Democracy in Central and Southern Africa

The Road Ahead

4 – 5 September 2019

The UCT Graduate School of Business Conference Center

Cape Town South Africa
“It is not our diversity which divides us; it is not our ethnicity, or religion or culture that divides us. Since we have achieved our freedom, there can only be one division amongst us: between those who cherish democracy and those who do not.”

Nelson Mandela

Context

Larry Diamond has described a ‘democratic recession’ that has swept the world since 2006, reversing hard-won gains in diverse countries across the world, bringing a decades-long global expansion of democracy to a halt. Freedom House has highlighted that the world has experienced thirteen consecutive years of decline in political rights and civil liberties. Although formal rules prescribe how elections and democratic principles should be upheld in most African states, questions of political transition in leadership and ruling parties remain.

The African Union Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance commits to the universal values and principles of democracy and respect for human rights. Nelson Mandela’s words (quoted above) ring true, and continue to echo through time and space. There is no doubt that in order to achieve Agenda 2063’s aspirations for growth, development and prosperity, the democracy and governance projects must reclaim centre stage in the pursuit of greater political, economic and social inclusivity.

Similarly, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Treaty (1992) commits its member states to act in accordance with the principles of ‘human rights, democracy and the rule of law’. Article 5 outlines the objectives of SADC, which commit the Member States to ‘promote common political values, systems and other shared values which are transmitted through institutions, which are democratic, legitimate and effective’. The Treaty asserts Member States’ obligation to ‘consolidate, defend and maintain democracy, peace, security and stability’ in the region. After inspiring much hope for the spread of freedom and democracy following the end of the Cold War and Apartheid, Southern and Central Africa have experienced uneven progress.

According to the Economist Intelligence Unit, only one country in the SADC region (Mauritius) is a “full democracy”. Six are authoritarian regimes. The rest are either flawed democracies or “hybrid” regimes. More worryingly, according to the VDem Institute at Gothenburg University, five countries in the region have seen their democratic credentials lose ground since 2006.

Although Freedom House paints a grim picture for democracy in the global context, South Africa scores 2 out of 7 (1 being most free and 7 least free). South Africa is recognized for its commitment to human rights, the Constitution, and a respect for the balance of powers. South Africa’s role in modelling and promoting democracy and governance within and beyond its borders, will be critical in influencing trends across the region in years to come. Both the father of post-Apartheid South Africa, Nelson Mandela and Mr Kofi Annan, dedicated their lives to advancing the principles and values of democracy.

The form and the process of democracy is one that will continue to demand commitment, tenacity and an intergenerational understanding of the costs nations have endured in the past to attain and protect it. Our hope as the Kofi Annan Foundation and The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, is that this event will provide a platform for governments and civil society leaders to take stock of the state of democracy in central and southern Africa reaffirm their commitment to deepening democracy in the interest of peace, development and the respect of human rights.

Objectives of the Conference

• Take stock of democratic development in the region;
• Identify key obstacles and drivers of democratisation in the region through panel discussions;
• Equip democratic forces with ideas and tools to reinforce and/or deepen democracy in their respective countries;
• Identify virtuous circles of democratic power that may lie within or outside the state (institutions holding the line of accountability and rule of law – eg Public Protector’s Office in South Africa or the Constitutional Court; the potential role of the private sector/civil society to promote democratic principles and values that work alongside government-led policies and practices);
• Interrogate the role of transnational governance to strengthen advocates of democracy across the continent;
• Provide a platform to present solutions to the challenges that threaten democracy in Central & Southern Africa.
• The main findings and take-aways of the conference will be captured in a report to be published later this year.

“No one is born a good citizen; no nation is born a democracy. Rather, both are processes that continue to evolve over a lifetime.”

