, and jet-setter lifestyle as a sought-after international speaker on Peak Performance, Customer Delight, Deal-Making, Impact Speaking, and Cultural Diversity.

Her pioneering strategies for business growth and mindset potential are implemented in boardrooms, universities, and schools all over the world. Her solutions are accredited by Education Alliance Finland (EAF), a global quality standard for 21st-century skills. Landi personally works with a hand-selected group of conscious leaders who are committed to playing a bigger game in business and life.

Recognition and Awards:

- APAC Eco-Conscious Leadership Development Award
- President's Award: Global Speakers Federation
- South African Leader Honorary Award: World Women Leadership Congress

Energise your audience with Landi's world-class content, humorous stories, and globally sourced solutions.

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SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC: MC'S/FACILITATORS

NOMALANGA SITOLE



Nomalanga Sitole, is one Africa's finest storytellers and Communicator Extraordinaire. She is a rare combination of entrepreneur, Inspirational Speaker, Facilitator, MC, Program Director / Propeller, Moderator, Voice-over-artist services, Author and TV presenter with over 20 years of broadcasting, and 15 years event management and marketing leadership experience. A multi-award winning, expert facilitator with an exceptional work ethic, Nomalanga is able to bring dynamic energy, enthusiasm, capture hearts and engage minds to any event that she hosts in-person and online.

Notable events and conferences including face-to-face, online and hybrid that she has hosted include the following: Caxton Magazine events, Mrs South Africa Semi and Quarter Finals, Lionesses of Africa Business Agility and Demo Days, Lioness Lean In Events (Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique), Lionesses of Africa-The Business of Funding Podcast (2023/2024), Financial Services staff and client events (Nedbank | Liberty | Investec | ABSA, FNB, Hollard, Access Bank South Africa), NMISA Gala Dinners, ABSIP Women's Breakfast, AWIEF Women's events, Gauteng Provincial Legislature 5th & 6th Annual Vita Basadi Awards, Set up a Start Up Southern Africa & Africa Start-up Ecosystem Builders, Ace Models International Conferences, Pick n Pay In Retail Store Announcer, Institute of Risk Management South Africa (IRMSA-3 Day Hybrid Conference), South African Institute of Black Property Practitioners (SAIBPP) Gala Dinners, Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) Gala Awards, Brand SA Business Round Table and Dialogue Session (Accra, Ghana 2023), Success Mindset Summit Series (2023), Start-Up Night Africa (The Hague, Netherlands 2023/2024), IITPSA, and ASEB (Nairobi, Kenya 2023), BRICS Business Council & Brand SA Business Breakfast (Nairobi, Kenya 2024), Circular Energy Conference (2024). As a change agent, with an entrepreneurial spirit and a global perspective she has carved out a corporate reputation as one of the best business-to-business Facilitators, MC, Program Director / Propeller and Voice Over Artist.

Nomalanga has received several awards and accolades for her work, ZAA Female Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2015, Finalist -Margaret Hirsch's Women in Business 2017/18, Finalist and 2nd Runner Up Standard Bank Top Women Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2021, Ment Her Top 20 Social Impact Founders List 2022, Identified as one of South Africa's Top Gender Empowered Companies by Standard Bank Top Women 2023, Finalist - Business Category - Africa Business Awards 2023. Through her booklet (first released in 2018 at Teenagers Youth Leadership Program Boot camp) entitled Be Authentic | Be Bold | Be You.

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NOMALANGA'S INTRO VIDEO



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SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC: INNOVATION

ALEXANDER LEIBNER

SPEAKER TOPIC:

**SHIFT Your Focus:
Unlocking the Power of Vision**



Alexander Leibner is no ordinary futurist. And he foresees no ordinary future. It goes without saying that when he speaks, it's not just a talk, but an exciting performance, painting in bold brush strokes, a picture of tomorrow, underpinned by powerful insights. He often points out that we need to become wiser in an ever 'smarter' world.

Described by The Sunday Times as a seasoned communicator, Alexander's communication skills have been honed for the past 20-years both in-front of audiences and on live television, engaging with media, the public, C-Suite leaders and government officials. He is most memorable for his energy, wit and entertaining, yet informed presentations.

Some of his career highlights include attending the Annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland and in Africa. His work has taken him to over 35 major cities in 22 countries, some more than once. Alexander holds a Bachelor Degree in Communications from BOND University Australia and a Post Graduate from the Gordon Institute of Business Science.

