

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ICASA COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS
SUMMARY OF SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES CV'S – JULY 2026

Name: Mr Suren Maharaj

Gender: Male

Age: 54

Qualifications: Doctoral Candidate in Business Administration, MBA, Bcom, Hons BCompt

Occupation: Chief Financial Officer, Chartered Accountant

Companies worked for: South African Airways (SAA), SM Consulting, Wholesale and Retail SETA, Pikitup (City of Johannesburg), Primedia Sport, Broadband Infraco, Motorola, European Marine Contractors, Deloitte.

Board membership: SAICA, Afrikaans Taal Museum, UNISA, Quality Council for Trade Occupations, Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality.

Name: Prof Sisanda Nkoala

Gender: Female

Age: 40

Qualifications: PhD Rhetoric Studies, MPhil Rhetoric Studies, BA Hons Political Communication, BA Film & Media Production

Occupation: NRF-rated Associate Professor

Companies worked for: University of the Western Cape, Cape Peninsula University Of Technology, University of Cape Town, Intec College, Radio CCFm, Rosebank Progress College

Board Membership: South African Communication Association Board Member,

African Journalism Educators Network, Film and Publications Board, Brand South Africa, South African Press Council, International Association of Media and Communication Research, South African National Editors Forum, Digital News Transformation Fund, Indigenous Language Action Forum

Name: Dr. Mzwanele Ntshwanti

Gender: Male

Age: 32

Qualifications: PhD (Economic Science), MSc (Economic Science), Bachelor of Honours (Economic Science), Bachelor of Science (Economics and Mathematics),

Occupation: Senior Lecturer and Senior Researcher.

Companies worked for: Milpark Education, University of South Africa, Institute for Economic Justice (IEJ), University of Birmingham, University of the Witwatersrand, SASSFE (South African Student Solidarity Foundation for Education), Rethinking International.

Board membership: Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA).

Name: Nobuntu Dubazana

Gender: Female

Age: 40

Qualifications: Postgraduate Certificate: Board Leadership, Master of Arts: Filmmaking & the Creative Economy, Honours Certificate: Language of Gesture, Direction, Devising & Physical Performance, Bachelor of Arts: Live Performance, Producing & Direction.

Occupation: Creative Economist, Creative Strategist, and Creative Director.

Companies worked for: BusaBuntu Pictures, Gordon Institute of Business Science, Gagasi Heart Media Group, Takalani Sesame, That Food Guy, Ferox

Board membership: National Film & Video Foundation of South Africa, The Film & Publication Board of South Africa.

Name: Norman Tinyiko Baloyi

Age: 51

Gender: Male

Qualifications: Master of Philosophy (Development Finance), MBA, Master of Science (Electronics), Master of Science (Electrical Engineering), BCom Honours (Financial Management), BCom Honours (Human Resource Management), Postgraduate Diplomas in Internal Audit, Risk Management, Business Management, and Computer Auditing, BCom degrees in Financial Management and Human Resource Management, BSc Honours in Computational and Applied Mathematics, BSc degrees in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, and Computer Science and Information Systems.

Occupation: Executive Director

Companies worked for: International Business Research (Pty) Ltd, Central University of Technology, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), KwaZulu-Natal Legislature, Chemical Industries Education and Training Authority (CHIETA), State Information Technology Agency (SITA), Limpopo Department of Finance and Economic Development, National Intelligence Agency, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

Board memberships: South African Diamond and Precious Metals Regulator (SADPMR), South African Forestry Company SOC Limited (SAFCOL).

Name: Ms Chwayita Madikizela

Age: 44

Gender: Female

Occupation: Executive and Corporate governance leader

Qualifications: Executive MBA, Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration, Advanced Diploma in Project Management

Companies worked for: Universal Service and Access Agency of South Africa (USAASA), Absa Group (Absa Investor Services), MultiChoice Africa, Microsoft Devices Group, Nokia

Board memberships: Non-Executive Director (NED) at Reitumetsi Primary School,

Name: Mr Ashraf Patel

Age: 53

Gender: Male

Occupation: Post Digital Economy and Development Associate, Chief Research and Innovation Manager.

Qualifications: Masters in Management in Public Policy and Regulation Management, Postgraduate Degree in Telecommunications, Media and ICT Policy for Development, Telecommunications Policy and Regulation Management.

Companies worked for: Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD), Baobab Knowledge, SAP University Alliance Africa, CSIR / Department of Science and Technology, Forge Ahead Consulting, Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA), University of the Witwatersrand, School of Public and Development Management.

Board memberships: ActionAid South Africa

Name: Mr Elliot Thobakgale

Gender: Male

Age: 49

Occupation: Finance and commercial professional

Qualifications: Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Auditing, BCom Financial Management, BCom Informatics, National Diploma in Financial Information Systems, Certificate in Commercial Accounting.

Companies worked for: Broadband Infraco, Vodacom, Cell C.

Board membership: Not listed

Name: Ms Lindiwe Maepa

Gender: Female

Age: 62

Occupation: Experienced professional in governance, risk, compliance, regulatory affairs, BBBEE, sustainability, and education.

Qualifications: BA Paed, B.Ed, M.Ed, ICT Policy and Regulation

Companies worked for: EOH Holdings, Pearson South Africa, Telkom SA SOC Ltd, Uhambo Foundation.

Board membership: Adcorp Employee Benefit Trust Scheme, Redpath South Africa Employee Empowerment scheme, ICASA, Professional Body for Environmental Hygiene

Name: Ms Thabisa Faye

Age: 37

Gender: Female

Occupation: Councillor

Qualifications: MA International Development Management (Economics Stream), BA Hons in Development Studies, BA in Social Sciences

Companies worked at: ICASA, Pygma Consulting, ED Platform International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Board membership: Media, Information and Communication Technologies Sector Education and Training Authority, Wireless World Research Forum, ICASA, United Nations International Telecommunication Union.