Mr Kofi Annan
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<td><strong>Overview of the programme</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Kofi Annan Foundation (Mr Alan Doss) and The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance (Prof Faizel Ismail) present the objectives and overview of the programme, including key themes to be discussed during the conference.</td>
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| 11h00 – 13h00 | **Panel 1: Under the Lens – Democracy in a Changing World**<br>A discussion interrogating the global landscape of democracy and governance, its implications on the continent (Central and Sub-Saharan Africa) and the key challenges/opportunities.  
  **Chair:** Mr Alan Doss (President, The Kofi Annan Foundation)  
  **Speakers:** Dr Chris Fomunyoh (Director for Africa, the National Democratic Institute); Ms Chipokota Mwanawasa (Independent Political Strategist, Zambia); Ms Keboitse Machangana (Director of Global Programme, IDEA); Mr James Wanki (Former UN Representative to the Democratic Republic of Congo); Prof Tim Murithi (Head of Peacebuilding Initiatives, Institute of Justice and Reconciliation).  
  **Objectives:**  
  • To understand current trends that challenge or support democratic governance in Central and Southern Africa.  
  • To give participants an opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences with policy and practice in democratic governance.  
  • To frame subsequent discussions on the backdrop of this context. |
<p>| 13h00 – 14h00 | <strong>Lunch</strong>&lt;br&gt;Cocktail lunch at the Graduate School of Business Conference Center.              |</p>
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<td>This session will peer review governance in Southern Africa by unpacking the lessons and future direction. Key questions will explore how to collectively strengthen governance in the region and the resilience of democratic institutions. Chair: Prof Brian Raftopolous (University of the Western Cape) Speakers: Mr Nelson Chamisa (President, MDC Alliance); Dr Jonathan Mayuyuka Kaunda (Chief Governance Expert, African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat); Mr Deprose Muchena (Regional Director, Amnesty International); Prof Trevor Manuel (Former South African Finance Minister). Objectives: • To reflect on peer review governance in Southern Africa and its role moving forward. • To explore collective approaches to strengthen governance in the region. • To identify strategies crafted to strengthen the resilience of democratic institutions.</td>
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<td>A discussion on the role of elections in promoting and protecting democracy; the role of institutions in this regard and recent elections (and outcomes) in the region. Chair: Dr Marianne Camerer (The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance) Speakers: Mr Hopewell Chin’ono (Regional Journalist and Political Commentator); Ms Alison Tilley (Coordinator, The Judges Matter Campaign); Mr Matthias Kronke (Political Parties Project, Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa); Dr Sishuwa Sishuwa (Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa). Objectives: • To interrogate whether elections promote and protect democracy. • To identify key institutions that hold the line of integrity and legitimacy in electoral processes. • To discuss key electoral outcomes and trends in Central and Sub-Saharan Africa. • To interrogate whether there is a level playing field between ruling and opposition parties and which indicators support pluralism.</td>
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Day 2: Thursday 5th September 2019
Theme: Democratic Governance – Promoting Inclusion

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<td><strong>Speakers:</strong> Mr Fred Bauma (The Struggle for Change, LUCHA); Mr Brian Kagoro (Civil Society and Governance Specialist); Mr Mark Heywood (Former Executive Director, Section 27); Mr Mory Conde (Directeur Exécutif, AGIL-Guinea); Ms Bonolo Makgale (Programme Coordinator, Centre for Human Rights).</td>
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|               | **Objective:** 
|               | • To discuss civil society’s role in democratic governance. |
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| 10h30 – 11h00 | Tea (30 minutes)                                                        |
| 11h00 – 12h30 | Panel 5: Youth Inclusion and Participation in Democratic Processes      |
|               | The median age of Southern Africa is 25.7 years, yet youth are largely under-represented in democratic processes including elections. What future do youth envision for themselves and what positive case studies exist that promote youth participation? |
|               | **Chair:** Mr Axolile Notywala (Social Justice Coalition). |
|               | **Speakers:** Mr Samson Itodo (YIAGA, #NotTooYoungToRun); Ms Bogolo Kenewendo (Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana); Ms Rosewita Katsande (Director, YETT); Ms Lindiwe Hani (Digify Africa). |
|               | **Objectives:** 
|               | • To unpack the barriers that affect youth participation in politics, access to and influence in policy and strategic decision-making spaces. |
|               | • To unpack the reasons for voter apathy amongst youth in electoral processes and how to change this. |
|               | • To cite case studies that demonstrate youth participation in Africa. |
| 12h30 – 13h00 | Book Launch: Democracy Works: Re-Wiring Politics to Africa’s Advantage with Dr Greg Mills. |
| 13h00 – 14h30 | Lunch                                                                   |
### Panel 6: Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age

The internet and social media are transforming politics across the world, for better or ill. They provide unprecedented tools both for social mobilization, especially for the urban young, and for social control by states. How can they best be harnessed?

**Chair:** Prof Alison Gillwald (Expert, Digital Governance in Africa).

**Speakers:** Ms Hlengiwe Dube (Project Coordinator, Centre for Human Rights); Ms Ory Okolloh (Director, Omidyar Network); Mr Elie Chansa (Media Activist, Tanzania); Commissioner Mosotho Moepya (Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa).

**Objectives:**
- To highlight how the internet and social media have contributed to democratic governance in Africa.
- To interrogate access to the internet as a human right.
- To critique case studies of how these tools are used for social/political mobilization and/or control in Central and Southern Africa.