Whilst many have focused on running commentary of the past year, Alexander has taken much time to reflect on the unfolding pandemic with a view of delivering a fresh voice in a world of panic, uncertainty and extraordinary change. In the 2020's, we have learnt all too soon that every business has become a start-up; that if we don't plan our way forward, nobody else will; that our health has come into a new level of focus and that we are going where no-one has gone before.

Alexander is currently based out of Johannesburg, South Africa and is a member of the World Future Society, an associate with The Futurist Institute and part of Faith Popcorn's BrainReserve.

Alexander is known for his readiness to work with clients in order to deliver highly tailored presentations that are certain to stimulate and inspire. His talks are engineered to not only assist your company to think about the future today, but profit long into the future. Alexander tailors presentations to a variety of fields, including healthcare, energy, education, agriculture, finance, manufacturing, retail and investing.

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ALEX'S INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC: EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

IAN RHEEDER

SPEAKER TOPIC:

**Employee Experience (CX) Trumps
Customer Experience (CX):**
Discover Key CX Issues & The Solutions



Persuasion Science Expert:

Helping companies become more profitable, Ian Rheeder speaks on the "persuasion sciences" -- Sales, Negotiations, Leadership, Marketing and Customer Experience (CX).

In 2020 the staff and students voted him "the best lecturer" at South Africa's no.1 business school, the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS/University of Pretoria), where Ian has been part time faculty since 2007.

All his talks are customized from thousands of hours of consulting and mystery shop audits. Ian uses the latest neuroscience studies to bolster his marketing, sales and leadership talks.

Ian is a registered professional Chartered Marketer and has an MSc. in The Management Innovation (cum laude). His last big corporate position was Marketing & Sales Director of the global zipper giant, YKK.

He differentiates himself as a specialist in three disciplines: Sales, Marketing and Leadership. With abundant past career experience in both B2B and FMCG, Ian is a full time Marketing Consultant, Speaker and Author of 20 Marketing and Leadership programmes.

He started Markitects Consulting in 2005, where he draws most of his case studies or stories from. Ian grasps all aspects of sales, marketing, leadership and success, which enables him to understand a much broader range of audiences. He has hundreds of references and has trained and consulted to most industries. Having researched 40 international brands whilst at Markitects and Group Africa (now EXP Agency), he gained his broad FMCG & B2B business experience. Ian has 25-years senior marketing management, consulting and facilitation experience with major blue-chip companies.

All of this makes Ian one of the best-qualified speakers on the topic of "marketing, service, sales, leadership and success".

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IAN'S INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
INCLUSION & DIVERSITY

CASTER SEMENYA

SPEAKER TOPIC:

Success Against Odds

Caster Semenya is a South African middle-distance runner and 2016 Olympic gold medallist. She won gold in the women's 800 metres at the 2009 World Championships with a time of 1:55.45, the 2016 Summer Olympics, and the 2017 World Championships in her new personal best, 1:55.16. After the doping disqualification of Mariya Savinova, she also was awarded gold medals at the 2011 World Championships and the 2012 Summer Olympics, all in the 800 metres.

Semenya is an intersex cisgender woman, assigned female at birth, with XY chromosomes and naturally elevated testosterone levels due to 5 -Reductase deficiency. Following her victory at the 2009 World Championships, it was announced that she had been subjected to sex testing. She was withdrawn from international competition until 6 July 2010 when the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) cleared her to return. In 2019, new IAAF rules came into force preventing women such as Semenya from participating in 400m, 800m, and 1500m events unless they take medication to lower their testosterone levels.

Semenya was named one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2019.

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CASTER'S INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
ENTREPRENEURIAL

MILES KUBHEKA

Miles Kubheka, the entrepreneur, refreshing keynote speaker and author, is the poster child for the audacity of hope. Having once been employed by a leading multinational, he went out on a limb and ingeniously created a restaurant with the same name and branding as a fictional restaurant portrayed in a famous 'beeg beeg dreamer' TV ad campaign. In doing so, he catapulted into media stardom, and soon translated his innovative thinking into entrepreneurial success.

When occupying centre stage at a business symposium and delivering a keynote, Miles has a clear message of hope for multinationals and small businesses alike. If you hire the right people with an entrepreneurial mind-set, you can build new business models within your company, rather than have disgruntled employees leave and start a business in competition to your own.

