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Stephen Pincus  
Founding Chair  
The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business

# 4th Annual Doing Business in Africa Today

**Tuesday October 29, 2019** Goodmans LLP, Bay Adelaide Centre - West Tower, 333 Bay Street, Suite 3400, Toronto, ON M5H 2S7

This seminar covers the reality of doing business in Africa today, Canada's "secret weapon" in Africa, Africa's diversity advantage and opportunities for Canadians arising from The Chamber's inaugural African conference in March 2019.

- 1:00 pm      **Registration and Networking**  
*seminar moderator:* Harold Schroeder, President, Schroeder & Schroeder Inc.
- 1:30 pm      **Welcome**  
- Garreth Bloor, President, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business  
- Sebastian Spio-Garbrah, Chair, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business and Global Managing Director, DaMina Advisors
- 1:40 pm      **Official Opening & Ribbon Cutting**  
- Rt. Hon. Dr. Motsotsohae Thomas Thabane, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Lesotho
- 1:50 pm      **Keynote Address**  
- Mukani Moyo, Expert Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company and Board Member, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business
- 2:10 pm      **Canada's Place in the World: Promoting Stronger Ties with Africa**  
- Trevor Kennedy, Senior Policy Associate, Business Council of Canada
- 2:30 pm      **How Can Bold Action Become Everyday Action? EY Attractiveness Program Africa**  
- Theo Yameogo, Canadian Mining & Metals Co-Leader, EY
- 2:50 pm      **Networking Refreshment Break**
- 3:20 pm      **Panel Discussion - The Trade Commissioner Service: Canada's Secret Weapon**  
**Canadian Success Stories: Lessons from Companies Who Have Made It**  
*moderator:* Garreth Bloor, President, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business  
- Eduardo Valdivia, RJ Burnside & Associates  
- Robert Graham, Global Director, Power, CPCS Transcom Limited  
- John Farrow, Chairman Emeritus of the LEA Group & President LEA International Ltd.  
- Daniel Galeano, Director of Customer Experience, Sera4  
- Lisa Pogue, Trade Commissioner, Regional Office of The Trade Commissioner Service, Ontario Region, Global Affairs Canada
- 4:10 pm      **The Canada-Africa Business Conference 2.0: Recapping the sector opportunities (agriculture, fintech, healthcare and medical) from our 2019 Botswana conference**  
*moderator:* Jacques NdoutouMve, Co-Founder & CEO, Sub-Saharan Africa Healthcare Initiative  
- Sumi Shan, Chief Strategy Officer, The Dunya Project  
- Ian McNeill, CEO, ingeni  
- Nani Pradeepan, Managing Director, New Dawn Energy Solutions  
- Dr. Lakshmanan, Vice-Chairman and CEO, Process Research ORTECH Inc.
- 5:00 pm      **Africa's Diversity Advantage: Youth, Women & 55 Countries**  
*moderator:* Gwenaële Montagner, Senior Director, International Trade, World Trade Centre, Toronto Board of Trade and Board Member, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business,  
- Nola Kianza, President & CEO, Canadian Council on Africa  
- Trevor Wilson, Author and Global Human Equity Strategist, TWI Inc.  
- Brian Dodo, MAPP Africa and Board Member, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business  
- Nkiru Asika, National Director of Marketing, Canadian Black Chamber of Commerce  
- H.E. Nasisa Challi Jira, Ambassador, Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- 6:00 pm      **Networking Cocktail Reception: Honouring Samuel Ntsokoane Matekane, with remarks by the High Commission of Lesotho**

# 4th Annual Infrastructure in Africa: Power, Technology and Mining

*Driving Africa's Growth*

**Wednesday October 30, 2019** Goodmans LLP, Bay Adelaide Centre - West Tower, 333 Bay Street, Suite 3400, Toronto, ON M5H 2S7

Infrastructure is crucial to the socio-economic development of all emerging economies, and particularly Africa and the natural resources sector. This seminar will focus on infrastructure opportunities arising from The Chamber's inaugural business conference held in Africa in March 2019, municipal infrastructure, smart cities and alternative energy opportunities for Canadians in Africa.