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**Conference Delegate Bios**

**The Kofi Annan Foundation**

**Mr Alan Doss** is the President of the Kofi Annan Foundation. Alan has worked for the United Nations (UN) on peacekeeping, development and humanitarian assignments around the world. These assignments included UN peacekeeping appointments as the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Liberia and then in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as Deputy Special Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sierra Leone and Principal Deputy Representative in Cote d'Ivoire. Among other posts, he has served as Director of the UN Border Relief Operations in Thailand, which was set up to assist people displaced during the war in Cambodia. He represented the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in a number of African and Asian countries. He was also the Director of the UNDP’s European Office. From 1997-2000, he served as the Director of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) in New York, where he coordinated the implementation of Kofi Annan’s reform of UN operational activities. During that period he oversaw the preparation of the Better World for All report, a foundational document for the millennium development goals. Alan has written numerous articles on development and peacekeeping and frequently speaks at international fora and events and is an Associate Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). Alan can be found on [Twitter](https://twitter.com).

**Mr Sébastien Brack** is the Head of the Elections and Democracy Programme at the Kofi Annan Foundation, where he leads the work on elections in particular, and transitions in general. He has been at the Foundation since 2012 and previously worked as Mr Annan’s senior political officer. Prior to joining Kofi Annan’s team, Sébastien was an election campaign manager for a year, but most of his professional experience was earned in the field, as a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in various countries in crisis or at war in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Sébastien is a graduate of Oxford University and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. He is a French and Swiss citizen but grew up around the world.

**The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance**

**Prof Faizel Ismail** is Director of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance. He currently teaches at UCT, in the School of Economics, the Faculty of Law and in the Graduate School of Business. He has a PhD in Politics from the University of Manchester, an MPhil in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Sussex, and; BA and LLB Degrees from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (Pietermaritzburg) in South Africa. He was re-appointed to serve as the Chair of the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC) for five years (2019-2023). He has served as the Ambassador Permanent Representative of South Africa to the WTO (2010-2014). Prior to this he was the Deputy Director General for International Trade and Economic Development (ITED) in the Department of Trade and Industry (dti). As South Africa’s Chief Trade Negotiator, since 1994, he led the new democratic South Africa’s trade negotiations with the European Union (EU), Southern African Development Community (SADC), Southern African Customs Union (SACU), and several other bilateral trading partners including the US, India, and Brazil. He was also South Africa’s Special Envoy on the South Africa-USA AGOA negotiations between January 2015 and June 2016.

**Dr Marianne Camerer** directs the Building Bridges programme at the Mandela School. Building Bridges is a leadership development platform that brings together key African stakeholders, both researchers and practitioners, in an inter-generational dialogue with the aim to deepen understanding around challenges confronting the continent. In 2014 she initiated the flagship Emerging African Leaders Programme which now has over 100 alumni from ten African countries. She works with a team of facilitators to develop innovative executive training for senior public officials and social entrepreneurs in Africa, with a particular focus on ethical leadership and accountability. Prior to joining UCT, Marianne co-founded the international anti-corruption NGO Global Integrity and headed anti-corruption research at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS). Marianne is passionate about leadership development and qualified as an integral coach through UCT’s Centre for Coaching at the Graduate School of Business. She currently serves on the advisory board of the Centre for the Advancement of Public Integrity (CAPI) at Columbia Law School. Marianne holds masters’ degrees in public policy and political philosophy from Oxford and the University of Stellenbosch. Her Ph.D. in Political Studies, from the University of the Witwatersrand, focused on “Corruption and Reform in Democratic South Africa”.
Ms Wendy Hendricks currently works in Events and Logistics for the Mandela School. Most recently, she was the Personal Assistant for the Chief Executive Officer of the Western Cape Provincial Development Council, a public entity facilitating socio-economic development among stakeholders in the Western Cape. Prior to that she was the Personal Assistant to the Executive Director of the Urban Foundation. She also worked at SALDRU, UCT at various times, working on amongst others, the Carnegie conference: “Towards C3 – Strategies to Overcome Poverty and Inequality”.

Ms Mabel Sithole is the Building Bridges Programme Officer at The Mandela School. She is pursuing a PhD in Political Studies at the University of Cape Town. She has over 13 years’ experience working in human rights, public policy and development in Africa. Mabel obtained her first degree in Politics and Administration from the University of Zimbabwe in 2007 where she also served as president of the Model United Nations Club. She obtained an Honours Degree in Public Policy (with distinction for her thesis which analysed public opinion about the role of the police in protecting refugee rights in South Africa) and a Masters in Development Studies, from the University of Cape Town. She worked with the International Committee of the Red Cross as the Communications Officer for the Regional Delegation of Southern Africa, and Skillshare International as the Regional Programme Officer for Southern Africa. She has contributed to studies assessing the implementation of affirmative action and employment equity policies in South Africa's tertiary education sector. Her current research interests focus on leadership and governance in Southern Africa. She is also an established musician (Mae Sithole), recipient of the ConcertsSA Mobility Fund, and was named one of Cape Town's Top 5 Innovative Female Musician Innovators by Of Africa Magazine.

