

PwC 27th Annual Virtual Education Conference Programme

Working together for a collaborative future

6 and 7 September 2021



Introduction

Welcome to our 27th annual Education Conference, and our first virtual conference since inception of this annual event. While this meeting isn't truly 'in person', it's as close as we'll get in these restrictive times. Fortunately, we have amazing technology at our disposal to enable a virtual and safe experience.

Our theme is "Working together for a collaborative future". COVID-19 has presented perhaps the greatest challenge the education system has seen in recent history. While the pandemic has upended education operating models, it also presents a vital opportunity to accelerate positive change. Institutions have had to adapt to new technologies and evolving student demands, embed agile working systems, build a dynamic learning environment for staff and students that embraces innovation, and align their governance models to encourage new ways of working. In order to succeed, academic and research institutions will have to reimagine a different future for education if we are to keep working together for a collaborative future.

Over the 2 days, we are fortunate to have several educational experts to address us and share their technical expertise, experience and wisdom on a number of industry matters. On day 1, the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, will deliver the keynote address for the conference, after which Sally Jeffery, PwC Global Education and Skills Leader will provide an overview of some global trends and perspectives. Caitraina McCusker, PwC UK Education leader will then share with us her thoughts on perspectives on student wellbeing the future student that institutions must embrace.

We have continued with the format of using break-away sessions to enable smaller group sessions and allow more participation. We have sourced speakers on the following topics: "Return on experience: Engaging your stakeholders differently", "Reimagining the Tertiary, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Sector: Skills of the future", as well as "Tax risk and governance in higher education".

On day 2, we will start with an overview of some results from our recently conducted Vice-Chancellor survey, followed by a themed panel discussion on "Working together for a collaborative future". Our panel includes Professor Tawana Kupe, Vice Chancellor of University of Pretoria; Professor Dan Kgwadi, Vice Chancellor of North West University, Professor Sakhela Buhlungu, Vice Chancellor of University of Fort Hare, Professor Tshilidzi Marwala, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Johannesburg, Prof Nana Aba Appiah Amfo - Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana and Prof. Rita Akosua Dickson, Vice-Chancellor of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology.

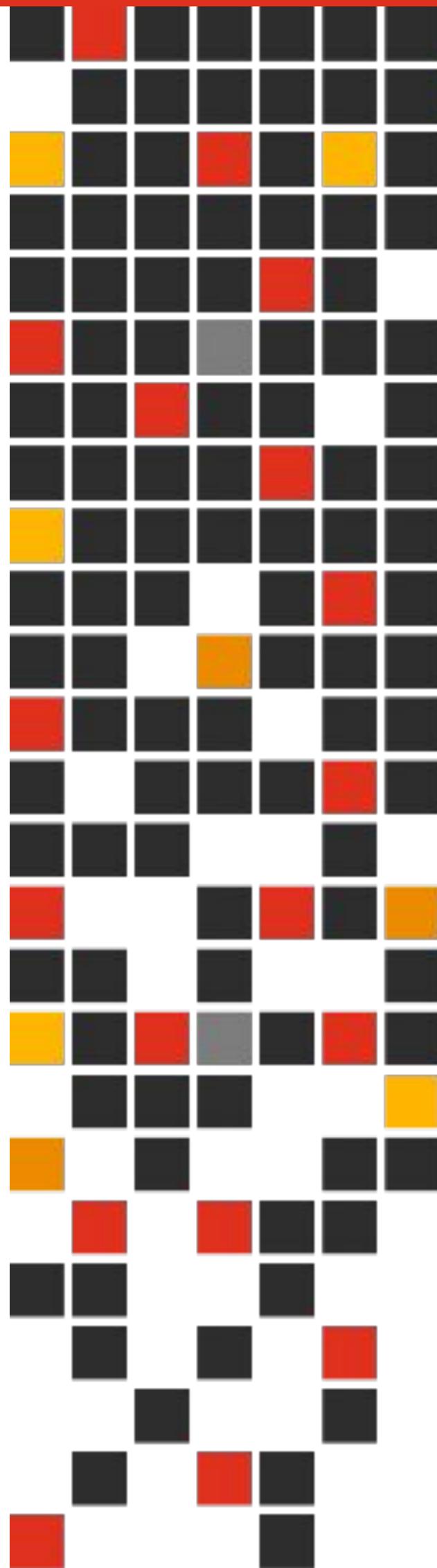
Professor Blair Sheppard, PwC Global Strategy and Leadership leader for the global network will deliver the final talk on the topic of education in the new normal. Blair will provide direct perspectives based on his experience and insights from the sector and is a talk that should not be missed.

