



Training for Township Renewal Initiative

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

TTRI Colloquium on Retail-led Township Development

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1. **SITHOLE MBANGA** is the Chief Executive of SA Cities Network and has been with the organization since 2002. Prior to joining SACN, Sithole was the Local Government Coordinator at the National Business Initiative (NBI) where he managed the national Effective Governance Programme from the NBI's KwaZulu Natal office which included extensive interaction with local government stakeholders. He has conducted capacity building training in Municipal Service Partnerships (MSP), and participated in the development and improvisation of DPLG's national policy on Integrated Development Planning (IDP). Sithole has also been substantively involved in a wide range of strategic initiatives including the Local Government Transformation Programme Management Information System (LGTP-MIS), the KwaZulu Natal Provincial Leadership Forum (PLF), and the Local Government Support and learning Network (LOGOSUL). His education includes an Honors in African and Global Politics and Economic Development, and he is currently enrolled in a Masters programme in Strategic Studies.
2. **LI PERNEGGER** is currently the Chief Director responsible for establishing and running the Neighbourhood Development Programme, and the Partnership Grant, at the National Treasury. Previously she was the Programme Manager for Economic Area Regeneration projects for the City of Johannesburg's Economic Development Unit driving projects in areas such as Soweto, the Inner City, City Deep and various business areas. Li has also been a town centre manager for Dudley (UK), the manager of Economic Empowerment for Johannesburg, and practiced as an architect and project manager. Li has an Executive MBA from Birmingham (UK), and has been actively involved in development for over 20 years in both the socio-economic and built environment arenas.
3. **GECI KARURI-SEBINA** is a Specialist in the Neighbourhood Development Programme where her responsibilities include oversight of the programme's M&E, research and learning agendas, and strategic support. She has worked with numerous knowledge organisations including CSIR, HSRC, and IERI in policy and development research and planning. Geci holds Masters degrees in Urban Planning and in Architecture & Urban Design, both from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). She is currently a doctoral candidate in innovation studies as an NRF SARCHI fellow.
4. **ROB MCGAFFIN** is a town planner and land economist. He is the theme coordinator for market issues for Urban LandMark and lectures in the Department of Construction Economics and Management at UCT.
5. **PHUMLANI MBULAWA** is Programme Manager: Productive and Inclusive Cities at the South African Cities Network. He holds a BSC Hons in Urban Engineering from the University of Pretoria, and is a qualified Civil Engineer. Phumlani has headed several URP Programmes in the Eastern Cape. Project Management and township renewal. He is passionate about uplifting communities, and contributing positively to the improvement of people's living conditions. Member of ECSA, SAICE, IMESA and SABTACO



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6. **THAMI MAZWAI** is a former journalist and editor, and heads the Centre for Small Business Development (CSBD) at the University of Johannesburg. His area of expertise is small business support strategies. He is an external examiner on small business support for a local university. Thami is a former member of the National Small Business Advisory Council and a former director of the Small Enterprise Development Agency. He holds a D.Comm from the University of Pretoria and an MBA from Henley Management College, United Kingdom.
7. **SETEPANE MOHALE** is an economist and policy analyst with the Economic Development Department (EDD). She has a background in international relations and economics. Setepane has worked in policy development and analysis as well as infrastructure and development project assessment and finance.
8. **IVAN TUROK** is a Deputy Executive Director at the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). He has been an expert adviser on localities, cities and regions to the OECD, European Commission and the UK Government. Ivan is a Professor of Urban Economic Development, University of Glasgow (1996-2010). He is also an Honorary Professor, University of Cape Town (2009-2014), and is the author of over 100 academic papers and books.
9. **JUDI HUDSON** is project managing the FinScope Small Business SA 2010 survey, which builds on and expands the FinScope small business Gauteng pilot of 2006. This FinScope survey has been made possible through the participation of a funding syndicate comprising Swiss SECO, the dti, FinMark Trust, Business Trust, Tourism Enterprise Partnership, Standard Bank and ABSA. Judi lectures in political science at St Augustines College and is currently working on a political biography of Harold Wolpe.
10. **TEMBA SIPHO B. MASILELA** is currently the executive director of the Research use and Impact Assessment (RIA) unit at the Human Science Research Council (HSRC), South Africa. His wide-ranging research interests include social policy, public management reform, social innovation, research communication, the research-policy nexus, and stakeholder engagement. He was the founding director of the policy analysis unit at the HSRC and was previously the executive director of the Policy Analysis & Capacity Enhancement cross-cutting programme at the HSRC. Prior to joining the HSRC in July 2006, Temba was a special adviser to the minister of Social Development, and previously worked in the areas of corporate citizenship and reputation management, journalism, and teaching. Temba holds PhD and MA degrees in development support communication from the University of Iowa, and a BA degree in economics and politics from the University of Nairobi.
11. **MIRIAM ALTMAN** is Executive Director of the Centre for Poverty, Employment & Growth at the HSRC. This Centre develops innovative strategies to put employment centre stage in policy making and implementation. The research covers the macro-economy, trade and industry, government employment, youth employment, migration, labour markets, household food security and social policy. "Evidence-based Employment Scenarios" is CPEG's flagship, drawing together top decision and opinion makers in business, labour, government and academia to identify how the targets of halving unemployment and poverty might be reached. From 2001 to 2004, Miriam was Convenor of the Economic Development sector of the Alexandra Renewal Project. Most recently, she was appointed as a Commissioner to the National Planning Commission.
12. **MELANI PRINSLOO** is CEO of Infusion, a market intelligence knowledge and research organisation. Infusion strives to address information shortages in under-developed markets to assist with developing a license to participate for local people who take charge of their own development.
13. **LODIE VENTER** is a Town Planner in the City of Tshwane's City Planning Department where he has worked for 22 years in total. Lodie holds an MSC (Real Estate) from the University of Pretoria.