9:00 am	<b>Registration and Networking</b> - <i>seminar moderator</i> - Garreth Bloor, President, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business
9:30 am	<b>Welcome</b> - Sebastian Spio-Garbrah, Chair, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business and Global Managing Director, DaMina Advisors
9:40 am	<b>Opening Address</b> - Thabo Kholoane, Advisor, Rail Infrastructure, Ivanhoe Mines
10:00 am	<b>Power African Field Support</b> - R. Chris Troy, Hydropower Technology Lead, Power Africa   USAID
10:20 am	<b>Using Exponential Technologies to Foster Financial Inclusion in Africa</b> - Victor Akoma Philips, KubitX
10:40 am	<b>Networking and Refreshments</b>
11:05 am	<b>Renewable Energy</b> - Justin Woodward, Co-Founder and Head of Africa, JCM Power
11:25 am	<b>Panel 1 - Smart Cities - Private and Public Sector Collaboration to Drive Development</b> <i>moderator:</i> Garreth Bloor, President, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business, Jackson Igbinosun, Vice President, Nigerian & Canadian Business Network (representing Adedayo Thomas, Director-General, National Film & Video Censors Board, Nigeria), Richard Corley, Partner, Goodmans LLP, Nasir Kenea, Chief Information Officer, City of Markham, Andile Nomlala, President, Black Management Forum
12:10 pm	<b>Networking Lunch Buffet</b>
1:10 pm	<b>Panel 2 - Infrastructure Opportunities in Africa for Canadian Companies</b> <i>moderator:</i> Pierre Julien, Executive Vice President, DRA Global and President, DRA Americas, Nicole Verkindt, President, OMX, Chris Canavan, Managing Director, Lion's Head Global Partners, New York, Louis Watum, Managing Director, DRC Operations, Ivanhoe Mines, Lars-Eric Johansson, Former CEO, Ivanhoe Mines, Phildi Scholtz, Sr. Vice President for Projects, DRA Americas
2:10 pm	<b>Wrap Up</b>

## Spotlight Lesotho

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**Wednesday October 30, 2019** Goodmans LLP, Bay Adelaide Centre - West Tower, 333 Bay Street, Suite 3400, Toronto, ON M5H 2S7

Meet the Prime Minister of Lesotho, five Ministers and 25 business leaders and learn about trade and investment opportunities in The Kingdom of Lesotho in this special afternoon session.

3:00 pm	<b>Registration and Networking</b>
3:30 pm	<b>Welcome</b>
3:40 pm	<b>Brief Presentations</b> - Hon. Dr. Motsoahae Thomas Thabane, Prime Minister, Hon. Tlohelang Aumane, Minister of Development Planning, Hon. Nkaku Kabi, Minister of Health, Hon. Mokhele Moletsane, Minister of Home Affairs, Hon. Samonyane Ntsekele, Minister of Water Affairs, Hon. Halebonoe Setsabi, Minister of Trade and Industry, Hon. Tsolo Temiki, Minister of Mining
4:10 pm	<b>Meet the Business Delegation</b> - 2 minute overviews by Lesotho business leaders covering agriculture and agro-processing, finance, construction, tourism, pharmaceutical and medical
4:40 pm	<b>Ad hoc meetings</b>
5:30 pm	<b>End of Day</b>

# Natural Resource Development: The Success Template for Canadian Firms

**Thursday October 31, 2019** Goodmans LLP, Bay Adelaide Centre - West Tower, 333 Bay Street, Suite 3400, Toronto, ON M5H 2S7

Canadian mining companies have been the greatest success stories in the socio-economic development of Africa. This afternoon seminar will profile these companies, what made them successful in Africa and what lessons can be learned for other Canadian companies in other sectors, particularly agriculture and agro-processing.