I trust that you will find the discussions insightful, the presentations relevant to your role and above all to go away with a sense of having received reliable and up to date information on issues impacting your sector.

Enjoy our 27th annual conference.



Roshan Ramdhany
PwC Education Leader: South Africa



Working together for a collaborative future

27th Annual Education Conference – Draft Agenda

Day 1

6 September 2021

Start	End	Duration	Description	Speaker
8.30am	8.45am	15 min	Introduction and setting the scene	Africa Melane, Radio personality and presenter on CapeTalk
8.45am	9am	15 min	Official welcome	Dion Shango, PwC Africa CEO
9am	9.45am	45 min	Minister's keynote address	Dr. Blade Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation in South Africa
9.45am	10.15am	30 min	The future university in the global context	Sally Jeffery, Global Education and Skills Network Leader, PwC Middle East

Tea break (15 min) - 10.15am - 10.30am

10.30am	11am	30 min	Student wellness and the future student	Caitrina McCusker, Education Leader, PwC UK Hattie Carne, People Centered Change Manager, PwC UK
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Breakaways sessions

11am Session 1	12 pm	60 min	Return on experience: Engaging your stakeholders differently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew Cook, Partner: Front Office Transformation, PwC South Africa Jesse Twum-Boafo, Senior Manager: Front Office Transformation, PwC South Africa
12pm Session 2A	1 pm	60 min	Tax risk and governance in higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annemarie Janse van Rensburg, Senior Manager: Tax, PwC South Africa Rodney Govender, Associate Director: Tax, PwC South Africa Danae von Bergh, Manager, Tax, PwC South Africa Jason Daniel, Manager, Tax, PwC South Africa
12pm Session 2B	1 pm	60 min	Reimagining the Tertiary, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Sector: Skills of the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anisha Vittee, Senior Manager: Advisory Education Lead, PwC South Africa Dayalan Govender, Partner: HR Transformation Lead, PwC South Africa Alan Jonker, Higher Education SME, PwC South Africa John O'Connor, CEO- IoS Group

Day 2

7 September 2021

Start	End	Duration	Description	Speaker
08:30am	8.45am	15min	Overview of the PwC 2021 Vice-Chancellor survey results and high level findings	Saffiyah Bootha, Partner: Assurance, PwC South Africa
8.45am	9.30am	45min	Themed panel session "Working together for a collaborative future" hosted by Africa Melane, Radio personality and presenter on CapeTalk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Dan Kgwadi, Vice Chancellor of North West University Prof Sakhela Buhlungu, Vice Chancellor of University of Fort Hare Prof Tawana Kupe, Vice Chancellor of University of Pretoria Prof Nana Aba Appiah Amfo, Acting Vice Chancellor of University of Ghana Prof Tshilidzi Marwala, Vice Chancellor, University of Johannesburg Prof Atinuke Olusola Adebajji, Professor: Statistics, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
9.30am	10am	30min	Entertainment	Jason Goliath, Comedian and screenwriter, Goliath and Goliath

Break (30min) – 10.00am – 10.30am

10.30am	11.30 am	60 min	Education in the new normal	Blair Sheppard, PwC Global Leader: Strategy & Leadership
11.30am	12pm	30 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High level summary Upcoming events Closing 	Roshan Ramdhany, Education Industry Leader and Partner: Assurance, PwC South Africa



Please note: This agenda is subject to change.