His accomplishments include starting a chain of pharmacies and co-owning an IT software solutions company. His never-say-die message about going back out there every day, even when times are tough (he almost experienced bankruptcy), is something all South Africans in the business world can relate to. Driven by tenacity, optimism and self-belief, Miles is uniquely capable of inspiring audiences to dream big but execute with practicality.

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MILES' INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL GOVERNANCE (ESG)

JAPHETH MUNYW'OKI

SPEAKER TOPIC:

**SDG Initiatives - Climate Change
Financing Outlook**

Goodson Capital Partners Africa (Pty) Limited – Group CEO (Current)

- Founder of Pan African investment business which is a gateway to identifying investment destinations for capital looking for exposure in Africa.
- Entailed structuring of the business model, funding model, operational model, selection of priority countries, consortia partners' selection, drafting, negotiating & reviewing risk mitigation measures.

Reuters Africa – Head, Trading Africa

- Establishing relationships with both sell side and buy side across assets in various African markets and developing mutually beneficial relationships.
- Establishing a Pan African real time investment community (chatroom) & establishing insightful news updates for the community.
- Providing access to key decision makers in the continent.

Barnard Jacobs Mellet – Head: Africa Desk

- Development of a Pan African execution platform to offer access to institutional clients into the African continent
- Entailed structuring of the business model, funding model, operational model, selection of priority countries, broking partners' selection, custody & settlement partners selection, drafting, negotiating & reviewing risk mitigation measures, developing client acquisition strategies, and regular commentary on electronic & print media on the product.

Securities Africa – Managing Director, Index Division

- Development of investable indices for licensing to asset managers.
- Involved investment criteria formulation, composition, country selection, counter selection, index modelling, maintenance, rebalancing, distribution of data & commentary (on electronic & print media).

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JAPHETH'S INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
GEO-POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

MANDY WIENER

SPEAKER TOPIC:

**The Beloved Country.
Why the Future can be Better than Now**

Mandy Wiener is one of the country's best known and most credible journalists and authors. She currently hosts the Midday Report on 702 and Cape Talk and writes a weekly column for EWN. Mandy has published numerous best-selling books on current affairs, crime and politics. She is a regular keynote speaker who delivers a good dose of reality with some perspective and a focus on what she calls 'The Hope Dealers' in South Africa. Mandy has also been delivering executive media training to corporates for over a decade and has successfully trained hundreds of clients, ensuring they get the most out of media interviews.

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SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC: INSPIRATION

MANDISA MFEKA

SPEAKER TOPIC:

Navigating Turbulence



As a dynamic individual who enjoys empowering others in the areas of leadership, entrepreneurship, and status quo challenge, Major Mandisa Mfeka is well-known for being the first black female combat streamed pilot in the South African Air Force, as well as being a member of the aircrew that flew in the Hawk Formation Flypast during the Inauguration of our current president (Cyril Ramaphosa).

In 2008, Mandisa enlisted in the SAAF with the goal of becoming a pilot. As a result, she has 14 years of experience. She began flying in 2010 and earned her military pilot's qualification in 2011. In 2018, Mandisa started her career in the Combat Line and was certified as a Hawk Mk120 Commander. This was part of reframing the narrative for women of color, in what is seen as a male-dominated field. As part of her training, Mandisa had the privilege of flying in formation with the Gripen, delivering bombs to ground, training with simulated air targets, and dogfighting. Air intercept exercises, capability demonstrations, prestigious flypasts, tactical navigation training, and air to air firing exposes, to name a few, have all been part of her experience. Mandisa's interests however, are not limited to the cockpit. In 2019, she was assigned the additional responsibility of Flight Safety Officer at the Squadron, which resulted to her promotion to Aviation Safety Officer in 2021. Currently, she is assigned to Headquarters in the Air Force Command post as an Airshow Planner.

In addition, Mandisa volunteers at an outstanding non-profit that is making a difference in the lives of hundreds of girls around the country through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) programs. This has been an extremely rewarding opportunity since, not only does the girl obtain access to fields that were previously closed to her, but she also forms connections and shares memories with unlikely companions because to the spirit of Esprit Decor.

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MANDISA'S INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
INSPIRATION

WELCOME WITBOOI

SPEAKER TOPIC:

Gangster to Graduate

Welcome is a former gang boss turned human rights defender, inspirational speaker, actor & accountability coach (registered with the ICR: International Coaches Register) specialising in the field of at-risk youth & children in conflict with the law, youth caught in gangs, substance abuse & addiction. He is multi – lingual and excellent in addressing real life issues, such as bullying, Gender Based Violence and challenges facing vulnerable communities. Welcome is also the Founder & Director of BrightSpark Foundation SA operating in the Western Cape & Gauteng, as well as the Director of ShortCutz Johannesburg.