- 12:30 pm      **Registration and Networking** - *seminar moderator* - Mukani Moyo, Expert Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company
- 1:00 pm      **Call to Order** - Garreth Bloor, President, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business
- 1:05 pm      **Welcome** - Sebastian Spio-Garbrah, Chair, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business and Global Managing Director, DaMina Advisors
- 1:10 pm      **Opening Remarks** - Paula Caldwell St-Onge, Director General, Pan Africa, Global Affairs Canada
- 1:20 pm      **Canadian Natural Resource Development in Africa**  
*moderator:* Bianca Pisciola, Chief Operating Officer, 6ix, Neil Reeder, Vice President, Government Relations, B2Gold, Nikolay Hristov, Vice President, Sustainability and External Relations, Dundee Precious Metals, Ryan McEachern, Managing Director, Mining Supply Trade Association Canada
- 2:30 pm      **Networking and Refreshment Break**
- 3:00 pm      **Financing Natural Resource Projects** - *moderator:* Nyameko Goso, Consul General, South African Consulate, Toronto, Daniel Barankin, CEO, 6ix, Bereket A. Berhe, Mining, Research Analyst, M Partners, Money Khoromi, Associate, Goodmans LLP, Margot Naudie, President, Elephant Capital, Alan Friedman, Principal, Bayline Capital Partners & Co-founder, Southern Sky Pharma and Board Member, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business
- 4:00 pm      **Seed to Sale: The Next Industry Success Story for Canada in Africa** - Simon Akit, Managing Director, Global Head Energy Sales, Canaccord Genuity Capital Markets, Hon. N. Meth, Member of Executive Council, Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa, Hon. Halabone Setsabi, Minister of Trade & Industry, Kingdom of Lesotho, Alan Friedman, Principal, Bayline Capital Partners & Co-founder, Southern Sky Pharma and Board Member, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business, Braden Fenske, Chief Strategy Officer, MediPharm Labs Inc., Dave Sohi, CPA, CA, CBV, Chief Financial Officer, Avicanna Inc.
- 5:00 pm      **Wrap Up**

## 18th Annual Indaba Evening

**Thursday October 31, 2019** Ernst & Young LLP, Ernst & Young Tower, 40th Floor 100 Adelaide Street West Toronto, ON M5H 0B3

Join us at the premier African business networking event on the Canadian calendar featuring a who's who of senior business executives and government officials active, or interested, in Africa. Our 2019 keynote speaker is Dr. Patricia Makhesha, Executive Chairperson, Ivanplats and Executive Vice President for Sustainability, Ivanhoe Mines. The evening will be a celebration of our 25th anniversary, a combination of fun, food and excellent networking opportunities with leading business and community leaders active in Africa.

- 6:15 pm      **General Networking Cocktail Reception**
- 7:20 pm      **Call to Order** - Garreth Bloor, President, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business
- 7:30 pm      **Welcome** - Sebastian Spio-Garbrah, Chair, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business
- 7:35 pm      **Welcoming Remarks**  
- Theo Yameogo, Canadian Mining & Metals Co-Leader, EY  
- Paula Caldwell St-Onge, Director General, Pan Africa, Global Affairs Canada
- 7:45 pm      **25th Anniversary Musical Celebration** - Juno award winning Lorraine Klaasen
- 8:00 pm      **Keynote Address**  
- Dr. Patricia Makhesha, Executive Chairperson, Ivanplats and Executive Vice President for Sustainability, Ivanhoe Mines
- 8:20 pm      **Door Prizes and Wrap Up**
- 8:40 pm      **Networking Reception** continued until 9:30 pm

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Winner of several national awards, his newspaper work is syndicated by Cartoonists and Writers Syndicate in New York and has appeared in such publications as The LA Times, The London Observer, The Globe and Mail, National Post, TIME Magazine and many others.

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Named Ontario's Finest Butcher for 2017, Damian also believes in marrying tradition with innovation. With a nod to his father, he makes biltong, a popular South African protein snack, using premium Ontario beef and his secret blend of spices — the 'family recipe.' While the recipe remains a secret, the word is definitely out about biltong. With paleo dieters, keto fans, and other meat lovers all declaring 'love at first taste,' we recently opened a dedicated production facility next to the Speers Road shop to keep pace with the demand. Even as Florence Meats continues to grow, our focus remains the same — offering fabulous food to our neighbours and community.