Name: Ms Nompucuko Nontombana

Age: 51

Gender: Female

Occupation: ICASA Councillor

Qualifications: MBL, MPhil (Economic Policy), Bachelor of Social Science (Hons) in Economics, Bachelor of Social Science, majoring in Economics and Industrial Psychology

Companies worked at: Competition Commission, Department of Education, Department of Public Enterprises, Applied Fiscal Research Centre (AFREC), UCT.

Board membership: ICASA

Name: Ms Ipeleng Selaledi

Age: 41

Gender: Female

Occupation: Senior legal and regulatory professional

Qualifications: LLB Degree, Competition Law Certificate, Practical Legal Training Certificate, Regulatory Law for Economic Regulators Certificate, Governance, Policy and Regulation for the Digital Era Certificate

Companies worked at: ICASA, Competition Commission of South Africa, Competition Tribunal of South Africa

Board membership: Not listed

Name: Ms Selelo Ramohlola

Age: 42

Gender: Female

Occupation: Head of Strategy

Qualifications: MBA, MCom in Economics, BCom Honours in Economics, Postgraduate Certificate in Competition Law, Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration.

Companies worked for: Competition Commission South Africa, ICASA, Competition Commission South Africa, Department of Economic Development (SMME Directorate)

Board membership: Career Indaba

Name: Mr Kgomo Manyapetsa

Gender: Male

Age: 40

Occupation: Chief Engineer and Cyber-Physical Systems & Industrial Cybersecurity Leader

Qualifications: PhD Candidate in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Cybersecurity), MEng in Engineering Management, BEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Companies worked at: Eskom SOC Limited, Telkom SOC Limited.

Board membership: Not listed

Name: Mr Maele Mothiba

Gender: Male

Age: 35

Occupation: Managing Director, Strategic Lead

Qualifications:

Companies worked at: Mitaa Africa (Pty) Ltd, Apex Hewa (Pty) Ltd

Board membership: Not listed

Name: Dr Sicelokuhle Oscar Ngwenya

Age: 38

Gender: Male

Occupation: Chief Electrical Engineer

Qualifications: PhD in Engineering Management (Telecommunications), MEng in Electrical Engineering (Telecommunications), BEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

Companies worked for: NTCSA, Eskom

Board membership: CIGRE

Name: Adv Anthea Platt SC

Age: 53

Gender: Female

Occupation: Senior Counsel

Qualifications: LLM in Transnational Commercial Practice, LLB, BCom in Business Economics, Diploma in Alternative Dispute Resolution (Cum Laude), SAQA Assessor Certificate, SAQA Moderator Certificate, Institute of Directors South Africa (IoDSA) member and has completed courses towards Certified Director status.

Companies worked for: Pitje Chambers / Johannesburg Bar, Basadi Ba Molao and Basadi Ba Molao Education and Training Services, Futuregrowth Asset Management, Syfrets / Nedcor Investment Bank

Board membership: Independent Regulatory Board of Auditors (IRBA) Disciplinary Committee, Independent Directors Nominations Panel for Cricket South Africa, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA)

Name: Ms Victoria Mofolo

Age: 45

Gender: Female

Occupation: Engineering and technical infrastructure leader

Qualifications: PhD in Business Management (currently in progress), MSc in Aviation and Air Traffic Management, BEng Honours in Technology Management, BEng in Electronic Engineering.

Companies worked at: VLM Aviation Infra Advisory, Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS), Denel Dynamics, Denel Aviation

Board membership: Not listed

Name: Dr Ayanda Ntanda

Age: 38

Gender: Female

Occupation: Head of Risk Management; Governance, risk, and compliance (GRC) executive

Qualifications: PhD in Digital Transformation, MBA, Executive Development Programme, Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration, Management Advancement Programme

Companies worked for: National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), City of Ekurhuleni Legislature, City of Ekurhuleni Risk Management Department, City of Ekurhuleni Risk Management Department, DHL Supply Chain, City of Ekurhuleni Forensic Division, ABSA Capital (Forex Division).

Board membership: South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), Kumkani Mhlontlo Local Municipality

Name: Mr Kebeditswe Medupe

Age: 52

Gender: Male

Occupation: Chief Information Officer and Enterprise Technology & Digital Transformation Executive.

Qualifications: MBA, Master of Information Technology (MIT), BSc Honours, BTech

Companies worked for: Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)

Board membership: Helen Joseph Tertiary Hospital, South African Council for Space Affairs (SACSA)

Name: Ms Ntombiza Sithole

Age: 60

Gender: Female

Occupation: Councillor.

Qualifications: BTech in Public Relations and Communication, National Diploma in Public Relations and Communications, Certificate in Emerging and Advanced Development Management, Certificate in Telecommunications Policy, Regulations and Management

Companies worked at: ICASA, PR Tsapa Trading, Department of Water and Sanitation, Netcare Unitas Hospital, Baragwanath Hospital

Board membership: UGqozi Co-operative, ICASA

Name: Ms Dikeledi Mushi

Age: 55

Gender: Female

Occupation: Councillor

Qualifications: Master of Management in ICT Policy and Regulation, BA Honours in Industrial Sociology, Bachelor of Arts.

Companies worked at: ICASA, Telkom SA SOC Limited, South African Tourism Board, Tourism Promotions Office, Sun International

Board membership: ICASA
