

SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

1. Princess Tsakani Nkambule

Princess Beatrice Tsakani Nkambule is a serial entrepreneur, a prominent and highly experienced community builder, motivational speaker and best-selling author. She serves in leadership roles in numerous community, government and business organisations throughout the country. She is a former educator with over 30 years business experience in diverse industries such as property development, industrial cleaning, health risk medical waste, energy and agriculture. Her businesses operate in several provinces across the country.

As founder of The Princess Tsakani Foundation, she has assisted over 1000 orphaned and abandoned learners with full uniforms through her annual golf days. Furthermore she contributes to entrepreneurial development by hosting the annual Limpopo Business Symposium. Her best-selling book "From the Bedroom to the Boardroom" is distributed nationally and in neighbouring countries through CNA and other leading book stores. She currently serves as a Commissioner on the Presidential Climate Commission.

2. Mr. Roger Baxter

Mr Baxter was appointed CEO of the Minerals Council in 2015. He has 29 years of high-level advocacy and strategy experience in the business and mining sectors. He was involved in the first mineral policy discussions with the ANC in 1992 and in most of the significant minerals policy discussions since then. He has participated in, and often led, the business negotiation teams on a range of issues such as the 2002 Mining Charter, the 1998 Energy Policy White Paper, the 1997 Skills Development Act, the 2009 Royalty Act, the 2010 revised mining charter, etc. He has participated in all the Presidential Job Summit and Investment Conferences, and he has played a leadership role in encouraging government to focus on the issues that drive South Africa's investment competitiveness. He previously chaired the Business Unity South Africa's (BUSA) Economic Policy Committee and Economic Growth Task Team. He is the Founding Chairman of the World Platinum Investment Council.



He recently participated in President Ramaphosa's 7-a-side NEDLAC leadership team looking at how to revive the economy post COVID-19. He has played a key leadership role in rejuvenating the brand of the Minerals Council and brings material leadership, governance, strategy, investment, and transformation skills to the table. He is a member of the Minerals Council Board, the BUSA Board, the TEBA Fund Trust Board of Trustees and he chairs the World Platinum Investment Council (WPIC). He is Chairman of the Associations Coordination Group of the International Council on Mining and Metals (ICMM) and is the current Chairman of the Mining Industry Association of Southern Africa (MIASA).

In 2020, Mr Baxter was the winner of the Mining Review Africa, 2020 Mining Thought Leader of the Year award. The article states "Fully committed to the mining industry and a person who pulls no punches when it comes to addressing pertinent matters. These words aptly describe Minerals Council South Africa CEO Roger Baxter." In 2018, Mr Baxter was awarded the South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy's (SAIMM) Brigadier Stokes Platinum medal for his contribution to the South African mining sector. Since the launch of the MiningMX "Rainmaker and Pot-stirrers" publication, Mr Baxter has been listed as one of Africa's top 100 most influential people in the mining industry.

3. Dr. Neva Makgetla

Dr Neva Seidman Makgetla has been Senior Economist: Trade and Industrial Policy at Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS) since November 2015. She was Deputy Director General for Economic Policy in the Economic Development Department from 2010 to 2015. Before joining EDD, Makgetla worked for the Presidency, the DBSA and COSATU as well as other government departments. Prior to 1994 she worked in various universities in Africa and the United States. She is currently a member of the National Minimum Wage Commission.

Makgetla's research and publications centre on industrial policy and value chain analysis, with a focus on mining dependency, and on socio-economic challenges facing South Africa, especially employment creation, inequality and the climate emergency, and more recently the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.