

SA: Infrastructure Opportunities and Challenges

Speakers and Panellists

Infrastructure Finance Focused Panel

Peter Attard Montalto

Managing Director at Intellidex | Director at SA Chamber UK

Peter works with global investors, banks, law firms and corporates to successfully navigate South African and Sub-Saharan Africa economics and politics. Offering a range of high touch subscription options to dedicated investors and consulting services for larger projects, financial institutions and corporates, he particularly specialises in advising on complex issues around the confluence of politics, policy and finance, especially regarding infrastructure and the just energy transition.



Ed Harkins

*Managing Director at GKB Ventures |
Trade & Export Finance Ambassador at the SA Chamber UK*

Ed advises sovereigns, corporates and state owned enterprises on how to fund large capital expenditure programmes. He also specialises in structured export credit agency finance, with a large amount of experience in raising long term flexible funding for infrastructure in Africa.



Denesh Srishanker

Credit Enhancement Facility Director at PIDG

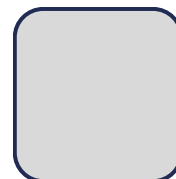
Previously at Guarantco and will now be instrumental in leading the onshore credit enhancement facility to drive local institutional capital funding. Denesh will also highlight the prospect of setting up a new credit guarantor in SA to facilitate infra investment



Michele Dee

*Business Origination, Regional Head for Africa and North America |
UK Export Finance (UKEF)*

Michèle is responsible for leading international business development across Europe, Africa, and South Asia. Her previous experience includes a tenure at the Business Energy and Infrastructure Department (BEIS) as a Corporate Finance Advisor, where she provided guidance on investment strategy for the International Climate Fund and the UK renewable energy markets. Michèle also had a successful career in banking, financing significant projects in various sectors, including energy and economic infrastructure, while holding project financier positions at CA-CIB, Lloyds, and Barclays.



Marianne Vanderschuren

Professor at the University of Cape Town | Fellow at SAICE

Deputy Dean Transformation and Social Responsiveness at University of Cape Town. Specialities are transportation planning and engineering. NRF/DSI CSIR Co-funded Smart Mobility Chair, President South African Institution of Civil Engineering 2022, FSAICE, FICE



Alan Ridgard

Head of Infrastructure Fund Program at Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)

Alan Ridgard is a seasoned professional with over 25 years of experience in infrastructure and capital projects. He has held executive positions in international technical consulting, specializing in capital project management, infrastructure risk assessment, and contract analysis. Alan is passionate about contributing to sustainable clean water supply initiatives.



Stephen Seaka

Head of Public Sector at Absa

Stephen is an Executive Member at Absa CIB, has held multiple senior management positions in banking. He recently served as the Head of Public Sector Group (CIB and RBB) and sat on the board of Absa Vehicle Management Systems. Stephen's expertise led him to be appointed as the Head of Inclusive Growth Solution, overseeing Public Sector and Empowerment Financing. Additionally, he holds prominent roles as the Deputy President of The Association of Black Securities and Investment Professionals (ABSIP) and leads the Employment Equity Forum at Absa CIB.



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Andrew Selous

MP and the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to South Africa and Mauritius

Andrew is MP for South West Bedfordshire and The Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to South Africa and Mauritius. First elected to parliament in 2001, Andrew is a former soldier in the British Army, former Minister for Prisons under David Cameron and is Second Church Estates Commissioner. As a trade envoy Andrew works to promote UK exports to South Africa as well as to increase trade and investment between both countries to increase prosperity and reduce poverty.



Chris Green

Office Managing Partner at Hogan Lovells Johannesburg Inc.

Chris is the Managing Partner of Hogan Lovells' Johannesburg office, specialising in South African corporate/M&A. With over 17 years of experience, he advises clients on complex local and cross-border M&A transactions in Sub-Saharan Africa. Chris focuses on blue chip cross-border corporate work in energy, natural resources, consumer goods, financial services, and telecommunications sectors. He is renowned for delivering high-quality legal solutions in demanding commercial and regulatory environments, having worked extensively in Southern and Eastern Africa.



Chris Britz

Executive: Transport Operations Leader & Market Sector Leader Transit at AECOM Africa

Chris is a Civil Engineer specialising in transportation planning, with over 30 years of experience. He holds a Masters Degree in transportation and traffic engineering and is professionally registered with the Engineering Council of South Africa. With a focus on public transport operations, Chris has dealt extensively with institutional, policy, regulatory, and funding matters within the transportation sector. Since 2019, he has served as the Director of Transportation and heads the Transportation Business Line in Africa.



Lufuno Ratsiku

President of South African Council for Project & Construction Management Professions

Lufuno is a skilled and registered construction project manager and is a member of several professional organisations, including PMSA and RICS. Lufuno actively engages in research and has presented research papers in leadership of construction cost management and serves as a part-time lecturer at the Tshwane University of Technology. He was appointed as a Council Member of the SACPCMP and elected as its President in November 2022.



Malusi Shezi

CEO of CETA / Executive Chairman of Zesh Group (Pty) Ltd

Malusi has extensive professional experience spanning more than 14 years, six of which were with the Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA), where he gained exposure to various sectors including infrastructure development, transport, financial services, telecommunications, property management, and recreation entities. Malusi was part of the team seconded to the United Nations Board of Auditors in New York, where he audited the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF). He currently serves as the Chairperson of the Phelela NPO.



Speakers

Philip Marsh

Founder and Chief Executive at Knowledge Mentoring (Global) Limited

Philip is a professional engineer with experience in South Africa and the UK, specialising in civil and structural engineering. He has worked on major projects and established a successful niche knowledge mentoring consultancy in South Africa.

Philip founded Knowledge Mentoring (Global) in 2019 in the UK. He is also the driving force behind the MASELULEKANE Candidacy Mentoring Programme, which aims to provide support and mentorship from UK infrastructure professionals to 100,000 Southern African built environment graduates within a span of five years.



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Shelley Coleman-Marsh

Women in the Built Environment (WITBE)

Shelley began her career in the structural engineering field and rose to be technical marketing director of an international company. She established Mentoring 4 Success in SA with husband Philip and together, they have been at the forefront of implementing large scale structured mentoring programs across the Southern African built environment. They jointly founded Knowledge Mentoring (Global) in the UK to scale the award-winning mentoring methodology and technology platform.



Shelley now champions her “Women in.. Series” of which “Women in the Built Environment” (WITBE) is one of the initiatives.

Host

Sharon Constançon

*Chairman of the SA Chamber UK | CEO of Valufin Limited |
CEO of Genius Boards & Genius Methods*

Sharon is a highly accomplished CEO with a diverse range of experience across several businesses. She is a corporate governance specialist and foreign currency adviser, known for her impressive track record of achieving results. As an energetic entrepreneur with a sharp eye for risk, Sharon is skilled in recognising opportunities and understanding the importance of good governance.



Sharon is also a respected educator and shares her knowledge and experience as a lecturer for the Qualifying Level Boardroom Dynamics course for the Chartered Governance Institute UK & Ireland. Additionally, she serves as a faculty member of The Corporate Governance Institute, delivering risk training to corporate leaders.