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## The National Film and Video Censors Board

The National Film and Video Censors Board (NFVCB), was established by Act 85 of 1993 as the official regulatory agency for the film and video sector of the Nigerian economy. The Core Goals of the NFVCB are to:

- provide an enabling environment for the growth of the film industry through our activities
- manage the classification system to time, cost, and quality standards
- provide policy advice and services to governments
- enhance confidence in (and utilization of) the NFVCB classification system among existing and potential clients
- enhance community understanding, confidence, and usage in relation to classification systems and outcomes
- continually empower NFVCB management and staff to meet its objectives by providing the requisite internal capacity in the areas of people, training, logistical support, information, financial resources, and leadership [www.nfvcb.gov.ng](http://www.nfvcb.gov.ng)



## New Dawn Energy Solutions

New Dawn Energy Solutions is an energy technology company based in Markham, Ontario, Canada. Established in 2006 we integrate quality energy products to international standards for conserving and generating energy. We are integration experts with over 100 years of combined power industry design, operations, and maintenance experience. We believe that energy efficiency and renewable energy can result in zero net energy consumption from non-renewable sources. We are committed to bringing the most innovative and robust energy solutions to exceed our client's expectations. We seek synergies to excel in what we do together and pride ourselves on customer service based project implementation.

Our products generate reliable electricity from local resources and can be deployed rapidly. Our energy solutions range from portable energy systems to turnkey micro-grid energy solutions that exceed customers' expectations. We have the tools to accurately determine customers' needs and provide all the necessary products, support required to meet their goals. We continuously research and identify products, technologies that have demonstrated their ability to provide reliable energy solutions.

Our goal is to provide the best possible solutions for every customer. We do this by establishing long-term partnerships with all the stakeholders including the local businesses, communities, governments, and financial institutions.

[www.newdawn-es.com](http://www.newdawn-es.com)



## OMX

OMX is the only technology platform in the world that manages obligations companies have to invest in local businesses and drive social and economic impacts through their procurement. OMX is an online marketplace to help companies diversify their procurement by providing opportunities through the platform that smartly matches to suppliers, often targeting "diverse" and "local". It is the first software built that provides real-time electronic tracking and data analytics of the industrial base, procurement opportunities and the exact socio-economic benefits that flow to an economy. They are leaders in the defence, aerospace, mining, energy, infrastructure and public sectors. OMX was awarded the 2017 NATO Innovation award for its leadership in e-procurement and measuring socio-economic impacts globally and was named one of the "Best New Technologies of 2018" globally by Procurement Leaders. [www.theomx.com](http://www.theomx.com)



## Osino Resources Corp.

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We are focusing our efforts on advancing the Goldkuppe discovery and extension targets, further developing our new Karibib Regional Exploration Project and defining new grassroots targets in the Otjikoto East area.

[www.osinoresources.com](http://www.osinoresources.com)



## Power Africa

In 2013, Power Africa was launched, bringing together technical and legal experts, the private sector, and governments from around the world to work in partnership to increase the number of people with access to power. Power Africa brings together the world's top companies, political leaders, and financial institutions to help overcome Africa's energy crisis. Power Africa uses collective problem solving to enable African leaders to pave their own future.

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Process Research ORTECH (PRO) is now a privately owned organization serving mining, metallurgical, recycling and chemical industries. Recognizing the need for sustainable development for these industries the company has expanded to offer its clients process technologies for economic advantage, environmental stewardship and societal care.

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Burnside has completed assignments successfully in Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Angola, Benin, Uganda, Egypt, Oman, Ethiopia, Ghana, Barbados, Grenada, Nevis, Bolivia, Honduras, China and Vietnam. Our work with hundreds of Indigenous Communities in Canada has also given us a unique understanding of the needs and challenges that are inherent with under-serviced and remote culturally sensitive areas. We have worked extensively in the water and wastewater sector having worked on projects for municipalities of varying sizes, from rural areas to small towns to large city centres of hundreds of thousands of people.

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**Southern Sky**

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**Sub-Saharan Africa Healthcare Initiative**

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# Personal Profiles

## **Simon Akit**

### **Managing Director and Global Head of Energy Sales, Canaccord Genuity Capital Markets**

Mr. Akit joined Canaccord Genuity in 2008. He is a Managing Director and Global Head of Energy Sales covering Canadian, U.S., and European funds with the firm's global energy product. Mr. Akit has over 20 years of experience between capital markets and the oil and gas industry. Previously, he worked at BMO Nesbitt Burns (New York) as Director Institutional Equities, Raymond James as VP Institutional Equities, and UBS Securities in Equity Research (Energy and Pipelines). Prior to, he worked at EnCana Corp as a Drilling and Completions Engineer, Drilling Foreman, and Production Operator in various parts of Canada. Mr. Akit holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from McGill University, an MBA from the Rotman School of Management (University of Toronto), and is a registered Professional Engineer with APEGA.