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Speaker



Africa Melane

Host

Africa Melane is the host of the Weekend Breakfast Show on CapeTalk. In this role, he has interviewed leading personalities, business leaders, politicians, thought leaders, community activists and religious leaders from both South Africa and abroad. His real joy is derived from engaging with fellow South Africans on matters that are important to them. Africa Melane studied accounting at the University of Cape Town and went on to do his articles at PwC. He then went on to teach a professional development course to first year students at the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Cape Town. Africa Melane serves on the board of Cape Town Opera, Africa's premier opera company. He is on the panel of judges for the Fleur du Cap Theatre Awards, South Africa's oldest and most prestigious theatre awards which reward excellence in professional theatres staged and performed in Cape Town.

Speaker



Dion Shango

PwC Africa CEO

Dion Shango was appointed as Africa CEO of PwC on 1 July 2019. Prior to this he served a four-year term as the firm's Southern Africa CEO, the first black African to be appointed to the role.

Since being admitted to partnership in 2008, he has led engagements on complex and multinational businesses and serviced a number of large listed clients mostly within the mining industry. Dion has extensive experience reporting under IFRS and financial reporting in the mining industry. He is the former leader of PwC's Energy, Utilities and Mining (EU&M) Group.

In addition to his experience in the mining industry, Dion has also enjoyed exposure to other sectors and industries throughout his career, by virtue of being involved in the audits of companies and organisations such as the South African Reserve Bank, Vodacom and MonteCasino. In recent years, his client base has included Exxaro Resources Limited, Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited, Royal Bafokeng Platinum and Sasol Oil, among others.

Speaker



Minister Blade Nzimande

Minister of Higher Education in South Africa

Dr Nzimande was appointed as Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation on 30 May 2019. Dr Bonginkosi Emmanuel "Blade" Nzimande was the Minister of Higher Education and Training in the Republic of South Africa from 26 May 2014 until 17 October 2017. He is a General Secretary (GS) of the South African Communist Party (SACP); Chairperson of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Education; Deputy Chairperson of the Central Committee of the South African Communist Party; and Chairperson of the Financial Sector Campaign Coalition.

Dr Nzimande lectured at the University of Zululand in 1985, and was a lecturer in Industrial Psychology at the University of Natal in 1987. He was a Council member at the University of South Africa; a member of the National Deployment Committee of the ANC; chairperson of the board of trustees at the Centre for Educational Policy Development; a council member at the University of Transkei; a council member at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, and chairperson of the African National Congress Parliamentary Study Group on Education.

Dr Nzimande has published: Unsocial Science Indicator SA Vol. 11, No. 2; Schooling in the context of violence in SA: the challenges of change, edited by V Maphai, published by Harare SAPES Books; Schooling in the context of violence, Durban: Education Policy Unit; Civil Society and the role of the National Education Coordination Committee (NECC), Durban: Education Policy Unit; Civics are the National Democratic Revolution, Mayibuye No. 5; Political violence and the struggle for control in Pietermaritzburg, Journal of Southern African Studies Vol. 15. No. 3; and Civics and Civil Society: a reply to M Mayekiso, work in progress co-author with M. Sikhosana. Dr Nzimande has also written a book titled Children of wars: the impact of violence on schooling in Natal Durban: Education Policy Unit.

Speaker



Sally Jeffery

Partner and PwC's Global Education Network Leader

Sally joined PwC's Middle East advisory practice in early 2007. Prior to PwC, Sally worked for over 15 years as a strategy consultant with a Big Four Firm, and has worked extensively across the US and Europe.

Sally has an MBA (Honours) from The Carlson School of Management and an MSc – Applied Psychology, from The University of Liverpool. Since moving to the Middle East, Sally has focused mainly on strategic planning, market entry studies, organisational redesign and performance improvement, as well as sector regulatory reform.

Some of Sally's representative assignments include:

- Ministry of Higher Education Oman – Design and implementation planning of a new elite, multi-disciplinary national university focused on science, technology and medicine
- Bahrain Ministry of Higher Education – Development of a strategic plan for the higher education sector.
- Abu Dhabi Education Council - Funding model for higher education. Current state assessment, international best practice research, funding model options analysis and implementation support.
- Public Education Evaluation Commission (KSA) – Development of an evaluation framework for an independent government funded entity responsible for improving K-12 education quality.
- Qatar Supreme Education Council – Design and implementation of a private sector school fee approval system, based on international best practice.