14. **SOLOMZI "SOLI" MADIKANE** has been based in the Overstrand as Director Economic Development and Tourism for the past 5 years. He has over twenty years community work experience focusing on participatory application to development, adult basic education and cooperatives. Soli was trained as a business Counsellor in the Howard University (USA) and placed with the Small Business Administration in Washington DC as a Howard University fellow. Soli joined the World Summit on Sustainable Development Civil Society Secretariat from 2001 – 2004 as the Executive Head: International Process facilitating International Civil Society inputs into the preparations for the Summit in 2002, and project managing the process outcomes at NASREC.
15. **SASKIA HAARDT** has been with Aspire since 2007 and her main area of work is the regeneration of small towns along one of the economic corridors in the Amathole district. She facilitates this through urban upgrade & infrastructure provision as well as through sector stimulation. Saskia is currently focused on the regeneration of Stutterheim town, where she is managing the development of a Community Commercial Park in Mlungisi Township.
16. **RICHARD DOBSON** is Project Leader at Asiye Etafuleni, and is an architect by profession. Alongside his commercial practice, he has continually engaged in the architectural challenges of under-development. From 1996 until 2006, he was employed by the eThekweni Municipality on various aspects of its inner city regeneration programme – chiefly, the regeneration of Warwick Junction. This major modal transport interchange is the thriving location of at least 5 000 vendors working in markets and public spaces. In 2008 he co-founded the NGO Asiye eTafuleni to further develop the lessons emerging from Warwick Junction. Over time the NGO hopes to enable vendors in public spaces, to become co-developers of these spaces, with their administering local authorities. The ambition is to encourage the emergence of a unique and contextually responsive South African urban aesthetic.
17. **YONDELA SILIMELA** is the Asset Manager: Developments at the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) which is an investment management company wholly owned by the South African government. She has experience in local government (erstwhile EGSC and more recently the City of Johannesburg in the Planning Department) and national government, working with DPLG on the Urban Renewal Programme. The PIC, while operating in a manner comparable with any private sector asset manager, also works to contribute to broader socio-economic development. PIC is making significant investments in rural and township development by investing R2.5 billion in 26 retail developments. These include the first full-service shopping malls in Soshanguve, GaRankuwa and Tembisa in Gauteng, as well as in several townships in Mpumalanga province.
18. **MARK SOURIS** is the Director: Retail at Periscopic Property Management (Pty) Ltd. Mark has 20 years extensive retail experience in both the fashion and general dealer industry, as well as 10 years in the retail and property management industry. Over the past 5 years he has been involved in various developments mostly in townships such as Soweto, Diepsloot, Alexandra, Thembisa, Sebokeng, Siyabuya, Botlokwa and Giyani. Mark served as an executive member of the Rosebank Management District and became Chairman in 2004 which is also the year he completed the Advanced Certificate in Shopping Centre Leadership through the University of Pretoria. He is currently a committee member of the South Africa Council of Shopping Centres for the past 2 years and is involved in their Security and Retailer Development initiatives.
19. **ANDRE KRUGER** is a PPP Financing Specialist at Absa. He has been a banker for most of his career working within the corporate banking sphere as well as specializing in the provisioning of banking services to the public sector in Southern Africa. For the last number of years, André has focused on alternative service delivery (ASD) including public private partnership (PPP) projects, specializing in the conceptualization of major infrastructure transactions and the subsequent formation of private sector consortiums that tender for PPP and ASD infrastructure transactions. André has an MBA studies from the University of Pretoria, and has additional advanced qualifications including the Advanced Credit program at Chase Manhattan Bank, advanced Project Finance program by Euromoney, and an International Banking program at Lloyds Bank.