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Corruption, and the effects thereof are extensive and destructive having been found to manipulate human judgment, distort the organisational culture of institutions, undermine economic and political development, increase poverty, compromise human rights, corrode the integrity of economic and political systems, causing extreme inequalities, destroying public trust and confidence in government and threatening environmental protection.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – Anti-Corruption: The Doha Declaration: Promoting a culture of lawfulness



# DAY 1

Moderator: Dr Molefhi Phorego

Time	Presenter	Topic	Affiliation	Theme
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>			
10:30 – 10:35	Prof Sibongile Muthwa	Opening Remarks and Official Welcoming	Vice-Chancellor: Nelson Mandela University	
10:35 – 10:40	Dr Lynn Biggs	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Executive Dean: Faculty of Law, Nelson Mandela University	
10:40 – 11:20	Justice Raymond Zondo	Opening and Keynote Address	Former Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa	
11:20 – 11:50	Adv Glynnis Breytenbach	Factors contributing to the decline of the criminal justice system, current issues, and how to fix it	Member of Parliament  Co-Chairperson of Constitutional Review Committee, Representative on Judicial Services Commission	4
11:50 – 12:20	Adv Paul Hoffman	The need to reform the capacity of the criminal justice administration in SA to deal with serious corruption	Institute for Accountability in Southern Africa  Campaigning as Accountability Now	4
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>			
13:30 – 14:00	Prof Hennie van As	The permeating impact of corruption	Nelson Mandela University	1
14:00 – 14:30	Mr Nick Funda	Demand for high value environmental assets increases corruption: An example of rhino-counter poaching in Kruger National Park	SANParks	1
<b>14:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>TEA/COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS</b>			
15:00 – 15:30	Prof Deon Erasmus	The role of civil society in fighting corruption	Nelson Mandela University	2
15:30 – 16:00	Questions and discussions			
<b>END OF DAY 1</b>				

# DAY 2

**Moderator: Prof Hennie van As**

Time	Presenter	Topic	Affiliation	Theme
09:00 – 09:30	Dr Chris Ndzengu	The Role of Asset Forfeiture Legislation in Fighting Corruption	National Prosecuting Authority, Asset Forfeiture Unit	2
09:30 – 10:00	Mr Jan Stanjko	Protecting whistleblowers against retaliation - the European approach	University of Maribor, Slovenia	3
10:00 – 10:30	Dr Molefhi Phorego	A Critical Analysis of the Role of Botswana's Directorate of Corruption and Economic Crimes in Combatting Corruption	Research Associate, Nelson Mandela University	3
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>TEA/COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS</b>			
11:00 – 11:30	Adv Cameron Cordell	Innovative Anti-Corruption Models: The Guatemalan experience	Researcher and Consultant	3
11:30 – 12:00	Mr Solly Moeng	Institutional and Constitutional reforms required to protect inclusive democracy in South Africa	Consultant, DonValley	4
12:00 – 12:30	Questions, discussions and conference closure			
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>			
<b>END OF DAY 2</b>				

**Theme 1:** Looking Backwards – The Impact of Corruption

**Theme 2:** The Mechanisms Available to Fight Corruption

**Theme 3:** Measures Implemented Elsewhere

**Theme 4:** Looking Forward – Possible Sustainable Solutions



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### Former Chief Justice Raymond Zondo

After practising as an attorney for a number of years, Former Chief Justice Raymond Zondo was appointed a Judge of the Labour Court, Judge of the Gauteng Division of the High Court, Judge-President of the Labour Court and Labour Appeal Court, Justice of the Constitutional Court, Deputy Chief Justice, Chairman of the State Capture Commission and Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa.

He has received a number of awards and has been conferred with the degrees of LLD (honoris causa) by Rhodes University and the University of South Africa. He retired as Chief Justice of South Africa in August 2024 after 27 years on the Bench.

His academic qualifications include a B.Iuris (UniZul), LLB (UKZN), LLM in Labour Law (UNISA), LLM with specialisation in Commercial Law (UNISA) and LLM in Patent Law (UNISA).

# THEME 1 SPEAKERS

## Prof Hennie van As

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Hennie van As is a Professor of Public Law and Director of the Centre for Law in Action at the Nelson Mandela University. He is an advocate of the High Court and completed a Diploma in Police Science, the degrees B.luris, Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Laws as well as a Post-Doctoral fellowship at the La Salle University in Mexico. He is the study leader of a number of master's and doctorate candidates on topics related to access to justice, local government law, constitutional law and organised crime. He is an Honorary Senior Fellow at the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, University of Wollongong, Australia. Prior to joining the university, he was employed as a detective in the South African Narcotics Bureau. In 2016, with the financial assistance of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he established the Fisheries Crime Law Enforcement Academy (FishFORCE) at the university as well as branches in 8 SADC countries. He is a member of the a member of the European Union Cost (Cooperation in Science and Technology) Action network of scholars and practitioners working on Globalization, Illicit Trade, Sustainability and Security (GLITSS), as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Coordination Centre of the SADC.



## Mr Nick Funda

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Xolani Nicholus Funda is a General Manager for Area Integrity Management at the South African National Parks (SANParks). He has worked for Transkei Nature Conservation, Eastern Cape Nature Conservation, Forestry and lectured at Tshwane University of Technology.