Ms Andile Cele is Communications Manager at the Mandela School. Andile has been in the field of communications for over eight years. In 2016 she was the recipient of the Kraak Writing Grant through the Jacana Literary Foundation for a manuscript of literary fiction. She has a BTech in Journalism from Tshwane University of Technology.

Speaker Bios

Welcome and Keynote Address

Prof Mamokethi Phakeng, UCT

Prof Mamokgethi Phakeng began her term of office as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town on 1 July 2018, where she had been serving as Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research and Internationalisation since January 2017. Previous to this appointment she served as Vice Principal for Research and Innovation at the University of South Africa (Unisa) for five years, after serving three years as Executive Dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology at the same university. Her academic career began at the University of the Witwatersrand, where she started as a research assistant in 1996 and left in December 2007 as an Associate Professor of Mathematics Education – and Founding Director of the award-winning Marang Centre for Mathematics and Science Education – to take up the position of Executive Dean of the College of Science, Engineering and Technology at Unisa in January 2008. She had a very successful tenure as Dean at Unisa and was promoted to serve as Vice Principal of a newly established portfolio of Research and Innovation on 1 July 2011. When her five-year term ended in 2016, she joined UCT.

H.E Graça Machel Mandela, The Elders

H.E Graça Machel Mandela is a member of The Elders who works on thematic as well as geographically specific subjects. The Elders’ priority issue areas include the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Korean Peninsula, Sudan and South Sudan, sustainable development, and equality for girls and women. She is also a member of the Africa Progress Panel (APP), a group of ten distinguished individuals who advocate at the highest levels for equitable and sustainable development in Africa. As a panel member she facilitates coalition building to leverage and broker knowledge, and convenes decision-makers to influence policy for lasting change in Africa.
Panel 1

Mr Alan Doss (see page 8)

Dr Christopher Fomunyoh, Democratic Institute

Dr Christopher Fomunyoh is the Senior Associate for Africa and Regional Director at the National Democratic Institute (NDI). He has led international election observation missions and supervised democracy support programs in numerous African countries. Dr Fomunyoh works closely with political and civil leaders to advance inclusive democratic processes in the region. He also helped launch the African Statesmen Initiative with former heads of state to facilitate political transitions in Africa. Dr. Fomunyoh is an adjunct faculty at the African Center for Strategic Studies and a former adjunct professor of African politics and government at Georgetown University. He also is the founder of a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting democracy and humanitarian causes in Cameroon.

Ms Chipokota Mwanawasa, Political Strategist, Zambia

Ms Chipokota Mwanawasa is a Zambian lawyer and political strategist. She is passionate about issues at the nexus of law, policy, governance, agriculture and the general social-upliftment of Africa. Her main public service contributions in Zambia, center around these themes. She has been involved in managing the campaign strategies of some of Zambia’s leading political leaders and the policy appeals of some of the main political parties. Chipokota holds a master’s degree in law from UCT and an LLB from the University of Kent. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Public Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Mr James-Emmanuel Wanki

Mr James-Emmanuel Wanki is currently President John Fitzgerald Kennedy Fellow / James Snitzler Scholar and Edward S. Mason Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Cambridge, in the United States of America. Until recently, he was Senior Specialist at the World Bank, within the Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV) team, where he jointly supported the World Bank and United Nations efforts in the Central African Republic (CAR) as the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus country advisor. His core areas of specialisation are on governance and democratic processes especially in Africa, youth, globalisation and democratisation trends, drivers of fragility and protracted conflicts, political and conflict analysis, local ownership, and political/developmental reform agendas.

Prof Tim Murithi, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation

Prof Tim Murithi is Head of the Peacebuilding Interventions Programme at the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation in Cape Town, and Extraordinary Professor of African Studies, at the Centre for African and Gender Studies, University of the Free State, in South Africa. He has over 25 years of experience in the fields of peace, security, international justice, governance and development. Previously, he was the 2016 Claude Ake Visiting Professor at the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) and Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. He is a Research Associate, Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa, UCT. He is a Senior Research Associate, Nordic Africa Institute, He has held previous posts including: Senior Research Fellow, Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, UK; Head of the Peace and Security Council Report Programme, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Senior Researcher, Centre for Conflict Resolution, UCT; programme officer, United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Geneva; Lecturer, Department for Political Studies, UCT.

