

WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF AFRICA

2020 Future Africa virtual women's month dialogue.

"Creating spaces, overcoming barriers, strengthening African women's voices"



Following the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, which marked a significant turning point for the global agenda for gender equality, African women have made substantive progress in political, economic and social arenas but also have faced numerous constraints. Women have been at the forefront of transformation, yet their contributions to social change are often under-represented.

To achieve the transformation we need in Africa, our social structures need to be supportive towards women to help them rise up in the public platform.

Since women in leadership act as role models that help to inspire other women to succeed, it is on this background that in celebration of the 2020 women's day Future Africa has put together a panel of leading woman in academia, governance and political participation from different parts of the African continent to discuss the progress that women have made towards transforming Africa.

This will be a virtual event that aims to bring together the voices of leading female in academia, politics and governance to talk about how African women's participation in leadership can be enhanced to help drive transformation in the continent.

EVENT DETAILS

Event title: "WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF AFRICA"

Date: Monday 31 August 2020

Time: 1800-1930hrs SA Time

Webinar Platform: LinkedIn Live

Hashtags: #UPWomen; #WomenTransformingAfrica; #LeadingWomen

PROGRAMME

- ▶ **Welcome and introduction** of the guests & Opening Remarks by Future Africa Director: *Professor Cheik Mbow*
- ▶ **Welcome & Remarks** by VC & Principal of the University of Pretoria: *Prof Tawana Kupe*
- ▶ **Special high-level statement** from *Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka* Executive Director of UN Women
- ▶ **Introduction of moderator and the panellists.**
- ▶ **Panel discussion** with short polls in-between
The discussion will cover a range of subjects related to women's participation in academia, politics and governance from the achievements that have been made, challenges and what still needs to be done. Most importantly, the participants will focus on how women's participation can be enhanced to help drive transformation in the continent.
- ▶ **Conclusion and close.**

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

MODERATOR



Ms. Nozipho Tshabalala

Ms. Nozipho Tshabalala (formerly Mbanjwa) - Acclaimed conference moderator, award-winning journalist, and faculty member for Duke CE in Africa, specialising in leadership programs

She is an internationally acclaimed conference moderator and is in demand for her unique and insightful ability to facilitate intelligent conversations with depth and breadth. She has moderated conversations at the World Economic Forum, United Nations agencies – including UN Women, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. She has also successfully moderated conversations for global and African institutions including leading listed and unlisted multi-national corporations, business schools and civil society organisations that seek to leverage conversations for change. Her intention during each of these processes is to achieve measurable outcomes.

Nozipho is also an award-winning journalist, broadcasting financial markets shows into 48 African countries and reaching millions of Africans daily. Her broadcast niche lies in the political economy, development finance, gender mainstreaming and youth development. She has hosted a number of shows in these areas.

She has worked in The Presidency in South Africa, the Mayor's Office in Washington DC, Umlambo Foundation and at Tata Africa in Johannesburg.

Nozipho is a faculty member for Duke CE in Africa, specialising in leadership programs and in that capacity, she contributes to the design and delivery of learning journeys for graduate programmes in Africa for clients such as Barclays, MTN, Liberty and BMW.

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SPECIAL HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENT



Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka - Executive Director of UN Women

Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka was sworn into office as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women on 19 August 2013. She holds a wealth of experience and expertise working on issues of human rights, equality and social justice. Dr. Mlambo-Ngcuka has worked in government and civil society, and with the private sector, and was actively involved in the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa.

Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka served as Deputy President of South Africa from 2005 to 2008, overseeing programmes to combat poverty and bring the advantages of a growing economy to the poor, with a particular focus on women. Prior to this, she served as Minister of Minerals and Energy from 1999 to 2005 and Deputy Minister in the Department of Trade and Industry from 1996 to 1999. She was a Member of Parliament from 1994 to 1996 as part of South Africa's first democratic government.

Dr. Mlambo-Ngcuka began her career as a teacher and gained international experience as a coordinator at the World YWCA in Geneva, where she established a global programme for young women. She is the founder of the Umlambo Foundation, which supports leadership and education. A long-time champion of women's rights, she is affiliated with several organizations devoted to education, women's empowerment and gender equality.

She holds a PhD in education and technology from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom.

PANEL MEMBER



Dr. Joannie Marlene Bewa - Multi-award-winning physician from Benin Republic

Dr. Joannie Marlene Bewa is a multi-award-winning physician from Benin Republic who is passionate about promoting sexual and reproductive health through training, advocacy, and research. Dr. Joannie Marlene Bewa is a public health research associate at the University of South Florida College of Public Health. On the 18th of June, 2020, Dr. Bewa was appointed as Women in Global Health Interim Board Chair, to support gender equality in global health leadership & build a movement where greatness happens.