Welcome spent 14 years of a 23 year sentence in Pollsmoor Maximum.

Welcome specialises in building and developing people, teams and organisations. His unique approach promises success. While he deals primarily with teams in need of a push, an attitude adjustment or a helping hand (bit of extra assistance), he can also assist high performing teams to excel even further & reach their full potential.

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WELCOME'S INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
INSPIRATION

LERIO CUNHA

SPEAKER TOPIC:

**Boosting Your Engagement
Through the Power of Asking**

Born and raised in Mozambique, Lerio has spent the last decade living in Portugal, Germany, and England, enriching his global perspective and cultural sensitivity. This international experience enables him to connect deeply with diverse audiences, fostering an environment of care, sensitivity, and presence in every engagement.

Lerio Cunha is a keynote speaker known for his impactful approach to communication and leadership. His signature keynote, "Just Ask!," emphasizes the importance of asking the right questions to boost engagement, innovation, and organizational success. Drawing from his global experiences across Africa, Europe, the USA and the GCC, Lerio connects with diverse audiences, offering practical and tailored strategies that lead to real improvements.

His mission is to help people connect better, interact and engage. When we are engaged, we communicate better and we perform better. And good levels of performance lead to better results. Lerio helps people reach that through the Power of Asking.

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LERIO'S INTRO VIDEO**



**GETTING
LOCAL
TO THINK
GLOBAL**

SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
MC'S/FACILITATORS

SAMKE MHLONGO



Samke Mhlongo is an acclaimed international speaker, award-winning personal finance coach, best-selling author and a women's empowerment advocate with over 13 years of experience in personal finance. She is the newly appointed co-founder and CEO of TWAA, an AI-driven women's social commerce technology platform. Before joining TWAA, Samke founded and led TNC Wealth Partners, a top financial wellness consultancy that served major companies such as Standard Bank and MTN. She holds an Honours in Financial Planning and an MBA completed with a dissertation titled Factors Contributing to Overindebtedness of Black South African Females. Samke, a divorced mother of two, resides between Johannesburg and Atlanta.

Awards & Recognitions:

Un Mipad Top 100 Global Honoree Entrepreneur Magazine Top 50 Brand South Africa Ambassador

Some Of The Clients I've Worked With:

Absa, African Bank, Anglo American, AVBOB, Blue Ribbon, Coca Cola, FNB, Hilton Hotels, IDC, Investec, JSE, SBSA, Momentum, MTN, Nedbank, SABMiller, Sanlam, Shoprite, Uber SA, Unisa

Notable Events I've Spoken At:

Africa Fintech Summit (Washington D.C.) Women of Equity Summit (Nairobi) Wimbiz Annual Conference (Lagos) Liberty Conference (Durban/Jnb/Ctn)

TV & Radio Presence:

Finance Feature (Weekly): Talk Radio 702 "Bank on It" Finance Feature (Weekly): YFM "Freshbiz" Business Update (Daily): Metro FM Resident Finance Columnist: Bona Magazine

SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
INSPIRATION

ROBBY KOJETIN

SPEAKER TOPIC:

Rewriting Possible - From a Wheelchair to Summit Everest



Robby Kojetin's incredible journey has touched the lives of over 85 000 people, making him one of the most sought-after inspirational speakers on stages across the world.

His raw and authentic deliveries vividly bring the topics of overcoming unthinkable adversity, setting goals and recovering stronger to life. His ability to hold an audience in a relatable and entertaining way is nothing short of masterful.

A simple mistake at an indoor climbing gym almost cost Robby everything, including his life. The fall severely broke both of his ankles and put him in a wheelchair for almost a year. This began a downward spiral to absolute rock bottom, shadowed by depression and insurmountable debt pushing him to the brink of suicide.

Robby tells a story of finding a reason to live and his decision to chase a goal most would consider impossible. His 928-day odyssey, that would take Robby from the operating table to the summit of Mount Everest, is bolstered by awe-inspiring images and first-person footage from Everest's Death Zone.

Robby is the author of Mind Over Mountain which has sold over 4000 copies in 15 countries and details Robby's superhuman tenacity and determination.