Ms Keboitse Machangana (Director of Global Programme, IDEA)

Ms Keboitse Machangana leads and manages a portfolio of programmes that supports democracy worldwide through the development and application of global comparative knowledge resources and tools, supporting democratic reforms, as well as actively contributing to shaping the global and regional policy agendas by bringing the democracy lens and perspective to debates at that level.
Panel 2

Prof Brian Raftopoulos, Expert (Zimbabwe)

Prof Brian Raftopoulos was formerly a Professor of Development Studies, University of Zimbabwe, and Mellon Research Fellow at the Center for Humanities Research, University of the Western Cape. He is currently the Director of Research and Advocacy at Solidarity Peace Trust/Ukuthula Trust and a Research Fellow in the International Studies Group, University of the Free State. He has published widely on Zimbabwean history, historiography, politics, and labour studies.

Hon. Nelson Chamisa

Hon. Nelson Chamisa is a Zimbabwean politician, who is the President of the Movement for Democratic Change and previously served as Member of the House of Assembly of Zimbabwe from Kuwadzana, Harare.

Dr Jonathan Kaunda, Chief Governance Expert, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Secretariat

Dr Jonathan Mayuyuka Kaunda is the Chief Governance Expert at the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Secretariat. Previously worked as Senior Programme Officer for Research, Policy and Strategy Development at the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat; Senior Research Fellow at the Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA); and Associate Professor in Political and Administrative Studies at the University of Botswana.

Mr Deprose Muchena, Regional Director, Amnesty International

Mr Deprose Muchena, as Regional Director, leads the Southern Regional Office of Amnesty International on all aspects of human rights and organisational strategy development, implementation and communication. As part of his strategic management function he also leads all aspects of strategic recruiting, supporting and managing a dedicated team of country experts, campaign and advocacy experts, communication and research professionals to drive the regional strategy and the implementation and communications plan to achieve social change and human rights impact. In his previous position as Deputy Director of Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) he was managing and overseeing all the 12 thematic programme managers, including country team, leading programme implementation, supporting the executive director and ensuring that all aspects of grant making are aligned and linked to the strategy in coherent fashion.

Prof Trevor Manuel, Former South African Finance Minister

Prof Trevor Manuel served as a Cabinet Minister from 1994 to 2014 under the first four Presidents of democratic South Africa. In his first Cabinet post as Minister of Trade and Industry, he led the process of reintegrating South Africa into the global economy after decades of sanctions and disinvestment. Domestically, he introduced extensive support measures for small, medium and micro-enterprises to boost local economic development and grow business enterprise. In April 1996, he became Finance Minister, steering the South African economy for 13 years as one of the world’s longest serving finance ministers. In addition to his Ministerial duties Trevor Manuel assumed a number of ex officio positions in international bodies, including the United Nations Commission for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the World Bank, the IMF, the G20, the African Development Bank and the Southern African Development Community. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including Africa’s Finance Minister of the Year and the Woodrow Wilson Public Service award. He has 8 honorary doctorates from South African tertiary institutions and a Doctor of Laws from McMaster University, Ontario Canada. He has served as the Chancellor of the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) since May 2008. He is an Honorary Professor in the Mandela School of Governance at UCT. Prof Manuel is Chairperson of Old Mutual Group Holding and a Senior Advisor to and the Chairperson of Rothschild.
Panel 3

Dr Marianne Camerer (see page 8)

Mr Hopewell Chin’ono, Regional Journalist and Political Commentator

Mr Hopewell Chin’ono was trained as a journalist at the Zimbabwean Institute of Mass Communications before going to City University’s Journalism school in London, England. He obtained a Master of Arts degree in International Journalism and then worked with the BBC World Service as a freelance radio producer. In 2003 he returned to his native Zimbabwe to work for the BBC as a freelance correspondent. He won a British Government Chevening scholarship to go and study film at Brunel University where he obtained a Master of Arts degree in Documentary Practice in 2007. He returned to Zimbabwe in 2007 and made a multi award winning documentary film called Pain in my Heart.

Ms Alison Tilley, Coordinator, The Judges Matter Campaign

Ms Alison Tilley is an attorney and the coordinator of the Judges Matter campaign. Judges Matter intends to enhance judicial governance, which we define as appointments as well as conduct, thereby strengthening the rule of law in Africa. Judges Matter says that good appointments make for good judges; good judges who are trained and supported make for good judgments; and good judgments take forward the rights and governance framework, develop and strengthen the rule of law, and contribute to social justice.

