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FACILITATOR

Dr Lehasa Moloi is an Afrocentric Scholar grounded in the paradigm of Afrocentricity. He is a Senior lecturer in the Department of Development Studies at the University of South Africa. He holds a PhD in Development Studies. He is passionate about epistemic decolonisation debates and the pursuit of re-humanisation in the Global South, in particular, Africa is his focus, against the ravages of the colonial past. His intellectual work is grounded in the paradigm of Afrocentricity and decoloniality as liberatory thinking frameworks to oppose epistemicides created by European colonialism. He broadly reflects and writes on Africa, Knowledge, Development, and Decolonisation. He is the author of the recently published book titled *Developing Africa? New Horizons with Afrocentricity*.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr Nelson Kgwete is Director: Media Liaison in the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO). He is responsible for managing DIRCO's relationship with the media, both local and international. He holds a B.Tech in Journalism from the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of South Africa (UNISA). Among his responsibilities, Mr Kgwete is tasked with managing media participation in international conferences, including the upcoming G20 Leaders' Summit to be held in Johannesburg in November 2025.



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GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Jose Mutangadura holds a Doctor of Technology in Language Practice from Tshwane University of Technology and a PhD in Communications Science from the University of South Africa. He has a unique combination of linguistics and Media qualifications which places him well within the two disciplines. His research interests include Visual Communication and photojournalism, forensic linguistics, social media, development communication, and African literature. An experienced university lecturer in AI & Digital media, Professional Communication, Sociolinguistics, Language in Journalism, and Development Communication with over 20 years in 6 universities across three countries in Southern Africa.



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Kennedy Mudzuli is a South African media professional, writer and communicator with almost 30 years of experience in journalism. He is the founder and editor of Conviction.co.za, an online legal publication dedicated to making court judgments and legal analysis accessible to the public. Drawing on his decades in the newsroom, Kennedy blends law, media and advocacy to strengthen public understanding of justice and social issues. Beyond his work in media and law, he is also a passionate music producer and recording artist.



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Sophie Mokoena, born in Frankfurt in the Free State, rose from student leadership during South Africa's transition to democracy, where she championed voter education, tolerance, and empowerment initiatives, to become one of the country's most prominent journalists. After serving as an IEC monitor in the Vaal during the 1994 elections, she joined SABC, where she broke barriers as the first black female Parliament Reporter and later as the first female International News Editor. From anchoring popular radio shows and growing audiences to covering politics, international affairs, and the life of Nelson Mandela, Mokoena built a career marked by integrity, global insight, and trailblazing achievements that amplified South Africa's voice in both national and international spaces.



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Professor Lesiba Teffo is a South African political analyst and academic affiliated with the University of South Africa (Unisa). He is widely recognised for his commentary on the country's political landscape, particularly around elections, party dynamics, governance, and social issues such as unemployment and nation-building. Teffo is known for his balanced insights, often calling for pragmatic solutions such as coalition governance and urging political leaders to adopt more inclusive, reconciliatory rhetoric. Beyond his media presence, he has contributed to academic research and mentoring at Unisa, helping researchers publish in accredited journals, which further underscores his dual role as both a scholar and a public intellectual.



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