

# AYANDA VABAZA-MVANDABA CA(SA)

Innovative Corporate Entrepreneur • Accomplished Board Member

## RECOGNITION

2024: Mail and Guardian Top 200 • 2023: Woman of Stature Finalist

2022: SAICA Top 35 Under 35 Finalist • 2021: 100 Brightest Young Minds

## PRÉCIS

Classification	Association / Institution	Engagement / Title	Period
Consulting	Confidential: <b>Retirement, Investment, Life and Insurance Groups x 2 &amp; Technology Company</b>	<b>Consultant:</b> Mergers & Acquisitions and High-Worth Valuations Provided strategic advisory services on mergers and acquisitions within the financial services sector, including valuation of FinTech assets, resulting in successful deal closures	2025 - Present
	<b>Momentum Group</b> Life Insurer	<b>Consultant:</b> Informal Communities Products Development Using my knowledge and experience of the township economy to review and recommend products for relevance	2024 - Present
	<b>Outsourced CFO</b> Financial Services Consultancy	<b>Consultant:</b> Holistic Financial Support to SMEs and valuations for fundraising	2023

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Corporate	<b>AYO Technology Solutions</b>	<b>Senior Manager:</b> Group Consolidation	2021 - 2023

	Technology Investment Company	Led group consolidation for AYO Technology Solutions, a listed technology investment entity, streamlining financial reporting processes	
	<b>KPMG</b> Audit, Tax and Advisory Service Provider	<b>Senior Manager:</b> Financial Services Audit  <b>Senior Manager &amp; Co-Lead:</b> Financial Engineering specialising in unlisted debt and equity valuations	2020
	<b>27four Investments</b> Investment Managers	<b>Analyst:</b> Unlisted Equities	2019 - 2020
	<b>Tantalum Capital</b> Asset Management Firm	<b>Analyst:</b> Listed Equities	2018 - 2019

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Entrepreneurial	<b>Drink Nil</b> Non-Alcoholic Beverage Retailer	<b>Owner &amp; Managing Director</b>	2024 - Present
	<b>Ayanda Vabaza-Mvandaba Bursary Fund</b> Financial Student Empowerment Sponsor	<b>Founder &amp; Managing Partner</b>	2023 - Present
	<b>Mvandaba Group</b> Stakeholder in Energy, Petroleum, FMCG, Retail, and Property sectors	<b>Co-Founder &amp; Chief Executive</b>	2022 - Present
	<b>Lange Siphe Foundation</b> Non-Profit Company supporting Women & Children	<b>Co-Founder &amp; Managing Partner</b>	2022 - Present
	<b>Kwandiso Consulting</b> Financial Services Consulting Firm	<b>Co-Founder &amp; Managing Partner</b>	2020 - Present

	<b>10X Powered by Christel House</b> Non-Profit Youth Unemployment Solution	<b>Managing Partner</b>	2023 - 2024
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Board & Advisory	<b>SAICA</b> Professional Accounting Organizations Body	<b>Member: Southern Regional Council</b>	2024 - Present
	<b>African Phoenix Investments</b> Investments Holding Company	<b>Non-Executive Board Member &amp; Chairperson of Risk + Audit Committee</b>	2023 - Present
	<b>Founders Foundation</b> Public Benefit Organization providing accelerator programmes to Entrepreneurs	<b>Non-Executive Director</b>	2023 - Present
	<b>Western Cape Gambling &amp; Racing Board</b> Gambling & Racing Regulator	<b>Board Member</b>	2023 - Present
	<b>Cape Peninsula University of Technology</b> Technology Tertiary Education Provider	<b>Advisory Council Member &amp; Chairperson of Risk + Audit Committee</b>	2022 - Present
	<b>Wesgro</b> Tourism, Trade & Investment Agency	<b>Member of Risk + Audit Committee</b>	2022 - Present
	<b>Milpark Education</b> Educator of Chartered Accountants	<b>External Moderator for tests and exams</b>	2023 - 2025
	<b>Western Cape Government</b> Parliamentary Governing Body	<b>Member of Audit Committee</b>	2023
	<b>Equal Education</b> Education NGO	<b>Member of Risk + Audit Committee</b>	2019 - 2024
	<b>ABASA Western Cape</b> Assoc. for Advancement of Black Accountants of Southern Africa	<b>Treasurer</b>	2018 - 2023

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Education	<b>Brightest Young Minds</b> Youth Academy	<b>Director</b>	2022 - 2023
	<b>Fun Learning for Youth</b> Free tutoring for learners from disadvantaged communities	<b>Head of Western Cape</b>	2017 - 2020

**“I deliver a broad and versatile perspective, enabling robust risk assessment practices and informed decision-making.**

**This facilitates pioneering strategies incorporating extensive stakeholder perspectives, effectively contributing to the realization of organizational goals.”**

## PERSONAL INSIGHT

“Giving back to my community is woven into my DNA and I support abandoned children, marginalized women, and learners.

I embrace the magnitude of personal reflection and introspection, which I am expressing in a book that I'm currently authoring.