Mr Matthias Krönke, Political Parties Project (IDCP)

Mr Matthias Krönke is a political scientist currently completing my PhD at the University of Cape Town (UCT). His focus is on political institutions and democratic accountability in new democracies, with a regional focus on Africa. His primary research interests converge around two related questions: When and under what circumstances do political institutions, especially political parties and judiciaries, become stronger and more independent? And what effect does this have on government accountability, resource allocation and the quality of governance? For his PhD, he focused on the relationship between political parties and the delivery of basic government services such as education, health care, water and sanitation. Over the past three years, he has worked for the Afrobarometer and become a co-principal investigator for two research projects focusing on political parties and judiciaries in Africa. In 2017, he set up a new multi-country data collection and research project together with Robert Mattes (University of Strathclyde), Sarah Lockwood (Harvard University), and Jeremy Seekings (UCT), based at the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa at UCT. The Political Parties in Africa Project collects systematic, cross-national data about the structure and performance of Africa’s political parties, and the role they play in governance, political mobilization and democratic accountability. In 2018, he set up a new research project as part of the Democratic Governance and Rights Unit (DGRU) at UCT, the Judiciaries in Africa Project. The aim of this project is to analyse the causes and consequences of judicial legitimacy and independence in the Southern African region.

Dr Sishuwa Sishuwa, Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa

Dr Sishuwa Sishuwa is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Institute for Democracy, Citizenship and Public Policy in Africa, University of Cape Town. He is a historian of African politics on the Faculty of History at the University of Zambia and a Research Fellow at the Southern African Institute for Policy and Research. His research interests focus on the study of history, identity politics, elections, political parties, civil society and democratisation in Central Africa. Sishuwa is also a leading public intellectual in Zambia and his regular analysis of the contemporary political events in the country shape public opinion. He obtained his PhD in History from the University of Oxford.

Panel 4

Mr Sebastian Brack (see page 8)

Mr Fred Bauma, The Struggle for Change, LUCHA

Mr Fred Bauma is a researcher and human right activist working with Lucha Movement and other African movements including Y’en a Marre (Senegal), Balais Citoyen (Burkina Faso) etc.
Mr Brian Kagoro, Civil Society and Governance Specialist

Mr Brian Kagoro is the Founder and Executive Director of UHAI Africa Group, a governance and development consulting firm with operations in Johannesburg, Harare and Nairobi. Brian is a Pan Africanist. He is a constitutional and economic relations lawyer. Prior to establishing UHAI Africa Group, he was the Regional Programme Advisor for the UNDP’s Africa Governance and Public Administration Programme where he also led the UNDP Africa Governance Team within the Regional Service Centre for Africa. Prior to joining the UNDP, Brian served as Pan African Head of Policy and Advocacy at Action Aid International. He is a 2003 Yale World Fellow and a 2005 World Economic Forum Young Global Leader. Brian has extensive leadership, policy research and advocacy experience and expertise. He recently served as a mentor on the African Leadership Centre mentoring programme.

Mr Mark Heywood, Former Executive Director, Section 27

Mr Mark Heywood was the former executive director of SECTION 27, former executive director of the Aids Law Project, co-founder of Treatment Action Campaign (TAC). He also served on the South African National Aids Council and has spent the last few years fighting inequality in education. Mr. Heywood has written extensively on HIV, human rights and the law, including co-editing the AIDS and the Law Resource Manual and Health & Democracy: A guide to human rights, health law and policy in post-Apartheid South Africa. He has been part of the legal teams of the ALP and TAC that have been involved in all the major litigation around HIV and human rights.

Mr Mory Conde, Executive Director, AGIL – Guinea

Mr Mory Conde is the Senior Manager in the Development and Project Management Galileo International Institute of Management in Israel. He has 12 years of experience in managing and conducting development projects especially local governance with a strong commitment. He is also the Coordinator of the Civic and Electoral Education Center, Vice-President of the National Anti-Corruption Agency and assimilated by a member of the Steering Committee, from the Coordinator of the National Election Observation Consortium. Since September 22, 2006, he is the founder of AGIL, an NGO working to improve governance in the basic social services sectors and the national leader in innovative community approach.

Ms Bonolo Makgale

Ms Bonolo Makgale is a Programme Coordinator at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria in the Democracy, Transparency and Digital Rights Unit. The Centre for Human Rights established a partnership with the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) in October 2017. Key objectives of this partnership, is facilitating capacity building on human rights and democritisation in Africa, increasing the visibility of PAP and fostering a strong interaction between PAP and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) on the continent. Bonolo manages the Pan-African Parliament Project. Bonolo is a Masters in Public Policy Candidate at the Wits School of Governance. Her research paper investigates the nature of coalition politics in the city of Johannesburg and how it shapes public policy. She has a particular interest in governance, democracy and public policy.

