

The Directors Event
Friday 9th June – Sandton Convention Centre, Ballroom

- 08h00 Registration
- 09h00 Welcome by MC – **Dan Moyane** (5)
- 09h05 Welcome by **Ron Derby** – Editor, Business Times (5)
- 09h10 Opening remarks – **Nicolaas Kruger** – Group CEO, MMI Holdings Limited (10)
- 09h20 The big issues rewind – **Jeremy Maggs** – Presenter, eNCA & contributor, Financial Mail (10)
- 09h30 Chairman’s Report – **Bonang Mohale** – Chairman, Shell SA and Deputy Chairman, Business Leadership South Africa (20)
- 09h50 Keynote address – **Mcebisi Jonas** – former deputy minister of finance, Department of National Treasury, followed by Q&A with **Thabiso Tema** (20)
- 10h10 Refreshment break (30)
- 10h40 ***Protecting SA’s economy – Short-term solutions for long-term gains*** (60)
South Africa’s economic prospects are expected to improve in 2017 with the Reserve Bank projecting a 5.8% inflation average versus the last three year’s averages of 6.4%, 6.6% and 6.0%. Former finance minister Pravin Gordhan also provided further relief when he announced late 2016 that South Africa was not likely to slip into another recession unless we experienced an unexpected, external shock. There is plenty more work to be done however, if we hope to significantly restore business and investor confidence in our country. Join our panel of economists and public and private sector representatives as we discuss short-term solutions that could benefit South Africa’s economy in the long run.
- Panel members include:**
Mohale Ralebitso – Founder & CEO, Itataise Investments
Mpho Sedibe – Managing Director, MOPSY Strategic Advisors
Dr Iraj Abedian – Chairman and Chief Executive, Pan African Investment and Research
Lungisa Fuzile – Outgoing DG, Department of National Treasury
Sibusiso Mabuza – Chief Executive Officer, Aluwani Capital Partners
- Moderated by Thabiso Tema**
- 11h40 ***Geopolitical uncertainty – Navigating risks*** (60)
In its 2017 Global Risks report, the World Economic Forum notes that years of building pressure, fuelled by the global financial crisis, crystallised into the dramatic political results we witnessed in many parts of the world during 2016. The implications of Brexit, Donald Trump’s presidential victory in the United States, and the current state of South African politics have been far-reaching – especially when coupled with climate crises such as the severe southern African drought that we are still recovering from. Now is a critical time to consider strengthening cooperation among thought and action leaders. Join us as we discuss ways to

manage the geopolitical risk factors that are currently adding to worldwide social, environmental, and economic instability – and affecting local trade.

Panel members include:

Dr Johan van Zyl – co-CEO, African Rainbow Capital

Dr Kingsley Makhubela – CEO, Brand South Africa

Innocent Dutiro – CEO: Africa & Asia, MMI Holdings Limited

Karima Brown – Independent Political Analyst

Moderated by Nikiwe Bikitsha

12h40 Lunch (60)

13h40 **Youth education & employment – Bridging the gap in digital times** (60)

The critical debate on access to affordable education continues even as our youth continues to face a number of other challenges. Tertiary institutions are increasingly unable to accommodate the growing numbers of hopeful students. There is also a growing skills shortage in the employment market, even among graduates, as more and more employers seek trained personnel who are ready to spearhead their organisation's success through technologically innovative solutions. If the business community can help bridge these gaps, we will succeed in curbing the ever-increasing unemployment rates that are ultimately hurting our economy. Join our panel as we discuss the importance of education, entrepreneurship, leadership and talent management during South Africa's digital era.

Panel members include:

Barrie Bramley – Partner, Calidascope

Debbie Goodman-Bhyat – CEO, Jack Hammer Executive Headhunters

Maryana Iskander – CEO, Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator

Sizwe Nxasana – Chairman, NSFAS and Sifiso Learning Group

Hlomela Bucwa – Youth activist and former SRC President, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

Gwebinkundla Qonde – DG, Department of Higher Education

Moderated by Alishia Seckam

14h40 Closing remarks by **Dan Moyane**

15h00 **Ends!**