She founded the Young Beninese Leaders Association (YBLA) which reached over 10 000 youth on reproductive health, gender and leadership and was awarded the very competitive First lady Michelle Obama Young African Women Leaders Grant. She is a globally well-known advocate for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and her SDG advocacy focuses on health, education and gender equality. She has been appointed as a United Nations Young Leader for Sustainable Development Goals by the UN Secretary General Envoy on Youth, a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Goalkeepers and serves as a Board Member for Merck for Mothers. She is the Chair of the Young Women Caucus of the continental African Women Leaders Network (AWLN), a founding member of the PMNCH Adolescent and Youth Constituency and an alumnus of the UNPFA Youth Panel and Women Deliver.

Dr Bewa was featured by Melinda Gates' on her list of six influential women on the topic of global access to contraception in 2016, recognized for the "ONE Campaign" Women of the Year Award and supported global advocacy alongside governments including with Canada Prime Minister Trudeau on International Women's Day for a commitment of 650 million dollars for women's health globally. She has an M.D from Faculte des Sciences de la Sante, Universite d'Abomey Calavi (Benin), a Master's in public health from the University of South Florida (USA) where she is pursuing a PhD in public health focused on maternal and child health.

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Ms. Rumbidzai Chisenga - Director of Leadership Programs at the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Center for Women and Development (EJS Center)

Rumbidzai is the Director of Leadership Programs at the Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Center for Women and Development. She leads the Amujae Initiative, the Center's flagship program that prepares women to unapologetically take up roles in the highest echelons of public leadership. She is one of 12 globally identified civic innovators who were part of the inaugural class of Obama Foundation Scholars (2018 -2019). She completed a leadership development residency at Columbia University in New York City as an Obama Scholar. Prior to that, she was a Program Manager at the Mandela Institute for Development Studies (MINDS), a pan-African think tank that advocates for the adoption of Afrocentric approaches in addressing the continent's socioeconomic development challenges. Rumbidzai was instrumental in setting up the MINDS Scholarship Program for Leadership Development, developing the program's operational processes since its inception. She was also in charge of the MINDS Youth Program on Elections and Governance, a civic education initiative that equips African youth for meaningful participation in governance. Under this program, Rumbidzai coordinated an alumni network spread across 53 African countries.

Rumbidzai received a bachelor's degree of commerce (Economics and Accounting) from Rhodes University in South Africa and a master's degree of management (Entrepreneurship) from Wits Business School in South Africa. She has extensive experience working as a cross-sectoral management consultant, and has previously founded a social enterprise.

PANEL MEMBER



Professor Petrick Leslie Felicia – Professor in the Department of Chemistry University of the Western Cape (UWC), and group leader of the Environmental and Nano Science (ENS) group

Professor Leslie Petrik is a leading and well-established expert in the field of environmental remediation, water treatment and beneficiation of industrial wastes. Professor Leslie Petrik has played a leadership role in the establishment of the National Nanoscience Postgraduate Teaching and Training Platform (NNPTTP) presenting a master degree in Nanoscience in the three study fields of nanobiomedical science, nanochemistry and nanophysics supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST). She leads the Environmental and Nano Science (ENS) group, Department of Chemistry, at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) and is involved in postgraduate research with the focus on nanoscience and nanotechnology and environmental remediation.

Professor Leslie Petrik hold a number of nominations and prestigious awards for her work in fields of nanobiomedical science, nanochemistry and nanophysics. These include the 2017/2018 National Science and Technology Forum NSTF-South32 Water Research Commission Award for an outstanding contribution to science, engineering, technology (SET) and innovation. In 2017/2018 she was selected as NSTF finalist in two other categories: NSTF-Engineering Research Capacity Development Award; NSTF-GreenMatter Award. In 2016, she was awarded the Business Women of the Year Award in the Science and Technology Category and in 2015 was the winner of Water Research Commission Research Awards category: Transformation and Redress. In 2013, she was awarded the UWC VICE CHANCELLOR'S annual distinguished researcher award, in the Natural and Medical Sciences and in 2012 was awarded the Distinguished Women Scientist Award in 2012 Department of Science And Technology. In 2010, she was the winner of the dti THRIP Technology Award: "Quality and Quantity of students".

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PANEL MEMBER



Dr. Tamala Tonga-Kambikambi - Deputy Vice-Chancellor University of Zambia

Dr. Tamala Tonga Kambikambi was appointed as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor on 2 March 2020. Dr Kambikambi started her career as a lecturer at the University of Zambia in 1996 and rose through the ranks to senior lecturer and was later appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Cavendish University Zambia a position she held between 2018 and 1st February 2020.

She has served in various capacities as the Chairperson of the National Governing Council for the African Peer Review Mechanism. She served as a Chairperson and Board Member of the Zambia Daily Mail. She served as the Chairperson of the Audit Committee on the Board of the Zambia Development Agency. She was appointed to the Global Environmental Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP) National Steering Committee of the United Nations Development Fund. She has served as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee to the Board of Environment Council of Zambia (now Zambia Environmental Management Agency). She has also held the position of National Chairperson for the Zambia Women's Lobby, as well as Chairperson of the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).

She also served as the Trustee of the University of Zambia Lecturers' and Researchers Union (UNZALARU). Dr Kambimbi holds her first degree in Agricultural Sciences, Masters and a PhD in Agronomy from UNZA.



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