

# PROFILES OF SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS

DAY ONE: 4 MAY 2021

## Honourable Mr N A Masondo, MP

Honourable Mr N A Masondo (MP) is the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP). He is undoubtedly an accomplished dynamic and courageous public leader who joins the list of leaders who have played a pivotal role in the fight against apartheid and helping define the political and social fabric of a post-apartheid South Africa. His illustrious political involvement in the struggle against apartheid is a true epitome of a community leader who rose and surmounted the travesties of growing up in a repressive apartheid society that was characterised by deep rooted racial, repressive laws and a violent state machinery that engineered to brutalized the Black community, Africans in particular.



Honourable Masondo established underground Umkhonto we Sizwe cells in Soweto and was imprisoned on Robben Island from 1975 to 1981 for his participation in anti-apartheid activities. After he was released he served as member of the Soweto Civic Association and was again detained under the emergency regulations from June 1985 to March 1986 and again from July 1986 to 1989. He was also elected as a Member of the Gauteng Legislature and was subsequently elected to serve as Mayor of Johannesburg in 2001.

Honourable Masondo was also a founding member of the United Democratic Front. On his release in 1989, he became regional secretary for COSATU, the trade union umbrella organisation and the ANC's regional election coordinator.

## **Honourable Minister T T Mboweni, MP**

Honourable Minister T T Mboweni, MP is currently serving as the Minister of Finance. He was the Minister of Labour from May 1994 to July 1998. Prior to his appointment as the Minister of Labour, Minister Mboweni was the Deputy Head of Economic Policy in the African National Congress (ANC). He also represented the ANC on several domestic and international platforms.



Minister Mboweni was the eighth Governor of the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) from 1999 to 2009. He joined the SARB in July 1998 as Advisor to the Governor. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Honours equivalent) degree in Economics and Political Science from the National University of Lesotho in 1985. In 1987 he obtained a Master of Arts degree in Development Economics from the University of East Anglia in England.

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## Professor Hugh Corder

Professor Hugh Corder is an accomplished veteran law scholar and professor with an illustrious teaching experience in the continent's pre-eminent faculty of law in the University of Cape Town where he has served as a Dean. He has made an enormous contribution in guiding the constitutional and theoretical values that underpin the concepts of oversight and accountability in our Parliament, Constitutional law.



Professor Corder is an associate at the prestigious Allan Gray Centre for Values-Based Leadership. He has been a professor of public law at University of Cape Town since 1987 and a Fellow of the University since 2004.

Professor Corder's pioneering research in administrative law, judicial selection and Parliament's role in overseeing the Cabinet and executive played a key role in guiding the drafting of the Interim Constitution and subsequently the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Professor Hugh Corder participated in the negotiations in 1993, leading to the establishment of a constitutional democracy, through membership of the Committee which drafted the first Bill of Rights.

Professor Corder is also an activist who played an important role in the fight against the repressive laws of the apartheid regime. He was a student volunteer for the Border Council of Churches (BCC) in mid-1974 where they were assisting black communities who'd been forcibly removed from "black spots" in white rural areas and resettled in Dimbaza in the former Ciskei. That's where he had the chance to work with Steve Biko, Mamphela Ramphele, Malusi Mpumlwana and a lot of really radical South African Students' Organisation activists from the Transkei.

Professor Corder has published a number of books, articles, journal articles and guided the drafting of numerous reports and publications, including the Report on Parliamentary Oversight and Accountability, which informed the drafting of the Parliamentary Oversight and Accountability Model.

## **Honourable Dr D Masondo, MP**

Honourable Dr D Masondo (MP) is the Deputy Minister of Finance with effect from 30 May 2019. He obtained his PhD at New York University (USA). His PhD thesis focused on Post-Apartheid State Industrial Policy and Investment in the South African Automotive Industry. He obtained both his BA (Hons) and MA at Wits University.



Dr Masondo has held different political and managerial positions in government, including serving as the Finance MEC and Director in the Local Government Department in Limpopo. He was Chief Director for Economic Sectors and Industry; and also served as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Automotive Industry Development Center under the Gauteng Provincial Government. He has been a political activist for a period of approximately 30 years.

Dr David Masondo is an African National Congress National Executive Committee member serving in the Economic Transformation Committee and has served in various positions of leadership. He was the Principal member of the Financial Sector Charter Council representing the Community.

Dr Masondo is passionate about Education and has worked as a lecturer at Wits University teaching States and Markets (undergraduate) and Political Economy of Modern South Africa (Post-graduate course) amongst other courses. He is the Founding Principal of the OR Tambo School of Leadership, a political education school of the ANC.

His passion for education extends to community development. To this end he is a founding chairperson of the Topisa Trust, which provides ongoing support to youth to promote education, sport and cultural excellence in villages in Limpopo.

## Professor Richard Calland

Richard Calland has for the past twenty-five years been working in the fields of democratic governance and sustainable development in South Africa and beyond. Based at the University of Cape Town (UCT), where he is Associate Professor in Public Law, he established and then led its Democratic Governance & Rights Unit from 2007-2016, focusing on judicial appointments, training and governance. Calland specialises in freedom of information law and serves as a member of the Independent Access to Information Appeals Board of the World Bank (since 2012).