Panel 5

Mr Axolile Notywala

Mr Axolile Notywala is a social activist and since June 2017 the General Secretary of the Social Justice Coalition, a grassroots social-movement campaigning for safe, healthy, and dignified communities in some of South Africa's most underdeveloped townships. Before that he headed the coalition's local government programme, which is focused on improving access to water, sanitation, and other services in informal settlements; promoting active citizenship, participation, and accountability through social audits; and promoting participation and transparency in the development of local government budgets. Notywala is a 2015 alumnus of the Building Bridges Leading in Public Life Programme of the University of Cape Town, a 2016 Mandela Washington Fellow and served as a board member of the My Vote Counts campaign from 2012 – 2017.

Mr Samson Itodo, Founder-YIAGA #nottooyoungtorun

Mr Samson Itodo is the Executive Director of YIAGA AFRICA, a community of change makers focused on building sustainable democracies in Africa anchored on the principles of inclusion, justice, accountability and constitutionalism. He plays a leading role in implementing the organization’s mission and objectives which entail strategic planning, policy research and analysis, grant seeking and stakeholder engagement. He has 12 years of experience and expertise in elections management, legal research and analysis, parliamentary strengthening, constitution building and social movements. He is also is the convener of the Not Too Young To Run movement that led the successful advocacy for the reduction of age limits for running for public office in the Nigerian constitution.
Ms Rosewita Katsande, Director, YETT – Zimbabwe

Ms Rosewita Katsande is the Executive Director of the Youth Empowerment Transformation Trust (YETT), which is at the forefront of championing youth participation in national discourse and broader development processes in Zimbabwe. Rosewita has a long record of work with youth in Zimbabwe, including as a teaching assistant and later a Lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe, before joining YETT in 2006. Her current responsibilities at the Trust include coordinating programme development, financial reporting and budgeting, capacity building and mobilisation, fundraising and proposal development, building donor liaison, report writing, monitoring and evaluation and workshop facilitation and coordination. YETT has been leading advocacy initiatives to encourage youth participation in electoral processes, development of a national healing framework and the constitution.

H.E. Ms Bogolo Kenewendo

H.E. Ms Bogolo Kenewendo is a trained trade and economic diplomacy professional. She holds an MSc in International Economics from the University of Sussex (UK) through the prestigious Chevening Scholarship. She is a certified Project Management PRINCE 2 practitioner and a BQA accredited trainer on Economic Issues. She is also the program leader of Molaya Kgosi Women Leadership and Mentorship Program and the Board Chair of Molaya Kgosi Trust. During her tenure as a Specially Elected Member of Parliament, Hon. Kenewendo was the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence, Justice, Security & Government Assurances and a member of the following national committees; Finance and Estimates, Finance, Trade and Economic Development, Public Accounts Committee, Wildlife, Tourism, Natural Resources & Climate Change, Labour and Home Affairs, Youth, Sport, Arts & Culture. She was also a member of the Pan African Parliament and the Inter Parliamentary Union; Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade and She sat on the IPU-World Trade Organisation Steering Committee.

Ms Lindiwe Hani, Digify Africa

Ms Lindiwe Lintle Hani is the author of the best selling memoir Being Chris Hani’s daughter. Lindiwe has spent majority of her career in the communication space before writing the book and now focuses her time and energy working with the NGO Digify Africa which uplifts the youth through digital skills. She is passionate about making a difference in the youth and displaced people of this country. Lindiwe is a proud mother to her exceptional daughter Khaya and resides in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Panel 6

Prof Alison Gillwald, Expert, Digital Governance in Africa

Prof Alison Gillwald (PhD) is the Executive Director of Research ICT Africa (RIA) and holds an adjunct professorship at the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town where she convenes the Digital Economy and Society in Africa doctoral programme. A former regulator, she went from the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) established in the wake of the first democratic elections in South Africa in 1994 to the founding Council of the South African Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (SATRA) when it was established in 1997. She also served as chairperson of the South African National Digital Advisory Body; on the board of the public broadcaster SABC; and as the deputy Chairperson of the SA National Broadband Advisory Council. She served on the ICANN President’s Strategy Panel on Multistakeholder Innovation. She advised the Ministry of Communication on the South Africa’s Broadband Plan: SA Connect and Government of Mauritius on the i-Mauritius broadband policy. In 2019 she was appointed Deputy-Chairperson of Giganet. She sits on the board of the South African Tertiary Education Networks (TENET). She is an Associate Editor of the International Telecommunication Union journal, Discoveries, and is on the editorial board of Digital Policy.