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ROBBY'S INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
LEADERSHIP

MIKE HANDCOCK

SPEAKER TOPIC:

In Search of Significance



Since 2006, Mike has spoken on 3,000 stages in more than fifty countries to over 300,000 people. With 7 International Best-Selling books on business and personal development, Mike has won over a dozen awards including 4 times New Zealand Speaker of the Year and the 2020 APAC award for Conscious Leadership.

From GM Sales & Marketing of New Zealand's biggest financial services company, managing a budget of \$250M, to owning businesses in industries such as Real Estate, Construction, Technology, Events, Travel and Financial Services, Mike's broad background gives him a skillset to innovate and understand complex business issues globally. Mike is on the board of two international charities, working closely with the Clinton Global Initiative and United Nations and is the 2025/26 President of the Global Speakers Federation representing 55,000 speakers in over thirty countries.

Recognition and Awards:

- APAC Eco-Conscious Leadership Award
- President's Award: Global Speakers Federation
- More than a dozen speaking awards globally
- 2025/26 President: Global Speakers Federation

Energise your audience with Mike's world-class content, humorous stories, heightened audience engagement and globally sourced relevant solutions.

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MIKE'S INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION

ANDRE NORMAN

SPEAKER TOPIC:

From Prison to Harvard



Since 1991, Andre's personal experiences have helped him empower companies to have authentic, unvarnished conversations that drive change. To date, he has impacted communities in 25 countries, from North America to West Africa, with his story of perseverance and commitment to social change. Andre has delivered 1,230 speeches and helped 1,720 companies make a positive impact on society.

Through cultivating a relationship with you, he can help you clarify and establish your cause so you can effectively advance social justice in your community and the world. Andre's approach ensures that you receive unwavering, individual support every step of the way.

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ANDRE'S INTRO VIDEO**



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SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC: WELLNESS

JONI PEDDIE

SPEAKER TOPIC:

Unleash Your 'CAN DO' Superpower: Transform Your Personal Wellbeing



Joni Peddie is a dynamic Behavioural Strategist and CEO of Resilient People BOUNCE FORWARD™. With over 33 years of experience, Joni energizes audiences worldwide as a Global Keynote Speaker, Strategic Facilitator, and Executive Coach.

Joni's expertise lies in helping leaders and teams to ignite their mental, emotional, and physical energy to navigate change, face challenges, and 'chase' opportunities. Her innovative approach focuses on BOUNCING FORWARD™ rather than bouncing back, empowering people to emerge stronger and more agile from life's trials.

As a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP), Joni delivers engaging, practical keynotes that spark lasting behaviour changes. Her talks provide actionable insights tailored to current business needs and conference themes. Joni's areas of expertise include:

1. The Enneagram to sustainably shift Attitudes, Mindset + Performance
2. EQ > IQ : Boost your Emotional Intelligence in these turbulent times
3. REBOOT your body + your brain : 6 'effortless' ways to (re) energise yourself
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5. 'Sleep is your Superpower' for mental clarity, emotional agility & physical vitality
6. RIZZ UP your brain : A 5 Step process to work 'Smarter' not 'Harder'

Joni's unique blend of neuroscience, psychology, and practical strategies helps organizations transform business challenges into opportunities for growth. Her upbeat, yet pragmatic approach has earned her a reputation as a trusted partner to global clients seeking to maximize Leader and Team Performance.

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JONI'S INTRO VIDEO](#)



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC: INSPIRATION

MARLO CLARKE

SPEAKER TOPIC:

The Employee Development Cycle: A Global Framework for Thriving Organisations

Marlo Clarke, an engaging Personal Development Speaker from Barbados, empowers audiences to pursue their goals with insightful concepts on incremental improvement, navigating uncertainty, and finding fulfillment along the way.

As a former international rugby player, Strategic Director in the USA and UK, and two-time TEDx Speaker, Marlo's extraordinary journey has taken him to present to a diverse range of audiences, from Fortune 500 companies in the USA to rural schools in South Africa.

Throughout his travels, Marlo has interviewed people from all walks of life, including CEOs, politicians, students, and young professionals, listening to their stories and learning about their struggles and triumphs.

This global journey has unearthed a profound truth: many people pursue success without a clear personal definition of what it is to them.

As a result of these eye-opening encounters, Marlo distilled these insights into groundbreaking concepts, including:

- 1) The Cycle of Success through Feedback,
- 2) The Spectrum of Joy, and
- 3) The Privileges of Success and How to Share Them.

