

# Inaugural Directors Event will address critical South African issues

The inaugural Directors Event, taking place on 23 June 2015 at the Hilton Hotel in Sandton, will address primary concerns facing the country today, ranging from an ever-increasing skills deficit and youth employment, to a lack of sufficient power generation to drive economic growth.



In association with financial services group MMI Holdings, the Sunday Times Top 100 Companies Award and the Institute of Directors in Southern Africa (IoDSA), the sessions will be moderated by media personalities Nikiwe Bikitsha, Bruce Whitfield, Andile Khumalo and Iman Rappetti.

"The event will provide leaders an opportunity to listen and contribute to pertinent discussions taking place in our country today," explains Vuyo Lee, Group Executive of Brand and Corporate Affairs at MMI Holdings. "This platform for engagement will not only provide unique points of view from various spheres of our society but help contribute to charting a new path to financial wellness and social cohesion."

## Core themes

Governance accountability and reputation management; leadership and talent management; infrastructure development; and economy and entrepreneurship, are the core themes forming the basis of the round-table discussions.

The governance accountability and reputation management debate - with panel members Dr Len Konar - Chairman and Non-Executive Director of companies, Public Protector Thuli Madonsela; and Executive in the Centre for Corporate Governance at the IoDSA, Parmi Natesan, among others - will examine questions including ethics, transparency and perception facing business and government.

MMI Holdings Chairman Johnson JJ Njeke will be one of the contributors to the leadership and talent management session, taking the skills discussion beyond lamenting the lack of skills to scrutinising development plans in place and the leadership required to help develop the right skills for the economy.

"The infrastructure development dialogue has one main objective in mind: the intersection of business and labour with government to achieve its 2030 NDP objectives, and industry funders, producers and commentators will scrutinise the topic," says IoDSA CEO Angela Oosthuizen.

Finally, a panel featuring Momentum Asset Management Economist Sanisha Packrisamy, Sorbet CEO Ian Fuhr, Telkom SA Limited Chairman Jabu Mabuza, NDP Commissioner Vuyokazi Mahlati and ASISA CEO Leon Campher will analyse the country's balance sheet and look for new areas of growth and big ideas that will stimulate business creation, as part of the economy and entrepreneurship roundtable.

Minutes taken on the day will be converted into a working document for widespread national distribution. For more information, go to [www.thedirectorsevent.co.za](http://www.thedirectorsevent.co.za) or email Marcia Minnaar on [marcia@thefuture.co.za](mailto:marcia@thefuture.co.za).