Funda holds a Master's Degree in Environmental Management from the University of the Free State. He also has a BTech in Nature Conservation from the former Port Elizabeth Technikon and a Diploma in Nature Conservation from Fort Cox College. In 2019, he received an honorary doctorate from Tshwane University of Technology.

# THEME 2 SPEAKERS

## Prof Deon Erasmus

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Prof Deon Erasmus is a Professor of Law in the Department of Criminal and Procedural Law at the Faculty of Law, Nelson Mandela University. In addition, he is the programme coordinator of an LLM coursework degree in Criminal Justice. Before joining academia, he was employed in the Justice Department as a public prosecutor and later as a state advocate in the High Court. He obtained a BJuris LLB from the University of Port Elizabeth and an LLD from the University of the Free State.



Apart from teaching, he also practices part-time as an attorney of the High Court and mainly defends indigent accused persons in the High Court. His current research areas include the protection of vulnerable groups within the criminal justice system and anti-corruption strategies. He is actively involved in training programs in the local government sector, focusing on anti-corruption and ethics management.



## Dr Chris Ndzengu

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Dr Chris Ndzengu is the Regional Head of the Eastern Cape Asset Forfeiture Unit who is well known for his professionalism and expertise in the justice system. He holds a BA (law) and LLB from Rhodes University and an LLM and LLD from Nelson Mandela University.

Prior to joining the NPA in 2003, he practiced law in Makhanda and has held various positions throughout his career. He specialises in asset forfeiture/recovery law, and as regional head of Asset Forfeiture Unit, he has handled several corruption cases in which asset recovery was invoked.

A well travelled professional, Dr Ndzengu has made numerous presentations and conducted training on asset forfeiture in various countries.

## THEME 3 SPEAKERS



### Mr Jan Stanjko

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Jan Stanjko is an academic assistant at University of Maribor, Faculty of Law, where he focuses his research on criminal law, criminal procedure and media law. Currently, he is involved in an EU OLAF project on professional privileges in financial investigations and a NATO STO project on ethical and legal challenges of cognitive warfare.

In the past, he was also involved in an EU ISF Police project which focused on whistleblower protection. His recent publications (as a co-author) include the Cambridge Companion to European Criminal Law (2023), a monograph on The European Investigation Order (Duncker & Humblot 2023) and commentaries on the Slovene Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Act (2021 and 2023).

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### Adv Cameron Cordell

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Cameron Cordell is a practicing advocate of the High Court of South Africa, based in Makhanda, South Africa. His legal career is driven by a profound commitment to human rights advocacy, and a passion for anti-corruption initiatives. He holds a Masters in Public Law obtained at the Nelson Mandela University and serving as a part-time lecturer at Rhodes University.





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Dr Molefhi Phorego is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Faculty of Law, Public Law Department, Nelson Mandela University. Having obtained a Doctor of Laws (LLD Public Law) from Nelson Mandela University, an LLM (Public Law) and Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Pretoria, his research areas of interest are constitutional law, human rights, administrative law and marine law enforcement.

In addition to the co-supervision of Master of Laws (LLM Public Law) students at Mandela University, he writes on good governance and the intersection between the exercise of public power and its impact on the citizenry.

## THEME 4 SPEAKERS



### Mr Solly Moeng

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Solly Moeng is a widely experienced brand reputation strategist, columnist, current affairs commentator and part-time lecturer. He is currently employed as Director of Stakeholder Relations and a Whisperer to the President of ActionSA, a prominent South African political party.

Moeng is an established independent media professional with a specialisation in reputation management, stakeholder engagement strategies, strategic internal and external communications, public relations and media relations.

In 2006, he founded DonValley Reputation Managers and continues to lead its operations to date. As a destination brand management expert, he also founded and convened the Africa Brand Summit which serves as a platform to support African populations through the assessment of education, health, business development, social justice and more.

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### Adv Paul Hoffman

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Adv Paul Hoffman SC was admitted as an attorney in 1975 and as an advocate in 1980. He practiced at the Cape Bar for 26 years, taking silk in 1995. At the invitation of three successive judges president, he served as an acting judge.

Since 2006, Adv Hoffman has worked in the NGO sector, first as the founding director of the Centre for Constitutional Rights and now as co-founder of Accountability Now. He has written two books, *Confronting the Corrupt* and *Countering the Corrupt*, and he also compiled a collection of essays about the Glenister litigation called "Under the Swinging Arch".





## Adv Glynnis Breytenbach

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Adv Glynnis Breytenbach is a Democratic Alliance member of the National Assembly who holds a B Juris and LLB (University of the Free State) and a Certificate in Constitutional Law (University of Pretoria). In the period between 1989 and 2014, she was a Public Prosecutor, State Advocate, Senior Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions and Head of the Specialised Commercial Crime Unit in Pretoria. Adv Breytenbach sits on the parliamentary Constitutional Review Committee, the Joint Committee on Members' Ethics and Interests and is a member of the Judicial Services Commission. In addition to being the shadow Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, she is the Constituency Head of Pretoria Old East Constituency and was Head of Pretoria Moot Constituency from 2014 to 2024.

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