Her experience spans most of the Gulf Cooperation Council markets and she works with both public and private institutions. Sally has a personal interest in the topic of innovation and has contributed towards various PwC thought pieces on the subject. She leads the education team in the region and is PwC's Global Education network leader.

Speaker



Caitroina McCusker

PwC UK Education Leader

Caitroina McCusker is the PwC UK Education Lead, working at a global and local level to help higher education institutions (HEIs) to reimagine their student and staff experience. From aligning costs using our bespoke and tested PwC methodology, to running and delivering large-scale technology transformation programmes, Cat works with HEIs to identify and implement the right technology, people strategy and experience in a highly competitive market. Cat is also the People Centred Change Lead, with over 20 years of business transformation experience as a consultant. Cat is at the forefront of end-to-end transformation projects within the Government and Health Industries (G&HI), helping organisations to align their strategy and vision to a culture that's fit for their future. Working across the G&HI sector, Cat has worked with major organisations across Education, Local Government, Central Government, and the Police, generating significant cost savings and tangible benefits.

Cat has been leading the mental health agenda, working with a range of universities to embed training and mental health literacy that supports universities to tackle the increasing mental health crisis for staff and students.

Speaker



Hattie Carne

People Centred Change and Education

Hattie Carne is a People Centred Change Manager working in PwC UK's Education practice. Hattie has unique experience in developing immersive communications, engagement, behavioural change and training approaches. Hattie has most recently spent over two years working on a large-scale digital transformation programme at a leading modern UK university, where she was responsible for leading the design and execution of the business change, training, communications and adoption approaches. Hattie has been supporting all mental health work across the sector, from designing and delivering mental health training to identifying opportunities for pro bono partnerships.

Speaker



Matthew Cook

Partner: Front Office Transformation, PwC South Africa

Matthew leads our Salesforce practice in our Front Office Transformation division within Advisory. Matthew has experience in design, analysis, process improvement and implementation, customer and employee experience and engagement, and sales and service process optimization. Matthew has experience across the retail, financial services and telecommunication sectors.

Speaker



Jesse Twum-Boafo

Senior Manager: Front Office Transformation, PwC South Africa

Jesse is a salesforce architect with over five years' experience on the Salesforce platform. Jesse has extensive skills covering Salesforce architecture, development and integration, all delivered through various delivery methodologies. Previously, Jesse was a Solutions Architect at Vera Solutions, where he consulted on implementations of standard and custom technologies, for large and small social impact organisations looking for better ways to do data collection and management, business intelligence, as well as monitoring and evaluation, particularly in low resource areas with bad connectivity.

Speaker



John O'Connor
CEO IoS Group

Mr. John O'Connor is the current Group Managing Director of the IOS Group. He has a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Education (post-graduate) degrees, a Higher Diploma in Education, a Certificate in Strategic Brand Communication and Sport Sponsorship and a Certificate in Professional and Media Communication. He is a SAQA-qualified ETD Assessor and Moderator. He was previously a Deputy Principal of All Saints Colleges, a Chief Executive Officer of School Sport South Africa (USSASA) and a Managing Director of loveLife.

He has vast experience in establishing large national organisations and institutions and has successfully set up and run many business ventures. He is also experienced in design, development and implementation of large projects. He is a skilled fundraiser and financial investment specialist and has raised more the R10 billion for various projects. Some of the projects he has been involved with are National Skills Fund, Multinational Prosperity Fund, loveLife, Zamfuels, Department of Agriculture Casp Programme, Gibela-Alstom Artisan Initiatives, SASCOC's Olympic Business Schools Initiative, SA Coaches Framework, National TVET College Sport programme and the Mpumalanga Premier's Office Artisan and Bursary Programme.

Speaker



Anisha Vittee
Senior Manager: Advisory Education Lead, PwC South Africa

Anisha Vittee is a Senior Manager leading the PwC Education Sub-Industry. She has over 30 years experience in both the public and private sectors. She currently drives various Education Transformation initiatives; leadership and management training and development; change management and supporting TVET colleges within PwC. She's served Provincial and Local government as a Director supporting transformation and capacity development. As a qualified educational psychologist and teacher, she's spearheaded a number of programmes and projects to promote inclusion and addressing barriers to learning and development. She is passionate and committed to making a difference through upskilling and transformation, especially in education.