In my downtime, I keep abreast of global Financial Literacy and Digital trends; clarifying the actual significances thereof.

My intrinsic moral compass forms the mainstay of all that I do. My family are front-and-centre of my life and spending time with them in nature is a great “stress-buster”.

As much of my business undertakings incorporate travel and diverse cultures, I am comfortable with varied professional personalities. I am inspired by people, places and topics that expand my mind and cultivate my perspectives.

Professionally, I am stimulated by diverse and complex challenges; and the prospect of having ‘runway’ to add value through applying my holistic dexterities.”

## SIGNATURE SKILLS

With a unique blend of a **Chartered Accounting qualification**, a **powerful sense of purpose**, and an **ardent entrepreneurial aptitude**; Ayanda is a visionary catalyst of change.

Building hypothesis around challenges & opportunities, she is a vital enabler of ambitious development strategies for organizational and community progression.

Ayanda is a strategist & catalyst, with a parallel processing cognition that seamlessly blends the many moving parts of multifaceted initiatives. Circumventing onerous procedures, her aptitude to distil complexity into clear solutions prioritises essential aspects in ambiguous environments. Applying rigorous diagnostics when sense-checking plans, she "connects the dots" to mitigate risks and facilitate optimal outcomes. With an uncanny ability to "distil complexity", problem-solving is at the foundation of her signature skills.

With noteworthy network; Ayanda enjoys access to key decision-makers including:

- Multinational Corporate & Government leaders
- Chairpersons of extensive South African entities & global Economic Bodies
- Financial Services executives
- Key personnel at Management Consulting firms
- Frontrunners in the Digital sector
- Law Enforcement Commissioners
- Community heads.

**Ayanda is primed to stretch her professional ingenuity and progressive positioning to facilitate purposeful, impactful transformations of local communities and key corporations contributing to global economies.**

## **BIOGRAPHY**

**Corporate Innovator • Board Member • Serial Entrepreneur • Social Supporter • Speaker**

- **Corporate Innovator**

As a CA(SA); Ayanda's expertise incorporates financial reporting, consolidations, JSE-listed companies & SMMEs, unlisted debt valuations, auditing, and strategy.

She is currently consulting to two blue-chip Financial Services Groups and a Technology Company vis-à-vis high-value M&A transactions.

Ayanda astutely integrates digital developments and UX / CX product design to unite corporate entities with significant township economies. As a corporate and a township financial literacy expert; she is engaged by the Momentum Group to develop community enterprise scalability, enabling the organization to incorporate this economic sector with bespoke, relevant products. The initiative is strongly supported by Ayanda's key proficiency in educating township societies on the fundamental components of using affordable digitized applications and demystifying monetary values, and articulating pertinent opinion to the Momentum ExCo. A respect for cultural sensitivities including appropriate attire and assembling a team proficient in all local dialects, underpins her success in this regard.

Ayanda also played a pivotal role as Group Consolidation Senior Manager for the listed Technology Investment entity AYO and prior to that, she led teams in Financial Services Audit and Financial Engineering capacities; as a member of the KPMG Senior Management team.

- **Board Member**

As current Board / Advisory member of diverse institutions including Investment Holding, Gambling & Racing Regulatory, Tertiary Institution, Tourism & Trade, Professional Accounting, and Public Benefit organizations; Ayanda is regularly selected to collaborate with global policy leaders – a considerable accomplishment for an individual who is often the youngest / the only female contributor.

Ayanda constantly advances her holistic strategic Board impact, founded on collective learnings permeating varied organizational sectors and geographies. Serving on disparate Boards and Committees, each with unique mandates and challenges; has provided invaluable insights into multifaceted dynamics and organizational complexities.

- **Serial Entrepreneur**

Ayanda's distinctive pioneering initiatives include acquiring a non-alcoholic beverage retailer, "Drink Nil" in 2024; and successfully growing it eight-fold in under a year. The key feature of its success is its inclusivity of those who choose to socialize without consuming alcohol.

With significant insights gained into pricing and positioning of a niche product; Ayanda created a persuasive strategy, skilfully aligned commercial goals with emerging opportunities, and successfully galvanized the enterprise.

- **Social Supporter**

Deeply committed to community empowerment, Ayanda's current projects include the NGO "Lange Siphe Foundation" that supports at-risk women and children, and the "Ayanda Vabaza-Mvandaba Bursary Fund"; which sponsors learners.

The volatile nature of township behaviour has led to resourceful stratagems by Ayanda, effectively countering the likes of neighbourhood extortion and infrastructure destruction. Ayanda was selected as finalist in several awards for community development.

- **Speaker**

Speaking engagements and opinion publications underpin Ayanda's myriad of corporate and social commitments; aligning these with her innate passion to wholly understand people, "meet them where they are", and provide usable learning and upliftment.

## **EDUCATION**

- **Master's Degree: Energy Transition (Current – Herriot Watt University)**
- **Bachelor's Degree (Honours): Accounting**

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