Ms Hlengiwe Dube

Ms Hlengiwe Dube is a Project Coordinator with the Centre For Human Rights’ Democracy, Transparency and Digital Rights Unit where she coordinates projects on freedom of expression, access to information, digital rights and other issues that fall within the democracy purview. She holds a Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratization in Africa from the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria and is currently studying towards a PhD at the same institution. Her previous appointments include consultant at the Centre’s Women’s Rights Unit where she worked on a state reporting project on compliance with the Protocol to the African Charter on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol); Legal Assistant with the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights in The Gambia; Researcher with the Media Monitoring Project Zimbabwe. She has also done internships at the Open Society Initiative for West Africa and Southern African Litigation Centre.
Ms Ory Okolloh, Director, Omidyar Network

Ms Ory Okolloh is the director of Omidyar Network and also a co-founder of Mzalendo and a Chayes Fellow at the World Bank's Department of Institutional Integrity. She is a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, and sits on the board of the Africa Media Initiative. Okolloh is a frequent speaker at leading conferences such as TED, the World Economic Forum, Poptech, the Clinton Global Initiative, Techonomy, Mobile Web Africa and the Monaco Media. She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Pittsburgh and with a law degree from Harvard Law School.

Mr Elie Chansa

Mr Elie Chansa is a trained filmmaker with a background of media studies (Mass Communication). He currently works as an information and communication officer voicing the voiceless with a local NGO (PINGO's Forum) based in Arusha, advocating for the rights of pastoralists and hunter-gatherers in Tanzania since 2012. He is further involved in documentation for policy change, both at the national and international levels, whereas his produced contents are showcased in order to enabling a sustainable livelihood for local communities, with his founded brand, InHouse Pictures. Apart from that, he is involved in different youth led institutions and programs, including the World Economic Forum’s Global Shapers Communities – Arusha Hub, currently as a vice curator. He serves as an editor-in-chief for a popular Kiswahili Christian and inspirational weblog in Tanzania, Gospel Kitaa. A co-founder for Maono Foundation – which seeks to invest in youth potential, and since he is tech savvy – he advises on new media technology and train on the same. He loves blending travel and photography, books, speaking for a cause, and indeed a nice cuisine.

Commissioner Mosotho Moepya

Commissioner Mosotho Moepya joined the Electoral Commission of South Africa as a Commissioner in November 2018. Prior to this appointment, Mr Moepya served as the Chief Electoral Officer of the Electoral Commission of South Africa for five years, until 2017, where he oversaw both the 2014 National and Provincial Elections and the 2016 Municipal Elections. He holds a B.Com and Higher Education Diploma from the University of the North, as well as an honours degree in Business Administration and an MBA, both from the University of Stellenbosch Business School. Moepya first joined the Electoral Commission in 1998 as the Director of Electoral Logistics. He was promoted in 1999 to the position of Senior Manager (Chief Director): Electoral Logistics, Planning and Voting Station Infrastructure. In 2001, he was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief Electoral Officer. He served in this position until his appointment as Chief Electoral Officer in 2012.

Master of Ceremony Mr Dzikamai Bere, Head, The Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum

Mr Dzikamai Bere is, mostly, the Head of Research at the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum (the Forum), a coalition of 22 human rights organisations in Zimbabwe. He is also the Coordinator of the National Transitional Justice Working Group (NTJWG), a transitional justice policy advocacy platform of 46 organisations, that is hosted by the Forum of Human Rights Research. As the head of research at the Forum, Dzikamai leads the Forum’s human rights research and documentation work which include the production of the Forum’s flagship publication, the Annual State of Human Rights Report for Zimbabwe (ASOHR). ASOHR is Zimbabwe’s most comprehensive locally produced human rights appraisal targeting the national human rights reform agenda. Apart from ASOHR, Dzikamai also coordinates the day to day human rights monitoring and documentation, as well as international human rights advocacy which includes coordinating Zimbabwean civil society participation in the United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms Transitional Justice Advocacy. As the Coordinator of the NTJWG, Dzikamai is responsible for leading advocacy for a transitional justice policy for Zimbabwe. At a time when Zimbabwe is struggling to chart a new path to democracy and sustainable peace, a past legacy of violence and the stigma of past atrocities burden the new regime necessitating a mutual search for a different future. In this work, Dzikamai is working with over 46 organisations to build consensus on how to deal with historical crime and redesign a new reality of justice and accountability.