

# New board members appointed at SUSPI

The Stellenbosch University Sport Performance Institute (SUSPI) has appointed Anastasia Tsihclas, Johann Mettler and Dr Zoë Lees as its new board of directors.

Tsihclas brings a wealth of football knowledge honed as the former GM and owner of Mamelodi Sundowns FC, and as the first woman to serve on the SAFA executive. She is currently vice-president of women's football at the Confederation of African Football and sits on FIFA boards alongside legends including Pele and Sir Bobby Charlton. Tsihclas originally trained as a social worker in Greece and is a passionate advocate for development and change in football.

Mettler, an executive director of the South African Local Government Association and the municipal manager of the Drakenstein Municipality, has been appointed as chairman of the SUSPI board. He has a Master's in Law from Lund University in Sweden and is a sports fundi, having been a rugby player and administrator.

Dr Lees, who has a PhD in Science from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, is employed by the World Bank and sits on a variety of corporate boards in South Africa. She is a strategic thinker, innovator and leader of change, particularly in sustainable business development and investment.

"I am certain that with a team of this calibre on our board, SUSPI will forge a new path towards our ambition of becoming the leader in performance sport," said SUSPI CEO Gugu Ntuli.

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