Speaker



Dayalan Govender
Partner: HR Transformation Lead, PwC South Africa

Dayalan is a partner leading the PwC Advisory HR Transformation integrated solution practice across SA, where he drives the firm's People & Organisation solutions across all industry sectors nationally. He has more than 20 years of experience in driving business transformation across process, people, learning and technology across a number of sectors and for a number of key clients. He has also worked in the basic and higher education sector and in particular for UNISA for eight years as an academic, and as a Regional Academic Manager (KZN). In addition, Dayalan has led a number of strategic HR-related transformation projects over his 14-year stint with PwC. He has served on the Board of Directors of IPM in SA (2012-2014) and now serves on the South Board of People Practitioners (SABPP) as the vice chair. He is an associate of the Institute of Directors (IoD) in SA and is a registered and accredited Master HR practitioner with the SABPP.

Speaker



Alan Jonker
Higher Education SME, PwC South Africa

Alan holds a BA Degree, BA Hons, MA (Public Management) and 27 years of experience. He has co-authored one book, 37 papers and numerous presentations. Alan's professional affiliations include:

- Master HR Practitioner: SA Board of People Practice (SABPP)
- ILGM: External Professional

Alan has been involved with numerous projects in both the public and private sectors, focusing on matters relating to organisational reviews and restructuring, human resource management, performance improvement, skills and competency profiling and assessment. He has personally facilitated Executive Leadership, Senior Management, Management and Supervisory Programmes. As Manager and Acting Executive Director within the Higher Education environment for 14 years, he established non-formal capacity building interventions and short learning programmes focusing on a broad spectrum of training and advisory offerings, including integrated community building interventions, transformation and change initiatives and consultancy services relating to Human Capital and Leadership Development, both nationally and internationally.

Speaker



Jason Daniel
Manager: Tax, PwC South Africa

Jason Daniel is a manager in the International Trade Team focusing on carbon tax. Jason holds a BCom (Law), LLB, LLM (International Commercial Law) and LLM (Tax Law). He is an admitted attorney of the High Court of South Africa as well as an IEMA accredited carbon footprint analyst. Jason is also a member of the SAICA Carbon Tax Sub-Committee. As an active member of the sub-committee Jason has first-hand knowledge of the latest developments within the environmental tax space and the potential anticipated moves by National Treasury and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

Jason is involved in assisting PwC clients with their Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) initiatives, greenhouse gas emission quantifications, carbon tax liability exposure, carbon tax allowance consideration and environmental tax application. He is deeply invested in the consideration and interlink between environmental and fiscal law.

Speaker



Annemarie Janse van Rensburg
Senior Manager: Tax, PwC South Africa

Annemarie Janse van Rensburg is an Associate Director in the Indirect Tax practice and responsible for the Higher Education Sector. Annemarie has been with the firm for over six years, of which three years were spent with PwC Ireland. She advises clients on an ongoing basis on indirect tax matters and related queries.

Annemarie has been involved in a number of various indirect tax projects, including discussions with National Treasury regarding tax reforms, preparing Revenue submissions, indirect tax reviews and VCT transactions. Annemarie supports Rodney Govender in the public sector space, focusing on the intricacies around research projects, foreign funders and the VAT treatment of research projects. Annemarie previously worked with the MRC, undertaking research and contracting.

Speaker



Rodney Govender
Associate Director: Tax, PwC South Africa

Rodney Govender is an Associate Director within the Indirect tax practice at PwC, responsible for the public sector. Rodney has 28 years of VAT consulting and compliance experience. Prior to joining PwC in 2016, Rodney was an employee of SARS and fulfilled the roles of both a VAT auditor and Senior Specialist in the VAT Legal and Policy Division at SARS.