## **Victor Akoma-Philips**

### **Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, KuBitX**

Victor is an African. Born, lived and worked across Africa for over 40 years.

Professionally, Victor has been engaged for over 20 years in the IT Strategy and Service Delivery space working for corporations like MTN Telecommunications Ltd., Cisco Systems, EMC, Dell Technologies across North America, Africa, and Europe. The KuBitX company and movement was born from a deep sense to create real value for Africa and it's People... leveraging one of our core values "Fruitful Collaboration" Victor currently serves as Co-Founder and COO at KuBitX. Currently, Victor lives in Canada with his Wife and Daughter.

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## **David Anderson**

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## **Nkiru Asika**

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Nkiru is a Toronto-based independent marketing strategist and creative economy expert. She also serves as the National Director of Marketing for the Canadian Black Chamber of Commerce. A former journalist with Smart Money Magazine, Nkiru is a National Press Club of America award winner and has been published in over 20 global publications including The Wall Street Journal. Nkiru was the founder of Enterprise Creative, a social enterprise that ran a co-working space in Lagos, Nigeria and trained more than 1700 creative and digital entrepreneurs between 2012 and 2015. Through Enterprise Creative, Nkiru project managed several high-level creative economy projects including the British Council Creative Expo, the UK-Nigeria SME Summit 2014, The Creative Careers Fair, and the Forum for Financing Creative Business among other initiatives. She also collaborated with the British Council to run a creative economy workshop and UK study tour for Nigerian public sector officials.

Nkiru was a lead producer of major TV shows such as the first Big Brother Nigeria, The Apprentice Africa, Dragons Den and more; co-producer of Social Media Week Lagos, the largest new media and technology conference in Africa and she led a variety of content, communications and training projects for organizations such as First Bank, Etisalat, Stanbic IBTC, Nigerian Defence Academy, Office of the SGF and Aliko Dangote Foundation.

Nkiru is a graduate of the University of Oxford, the University of the Arts (London) and the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University. She also serves on the Board of the Independent Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Toronto.

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## **Honourable Tlohelang Aumane**

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## **Daniel Barankin**

### **Chief Executive Officer, 6ix**

Daniel Barankin is the founding Chief Executive Officer of 6ix, where he oversees the design, development, and engineering of the 6ix investor experience platform. Daniel studied philosophy, politics, and anthropology at the University of Toronto, Trinity College, before launching 6ix on Canada Day 2016. Prior to 6ix, Daniel was the CEO of Academic Nexus, a digital marketing agency specializing in helping pre-revenue startups reach multi-million dollar run rates in their first years of business.

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Bereket Berhe is a geological engineer with over 19 years experience in the international mining and oil & gas sector. He has extensive experience in the valuation, evaluation, project due diligence, financial modeling and analysis of projects at various stages of development. He has carried out an extensive research in support of numerous assignments: including the valuation of mineral exploration properties, screening of companies for investment purposes, desktop studies, data reviews and, market studies and reviews of exploration and mining properties and/or companies. Earlier in his career, working as a field geologist, senior field engineer and research associate, he has conducted or assisted with drilling planning and monitoring, core logging, data compilation, prospecting, mapping, sampling, and target generation. Previous assignments also included project management, logistics and assessment report writing. His most recent works includes the valuation of precious and base metal development projects from North America, Africa, the Middle East, China and Europe.

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### **Garreth Bloor**

#### **President, The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business**

Garreth is a regular speaker, addressing events of the African Union on free trade, the World Economic Forum and the Council on Foreign Relations, while serving as a consultant on business and economic affairs.

He is a co-founder in the Glenheim Venture Capital Company, listed by FastCompany SA as one of the top 35 companies on 2017. He is a former member of the Mayoral executive in Cape Town where he was elected to Parliament; a seat he declined in order to remain in local government planning and economic development.

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### **Chris Canavan**

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Richard has over 25 years of experience advising clients on complex corporate and commercial transactions. Richard has developed an innovative agile procurement methodology for complex services and goods, that is highly adaptable and offers practical strategies for smart city procurement. Richard was named a member of Canada's 2016 Clean50, a program honouring leaders who are advancing the cause of sustainability in Canada, and is a frequent speaker at professional conferences and seminars on cleantech, outsourcing, procurement and other technology-related topics. Richard is recognized as a leading Canadian technology lawyer in numerous publications.