In the past, Professor Richard Calland has advised the governments of Mali, Peru, Nicaragua, Bolivia and Jamaica on transparency law reform and policy, and the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST) on matters of governance and multi-stakeholder process.

In early 2019, Professor Richard Calland was appointed by Minister for International Relations, Honourable Lindiwe Sisulu, to chair a Task Team to advise her on the establishment of a new Diplomatic Academy. Before moving to South Africa in 1994 to work on its founding democratic election as an advisor to the ANC in the Western Cape, Professor Calland practised law for seven years at the London Bar (called in 1987 to Lincoln's Inn).

From 1995-2011, he headed the Political Information and Monitoring Service and then the Economic Governance programme at Idasa – which was at that time Africa's leading democracy Institute. He is a founding member of the Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution (CASAC). With others, **Professor Calland founded the Parliamentary Monitoring Group (PMG)** as well as the Open Democracy Advice Centre (ODAC), a law centre that supported the implementation of freedom of information law and advised whistleblowers for almost two decades and for which he served as its first Executive Director from 2001-2010.

Professor Calland is a Fellow of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, and has been a member of faculty on a series of

strategic leadership programmes for, amongst others, the World Bank, the African Development Bank, PWC, Nedbank, Namdeb, Network Rail and Tata. He is also the co-director of the niche organisation, the African Climate Finance Hub, supporting governments and multilateral organisations in Africa on issues relating to access and use of climate finance. He is a retained adviser on governance and politics to Massmart/Walmart and regularly gives political risk analysis to the clients of investment banks such as UBS and Citi, and is a founding partner of The Paternoster Group: African Political Insight, whose clients include Citadel, RCL Foods, the Australian High Commission, the Norwegian Embassy and ExxonMobil.

Due to his experience and expertise as a political analyst, Prof Calland was retained in 2015 by the US Securities Exchange Commission as an expert witness in its prosecution of Hitachi under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. In 2005, he spent two terms at Cambridge University, as a visiting scholar at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. In 2006, he spent a month as a visiting lecturer in constitutional law at the Faculty of Law at Meiji University, Tokyo. He holds an LLM from the University of Cape Town, a Diploma in World Politics from the London School of Economics and a BA(Hons) Law from the University of Durham. He is a regular commentator in the media and his political column has been carried in the Mail & Guardian newspaper since 2001. Author of *Anatomy of South Africa* (2006) and *The Zuma Years* (2013), Calland's latest book on politics, *Make or Break: How the next three years will shape South Africa's next three decades*, was published in September 2016 by Penguin Random House.



## **Professor O S Sibanda**

Professor Dr O S Sibanda is a Professor of Law and the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Management and Law at the University of Limpopo. He holds a Doctor of Laws (in International Economic Law) from North West University, a Master of Laws from Georgetown University Law Centre in the United States of America; and an LLB (Hon) and B Juris from the then Vista University, Soweto Campus.

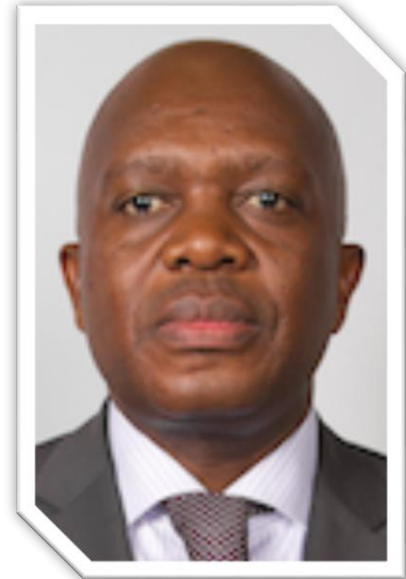


Professor Sibanda is well accomplished writer and publisher who has published several articles and journals and books. He is a regular feature in the Daily Maverick and has appeared in several television stations as a scholar, political analyst and commentator.

## **Honourable S J Mohai, MP**

Honourable S J Mohai (MP) is the Chief Whip of the NCOP. He has been a Permanent Delegate to the NCOP representing the Free State province since 2014. He is currently the Chairperson of the ANC Caucus in Parliament.

Honourable Mohai has an illustrious political career in the ANC and government where he has served in various structures, including serving as the Free State Chief Whip from 2001 to 2004, Member of Executive Council for Public Works, Roads and Transport in 2004 to 2009, and Free State Member of Executive Council for Finance in 2009 to 2014.



He chaired various ad hoc and administrative committees of the Free State Provincial Government, including the Governance, Administration, Security and International Affairs Cluster; Sub Committee on the Drafting of the Free State Growth and Development Strategy; Subcommittee on Mining Interventions; and Subcommittee on African Peer Review Mechanism. In the NCOP, he was the Chairperson of the Select Committee on Appropriations and Co – Chairperson of Joint Standing Committee on Financial Management of Parliament.

Honourable Mohai holds an MSC Degree In Technology and Management from Davinco Institute of Technology, which he obtained in 2014. The mini dissertation submitted for this course is Transportation and Economic Growth in the Emerging Economies: A regional Perspective. He also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Management of Technology and Innovation from Da Vincy Institute of Technology.