In his role as a Senior Specialist in VAT at SARS, Rodney was involved in formulating VAT legislative amendments; determining the policy of VAT; assisting with VAT litigation; issuing of VAT rulings and other official publications and providing VAT support on all VAT technical matters. Rodney also represented SARS and contributed as a speaker at a number of international tax conferences. Rodney is highly skilled in conducting VAT reviews and audits, due diligence reviews, drafting technical VAT opinions, dispute resolution/rulings to SARS, apportionment calculations and VAT training.

Speaker



Danae von Berg
Manager: Tax, PwC South Africa

Danae von Berg is a manager in the Indirect Tax practice and has been at PwC for over ten year, with the most recent seven years as part of the VAT team.

Danae holds a Bachelor of Business Science (Finance CA option) and a Masters of Commerce specialising in the field of South African Taxation from the University of Cape Town. She qualified as a CA(SA) in 2014. Danae advises clients on apportionment issues and VAT reviews across various industries. She has extensive experience in various tax issues, such as dealing with the complexities posed by the VAT apportionment ruling issued to the sector. She also supports Rodney and Annemarie in providing services to the sector.

Speaker



Roshan Ramdhany

Education Industry Leader and Partner: Assurance, PwC South Africa

Roshan is a partner in the Gauteng Assurance practice of PwC. He is also the Education Industry leader for PwC South Africa and the Deputy Group leader for Private Company Services in Gauteng. He is a Chartered Accountant and Registered Auditor. Through his vast exposure in the firm over the past 17 years, he has gained extensive experience across a broad range of industries and clients, specifically in the higher education sector and in private company services. In the role of Education Industry Leader, Roshan drives the firm's initiatives, thought leadership activities and focus areas.

His other industry experience includes clients in diversified investment holding companies, public sector, wholesale, manufacturing, retail, and fully-fledged back office services relating to tax and accounting. Roshan specialises in the audits of higher education institutions, having been involved in delivering audit and various assurance and non-assurance engagements to the University of Witwatersrand, Tshwane University of Technology and the University of Johannesburg, spanning a combined 15 years. Roshan also gained experience while working for the firm in Moscow, Russia. Apart from being responsible for various audit assignments, Roshan is also responsible for staff resource management in Gauteng.

Speaker



Saffiyah Bootha

Partner: Assurance, PwC South Africa

Saffiyah is an Assurance Partner in the South African practice, based in our Johannesburg office, and has been with the firm for 12 years. Saffiya is a qualified Chartered Accountant and Registered Auditor. She has been involved in the audit of numerous entities across various industries both locally and internationally. This includes her short-term global placements with the PwC offices in Houston and Amsterdam respectively. Her experience includes the auditing of local subsidiaries of multinationals, listed companies, family businesses and higher education institutions.

Speaker



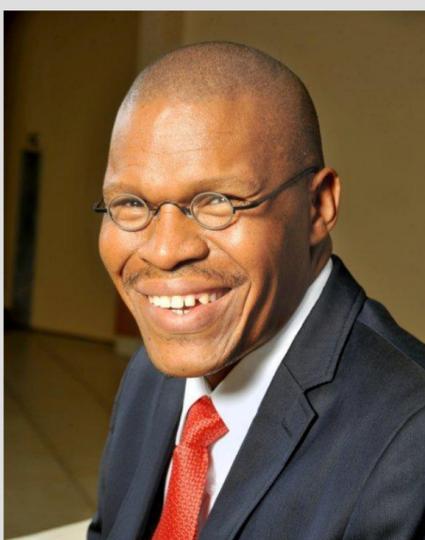
Atinuke Olusola Adebajji

Professor: Statistics, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana

Atinuke is a professor of statistics at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. She serves as the Head, Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science, progenitor and Coordinator, KNUST Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis, (KNUST-LISA), a center that promotes statistical and data science knowledge and applications. She is also a committed faculty member with expertise in the creation, implementation and coordination of lifelong learning programmes.

Atinuke holds a PhD in Statistics and MPH (Reproductive and Public Health), with 19 years' experience in Theoretical and Applied Statistics, Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute, (ISI), Country Rep for Caucus for Women in Statistics, Fellow of the African Scientific Institute, Fellow Organization for Women in Science for Developing World and Fellow of Women for Africa, Spain. She is a founding and executive member, Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, Ghana (WiSTEMGH) and an active proponent for STEM Education.