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John Farrow is the Chairman Emeritus of the LEA Group and President of LEA International an international engineering and planning consultants with 2500 staff in fifteen countries. In addition to being a member of the team that led the expansion into Africa he worked on a number of training projects in Ethiopia and on institutional restructuring in Uganda. During his career John has focused on the interface between government and business along with the use of business skills to implement public sector projects

His experience includes: leading the division of a major public company, leading Canada's premier urban policy 'think tank', and leading an international management consultants. In 2005 he was appointed by the United Kingdom Government as an advisor on urban regeneration. He has consulted on government restructuring in Canada, the United Kingdom, Slovakia and India. He has led urban strategy initiatives in Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, and Hyderabad. He recently was a member of a team preparing a Smart City Plan for Warangal in Telangana.

He is often invited to speak in international forums has been invited by the OECD to speak on green infrastructure investment and has completed studies on green infrastructure for Canadian pension funds.

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Mr. Hristov moved to a corporate role in November 2014 and since then he has been leading the Sustainability and External Relations aspects of DPM's business. This includes development of company's systems, policies and standards in line with the environmental, social and governance expectations. [nikolay.hristov@dundeeprecious.com](mailto:nikolay.hristov@dundeeprecious.com)

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Lorraine Klaasen, the daughter of the late legendary South African Jazz singer Thandie Klaasen, is one of the few South African artists who have preserved the classic sound of 'Township Music', which continues to be the most distinctive sound to come out of South Africa. Born and raised in Soweto and now based in Montréal, Lorraine has electrified audiences worldwide with her dynamic stage presence and showmanship.

In 2008, Lorraine released the highly charged album 'Africa Calling'. Through working with South African record producer Mongezi Chris Ntaka, and featuring bassist Bakhiti Khumalo (who also memorably performed on Paul Simon's landmark album, Graceland), Lorraine accomplished her childhood dreams of taking Township music to the rest of the globe and making a truly African record that touches every heart & soul that beats the world over.

Her CD 'A Tribute To Miriam Makeba' won Lorraine the 2013 Juno Award for World Music Album of the Year and was nominated for an APCMA Award in the Best International Indigenous Artist category. It is a tribute to the legendary songstress, who remains the most important female vocalist to emerge out of South Africa.

Lorraine's latest and most ambitious CD is the 2017 Juno Award nominated 'Nouvelle Journée', which showcases some of the musical styles that Lorraine had not yet recorded in her long musical career. On this album she sings in the Tsonga, Sotho, isiZulu and Xhosa languages of South Africa as well as English and French.

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She has served on the boards of GlaxoSmithKline, Rand Water Board, Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority, Construction Industry Development Board, South African Broadcasting Corporation and Co-operative Bank Development Agency. She was the founder and Chief Executive Officer of MMMS Consulting. Other positions during her 25-year career have included Senior Executive, Transformation and Human Capital Management at South African Forestry Company; Group Corporate Manager with Global Forest Products; Manager of Marketing and Communication at South African banker ABSA Group; and news and current affairs journalist with the South African Broadcasting Corporation. Dr. Makhsha holds a Doctorate and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from MU Business School and has completed executive development programs at the University of Cape Town, Harvard University and WITS business schools.

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In 1964, he graduated with Bachelor of Arts Degree with major in Political Science and English at the then Pius XI College, which was later called University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland (UBLS) and now the National University of Lesotho (NUL). Beside his successes in politics, the Right Honourable the Prime Minister was nominated the winner of the 2006 Best ICT Minister in Africa Award. He was the Chairperson of the Committee of Ministers in the East Africa Submarine Cable System (EASSY) project that was aimed at boosting regional communication initiatives. He pioneered the expansion of rural telecommunications network in the rural areas of Lesotho.

He was the Chairperson of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Council of Ministers during the negotiations leading to the transformation of the OAU into the African Union (AU). He was also the Chairperson of the National Refugee Committee and the National Democratisation Committee. Dr Thabane was the World Health Organisation (WHO) part-time Consultant on Primary Health Care Implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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