His teachings empower audiences to define their purpose in the present moment, navigate uncertainty, incrementally improve, find genuine fulfillment on their journey, and explore options for thriving after reaching their lofty goals.

With Marlo's guidance, life transforms into a journey of striving, achieving, and sharing—a truly fulfilling and purposeful existence. Marlo's captivating storytelling and well-balanced humour takes audiences on a journey that offers a clear and confident way forward.

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MARLO'S INTRO VIDEO**



SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC: LEADERSHIP

BRAD SHORKEND

SPEAKER TOPIC:

**The Unfair Human Advantage in a World Gone Digital Crazy...
How to Win in Business, Human Style**

Brad Shorkend is a behavioural specialist, obsessed with helping businesses, leaders, and everyone who wakes up in the morning to go to work to be better at the complicated job of being human.

Since 2005 he has worked with thousands of people around the world on how to 'better human' at work, and in turn how to build and lead organisations that are awesome places for people to work at and deliver massive success in a world that has gone digital crazy.

He designs his talks and interactive facilitation sessions to be more than just a 'what' event, but also to give his audiences the 'how'!

Leadership, Organisational Culture, Innovation, Strategy, Employee Experience... are all FOR humans, BY humans!

As the CEO of Still Human his global client list reads like a who's who of business, including the likes of :

Deloitte, Nando's, Discovery, FNB, Ster Kinekor, Virgin Active, Sasol, SAB, Nedbank, Naspers, Sanofi, Bidvest, Cadbury, Liberty Life, Investec, BCX, Santam, De Beers, Standard Bank, Distell, Old Mutual, Derivco, Transnet, VW, Singita, ABSA, Momentum, Blue Label, and many more...

He is a relentless entrepreneur having founded and successfully (mostly) led over 20 businesses across numerous industry sectors... architecture, telecommunications, fashion, start-up acceleration, music retail, beauty, technology, consulting, fmcg, to name just a few...

He is the published author of 'We Are Still Human (and work shouldn't suck!)', and is faculty at GIBS and Duke CE.

He is thus able to deeply connect with the unique context of each of his client's businesses, and weave his humaning message in for maximum sustainability and long term impact.

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SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:

SALES

ANDY PRESTON

SPEAKER TOPIC:

How Have Your Best Sales Year Ever



Andy Preston is an international expert on sales and selling. Initially a professional buyer, Andy also became the top salesperson in his industry.

He speaks globally, recently addressing audiences in North America, Europe, Middle East and South Africa. Companies like IBM, American Express, Nissan and McAfee work with Andy to improve the performance of their sales teams. Andy has spoken at more than 2,500 events (in 40+ countries) as a Sales Motivational Speaker since 2004, with a wide range of groups, ranging from small groups of leaders, to thousands of salespeople and staff members at large conferences worldwide.

Whilst Andy has a number of specific speeches, he prefers to tailor my speeches to each client, and their individual needs. That results in better feedback for the event organisers, and more sustainable results for the delegates afterwards! As a specialist Sales Motivational Speaker, he's usually booked to speak at Sales Conferences, or a general conference when the company wants their staff to be more 'sales focused'.

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SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

BEV HANCOCK



Bev Hancock is an inspirational global speaker and facilitator known for sparking vital conversations essential for success in the future world of work. A master of conversational leadership, she skillfully infuses trust, psychological safety and quality leadership relationships into every conversation and touchpoint, both in-person and online. Now based in London, her interactive leadership keynotes, are rooted in the African philosophy of UBUNTU, that champion the transformative power of dialogue and call on us to embrace our full and glorious humanity.

More than a conference speaker, Bev employs her unique "Fuel, Ignite, Accelerate" approach to co-create strategies that ignite curiosity and dynamic dialogue with the audience, transforming their collective wisdom into valuable post-conference insights and maximum return on experience and investment. As an accomplished MC and Moderator, Bev breathes new life into roadshows, panel discussions, and town halls, ensuring participants leave feeling seen, heard, and empowered. Book Bev Hancock now and experience the transformative power of conversations that inspire and elevate your organization to new heights.

SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
ENTREPRENEURIAL

BILAL KATHRADA



Bilal is an EdTech entrepreneur, and is the founder of IT varsity, he is a multi award-winning app developer. He also runs Xander, a company that develops educational apps for kids. The Xander apps have been downloaded more than a 1 million times from the app stores. He is a software engineer by profession, and is also an author, keynote speaker, newspaper columnist, strategic business and education digital transformation advisor. He has lectured at a number of notable institutes, such as the University of KwaZulu Natal, the Durban University of Technology, and the University of Johannesburg. He was featured in the book. "Developer, Advocate!" by Geertjan Willenga for his work in promoting software development as a career in South Africa.

Bilal is a columnist for the Cape Argus, the Star and the Daily News. He writes about technology trends and education. He has a podcast entitled "Tech Watch" which covers the latest developments in technology and the social implications. The podcast is available on a number of local and international platforms. Bilal is a regular speaker at a number of notable events, such as GovTech, he also consults a number of educational institutes and businesses on transformation for the Fourth Industrial Revolution. He believes that education is the key to ending South Africa's crippling youth unemployment problem. His approach is to make learning accessible to all South Africans via e-learning.

To this end, he has established two companies: IT varsity: a fully-online technology institute accredited by the MICT SETA. IT varsity aims to prepare students for the highly lucrative and ever-growing global IT services sector and Xander: EdTech app company dedicated to teaching school kids key subjects like maths and languages.

SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
MC'S/FACILITATORS

STEVEN HALL



What is the biggest challenge for anyone involved in communications today whether that be with their staff or customers? Distraction. Your audience is distracted. We live in a distracting world where we all have multiple stimuli vying for our attention.

In this world of distraction, what is the most precious commodity? Many people think that data or information is what is driving our economy. But an economy is defined by its scarcity, not its abundance. And with an abundance of information, it is human attention that is scarce.

With 25 years of experience in design, animation and video production Steven Hall and his team help companies connect more effectively with their audience. My team and I do this using a Brand Avatar – an animated company spokesperson which can be used in videos, infographics, at virtual events and into the future, in virtual worlds.

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SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
MC'S/FACILITATORS

LERATO DITSHEGO



Lerato Ditshego has a decade long corporate marketing experience having worked for multinational companies such as Cisco Systems and MTN. Today she is the co-founder of a successful content development agency, turned generative AI agency. She is also a formidable Speaker, Growth Coach and EQ workshop facilitator.

True to her belief that unearthing enormity begins with self, Lerato is a distinguished scholar having graduated cum laude in her Post graduate studies in Business Management & was celebrated as the Valedictorian by the Regenesys Business School. Furthermore, she has completed a Public Relations Management qualification, a Professional Director program in Corporate Governance as well as a Coaching Program from the University of Pretoria. All of which have fortified her position in the marketplace as a Businesswoman who exercises good governance and is obsessed with the pursuit of self - development.

Her proficiency in speaking has opened doors to a speaking career which has seen her grace many platforms. Lerato has a special talent for public speaking and a natural flair for invoking inspiration in those she serves. She is the bringer of energy, heart, passion and great preparation in the work she delivers. She is a consummate professional.

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SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
MC'S/FACILITATORS

MO MAGIC



Having captivated audiences on television and stages internationally, Mo Magic will intrigue, astonish and entertain you, leaving you spellbound by his combination of world class magic, mystifying mentalism and family friendly comedy.

Following his bliss, the engineer resigned from a lucrative career in the automotive industry and transitioned into full time entertainer. In the 9 years that followed, he has achieved a number of prestigious accolades that include various theatre shows, a prime time TV series of SABC3 that rose to the second most watched South African series on SABC3, and of which TVSA wrote, "Magic with Mo pulls out an Ace for SABC3".

Being regularly featured in various forms of media internationally, his journey, contribution to the art and accomplishments have been recognised in the international magic community as he is the first and only South African magician to be featured on the cover of the world's largest magazine. Many regard Mo as South Africa's top magician and when asked about his accomplishments, he is thankful and attributes his success to his passion turned mission of spreading joy & delight through his work, that he finds extremely fulfilling.

Mo believes that the art of magic is a beautiful metaphor for living the impossible and his uplifting performance contains a positive message of believing in your dreams, experiencing joy and whether you are a fan of magic, the arts or want to escape the day to day routine.

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SPEAKERS

SHOWCASE TOPIC:
ENTERTAINMENT

PUNO SELESHO



I'm a Spoken Word Artist with a decade's worth of stories and poems that are meant for personal and public spaces. Also an entrepreneur, creating impact through meaningful business ventures.

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