Speaker



Prof Dan Kgwadi

Vice Chancellor of North West University

Prof Dan Kgwadi is deeply committed to academic excellence, community service and partnerships with the public sector and industry. He is passionate about empowering and motivating underprivileged youth, and has personally sponsored the college and university education of a number of students. Prior to his appointment as the NWU's Vice-Chancellor and before that as Mafikeng campus rector, Prof Kgwadi served as a senior manager/assessment coordinator at the National Nuclear Regulator; head of the Physics department at the Vaal University of Technology; lecturer and head of the Physics department at the University of North-West, and research and teaching assistant at Ball State University. He started his career as a physics teacher at Phatsima High School.

He has been the recipient of various scholarships and awards. Early on in his academic life, he obtained the Educational Opportunities Council scholarship (EOC), the United Nations scholarship and a work-study scholarship (Ball State University) to pursue his physics studies in the USA. While at Ball State, in recognition of his high scholarship in physics, he was admitted to the sigma-pi-sigma honour society. Prof Kgwadi has been a member of numerous professional bodies and chaired the education sub-group of the South African Institute of Physics (SAIP). He supervised and served as an external examiner to masters' and PhD students in the fields of physics education and radiation physics. He was appointed to the Umalusi Council, and served as chairperson of the Assessment Standards Committee. He has also been appointed as chairperson of the Economic Advisory Committee of the North West Premier. On 22 November 2013, the NWU Council announced Prof Kgwadi's appointment as the next vice-chancellor of the North-West University. He took up this position on 1 April 2014, for a period of six years. This academic and dynamic leader has a passion for skydiving and has been awarded a certificate by the American Parachute Association for completing a number of successful jumps. "Like a real traveller, Dan Kgwadi does not believe in arriving."

Speaker



Prof Sakhela Buhlungu

Vice Chancellor of University of Fort Hare

Prof Sakhela Buhlungu is Vice Chancellor and Principal of the University of Fort Hare. Previously he was Dean and Deputy Dean of Humanities at the Universities of Cape Town and Pretoria. Before that he held senior academic positions at several South African universities. He is the author of *A Paradox of Victory: Unions and the democratic transformation of South Africa* (2010, University of KwaZulu-Natal Press) and editor of *COSATU's Contested Legacy: South African Trade Unions in the second decade of democracy* (2012, HSRC Press & Brill, with Malehoko Tshoaedi) and *Trade Unions and Democracy: COSATU Workers' Political Attitudes in South Africa* (2006, HSRC Press). He has authored or co-authored more than seventy scholarly publications in the field of labour studies. He holds a PhD in Sociology (University of the Witwatersrand, 2002) a Master's in Industrial Sociology (University of the Witwatersrand, 1996), a BA Honours in African Studies (University of Cape Town, 1986), and a BA in History & Political Science (University of Transkei, 1982). Professor Buhlungu is an active contributor to and facilitator of critical debates on social change and transformation in South Africa.

Speaker



Prof Tawana Kupe

Vice Chancellor of University of Pretoria

Professor Tawana Kupe has been the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria since January 2019. He holds a BA Honours and Masters degree in English from the University of Zimbabwe, and a DPhil in Media Studies from University of Oslo, Norway. Prof Kupe is the Africa Co-Chair of the Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN) since 2019 and an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities was bestowed on him by Michigan State University in December 2019. Prof Kupe has a notable publication record, having authored journal articles, books and book chapters in his main discipline, Media Studies and Journalism. Over the years, Prof Kupe has played a key role in the establishment of select new innovative initiatives at Wits, of which the latest in 2018 the Africa Centre for the Study of the United States. He is an active member of several Civil Society Organisations, including the AmaBhungane Centre for Investigative Journalism and is Chairman of the Board of Media Monitoring Africa since 2005. He has been a judge and convenor of multiple major journalism awards in South Africa. He is also the Co-Chairperson of the Kifra Prize Selections Committee coordinated by the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) in Rwanda from 2020. He serves on the board of a major private company and is a member of the Council of the International Association of Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) and The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) Council. Professor Kupe is a popular invited speaker, academic expert and regular commentator on issues of media performance on radio, television and the print media in South Africa for local and international media. He has also been a columnist for several newspapers and magazines in South Africa.

Speaker



Prof Nana Aba Appiah Amfo

Acting Vice Chancellor of University of Ghana

Professor Nana Aba Appiah Amfo is the Acting Vice-Chancellor and Pro Vice-Chancellor with responsibility for Academic and Student Affairs at the University of Ghana. She is a professor of Linguistics and obtained her PhD from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. She is an experienced academic and university administrator, with twenty years of experience in the higher education sector. Professor Amfo has acquired extensive multi-cultural experience through various professional engagements in twenty countries in Africa, Europe, Asia, North America and Australia. These engagements include giving competitive and invited talks, serving as external assessor, and engaging with research and professional collaborators. Professor Amfo is the Chair of the Interim Executive Committee of the African Humanities Association (AHA), an offshoot of the African Humanities Program. She is Co-founder and the Acting President of the African Pragmatics Association. Professor Amfo is a fellow of the German Academic Exchange Services (DAAD), Commonwealth Professionals Fellowship, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, and the prestigious International Women's Forum Leadership Program.

Speaker



Prof Tshilidzi Marwala

Vice Chancellor of the University of Johannesburg

Professor Marwala is an accomplished scholar with multi-disciplinary research interests that include the theory and application of artificial intelligence to engineering, computer science, finance, social science and medicine. He has an extensive track record in human capacity development and has published 23 books on artificial intelligence. Professor Marwala is the Vice Chancellor and Principal of the University of Johannesburg and prior to this he was the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research and Internationalisation and Executive Dean of Engineering and the Built Environment both at the University of Johannesburg. He also served as the Deputy Chairperson of the Presidential Commission on 4IR.

Speaker



Blair Sheppard

PwC Global Leader: Strategy and Leadership

Blair Sheppard joined PwC in June 2012 as Global Leader, Strategy and Leadership. Blair leads the team that is responsible for articulating PwC's global strategy across 158 countries and development of the current and next generation of PwC leaders. He is also Professor Emeritus and Dean Emeritus of Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. Prior to joining PwC, Blair spent the majority of his career as a Professor at the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University. During his tenure, Blair served several roles, including Associate Dean for Executive Education, during which Fuqua created one of the world's first blended degrees, the Global Executive MBA, and founding CEO and Chairman of Duke Corporate Education, which was rated by the leading business journals as the world's top provider of custom executive education for nine years in a row. As Dean, Blair was also the primary architect of Duke Kunshan University, which opened in 2014.

His final role prior to joining PwC was as Special Advisor to Duke Kunshan University. Blair has advised more than 100 companies and governments in the areas of leadership, corporate strategy, organizational relationships and design, and has published more than 50 books and articles. His most recent publications include *Adapting to a new world* and *The urgent need for sophisticated leadership* both in strategy+business magazine. His latest book *Ten Years to Midnight* was published on August 4, 2020. Blair is a regular speaker at high-caliber international forums including the T20, the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, and Slush. He has also served on the Board of SKOLKOVO and the University of Oman. Blair received his Doctorate in social psychology from the University of Illinois in 1980 and his Masters from the University of Western Ontario (London, Ontario) in 1977.

Speaker



Jason Goliath

Comedian and screenwriter, Goliath and Goliath

- Founder of award-winning comedy brand, GOLIATH AND GOLIATH
- 21 years of facilitation, MC and Comedy for Standard Bank, FNB, Bidvest, Vodacom, DSTV/Multichoice, Coca-Cola and more.
- Recorded a special for Kevin Hart's LOL Network in Montreal Canada.
- Former presenter on e.tvs breakfast show, The Morning Show, SABC 3's
- SAFTA nominated show, The Man Cave and former host of his own Late Night Talk show, Larger Than Life.
- Team Captain on Celebrity Game Show, E! Entertainment and a feature in
- BET's award winning sitcom Black Tax.

Thank You!