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Leadership Programme 2026 Partnership Proposal & Prospectus

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Day 1- MAINSTAGE (Opening Plenary)

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Arrival, Registration and Welcome	The EmpowaHer™ Arrival Experience	7:30- 8:00			
Programme Director	Setting the Stage for Courageous Leadership and Economic Power	08:30–08:45	Nozipho Tshabalala	CEO	Conversation Strategists
Official Welcome Address	Why EmpowaHer™. Why Now.	08:45 - 09:00	Simphiwe Masiza	Founder and Group Chief Executive Officer	EmpowaWorx
Partner Dialouge	Beyond the Airwaves: The Future of Media, Women's Leadership and Social Impact	09:00- 09:30	Moderator: Nozipho Tshabalala	CEO	Conversation Strategists
			Nomsa Chabeli	Group Chief Executive Officer	SABC
			Nada Wotshela	Group Executive: SABC Radio	SABC
Leadership Address	Women Redefining Leadership and Workplace Culture	09:30- 09:45	Londiwe Mncube	Chief Human Resources Officer	Competition Commission South Africa
Spotlight Address	Reframing Leadership, Amplifying Women's Voices and Shaping the Future	09:45–10:15	Iman Rappetti	Broadcaster, Author and Facilitator	
Executive Fireside Chat	Leading with Purpose, Power and Impact	10:15 -10:45	Facilitator: Khanyi Mlambo	Managing Director	Lighthouse Leadership Advisory
			Ms Nhlanhla Mjoli- Mncube	Lead Independent Director, ABSA CEO, Eziko Investments	
	Q&A	10:45 - 11:00	All		

Day 1- TRACK 1: Entrepreneurship, Funding, Finance & Wealth Creation

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Programme Director			Simphiwe Mnisi	Head of CONNECT Entrepreneurship	Seat At The Table
Principal Business Keynote Address	Women, Capital and the Courage to Build Africa's Next Economy	11:00 - 11:30	Sindi Mabaso-Koyana	Managing Partner; Chairperson	AIH Capital / MTN South Africa
High-Impact Leadership Dialogue	The Money Moves That Matter: Avoiding Financial Mistakes and Building Your Future	11:30 - 11:50	Moderator: Simphiwe Mnisi	Head of CONNECT Entrepreneurship and a Connect Board Mastery Sub-Committee Member	Seat At The Table
			Zizipho Mqwala	Chartered Accountant. Banking Executive. Social Entrepreneur.	
			Noleen Thahane	Financial Advisor	PPS Insurance
	Q&A	11:50 - 12:00	All		
Leadership Spotlight	Unlocking Economic Opportunity: How Strategic Partnerships and Market Access Can Empower Women Entrepreneurs	12:00- 12:20	Tseliso Mohlomi	Senior Director	Institute for the Future of Work, Tshwane University of Technology
Executive Panel	From Funding Applications to Investable Enterprises	12:20 - 12:45	Moderator: Simphiwe Mnisi	Head of CONNECT Entrepreneurship	Seat At The Table
			Tinyiko Mothemela	Principal	Ascension
			Amanda John-Ncube	Old Mutual South Africa	Business Development Strategy & Head: Black Distributors Trust
Leadership Lunch and Capital Connections Experience		12:45 - 13:45	All		

Day 1- TRACK 1: Entrepreneurship, Funding, Finance & Wealth Creation

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Expert Dialogue	Tax, Trust and Transformation: Understanding Your Obligations and Owning Your Rights	14:00 - 14:30	Moderator: Simphiwe Mnisi	Head of CONNECT Entrepreneurship	
			Itumeleng Nkadimeng	Partner and the first Black female Head of Corporate Tax	KPMG South Africa
			Ms. Yanga Mputa	Tax Ombud	Office of the Tax Ombud (OTO), South Africa
Executive Masterclass	Becoming Investment-Ready: From Vision to Fundable Growth	14:30 - 15:00	Mr Zukile Dube	CEO	Vunani Corporate Finance
Closing Address: From Vision to Sustainable Growth	Building Resilient Enterprises: Turning Business Vision into Strategy, Strong Foundations and Sustainable Growth	15:00 - 15:30	Dr Sibongile Vilakazi (MA, PhD, CCXP)	Award-Winning Future Leader; Organisational Developer; Best-Selling Author; Lecturer; Independent Non-Executive Director, Kalagadi Manganese Mining Co.	

Day 1- TRACK 2: Digital Leadership, Personal Mastery & Career Growth

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Programme Director			Luyanda Duma- Khumbuza		
Opening Address	The Inner Work of Leadership: Becoming the Leader Your Next Level Requires	11:00 - 11:30	Dr Billy Selekane	Leadership Advisor, Culture Transformation Specialist & International Keynote Speaker	Billy Selekane International
Strategic Masterclass	Marketing Is Business: Turning Your Personal Brand Into Business Value	11:30- 12:00	Dale Hefer	CEO; Founder of the Marketing is Business® philosophy	Nedbank IMC
Executive Panel Discussion	Leading the Future: Strategic Leadership, Innovation and the Changing World of Work	12:00 - 12:30	Facilitator: Khanyi Mlambo		
			Vuyo Lee	Chief Marketing and Corporate Affairs Officer	JSE
			Nomonde White	Chief Information Officer (CIO)	Absa
	Q&A	12:30 - 12:45	All		
Leadership Lunch and Capital Connections Experience		12:45 - 13:45	All		

Day 1- TRACK 2: Digital Leadership, Personal Mastery & Career Growth

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Personal Mastery Masterclass	Competence Alone Is a Weak Strategy: Building Institutional Relevance as a Woman Leader	14:00- 14:30	Samke Mhlongo	Founder & Principal Strategist	The Next Chapter Global
Creative Leadership & Personal Brand Firechat	From Creativity to Influence: Building Visibility, Connection and Opportunity	14:30 - 14:50	Facilitator: Luyanda Duma-Khumbuza		
			Nkgabiseng Motau	Co-founder & Chief Creative Officer	Think Creative Africa
	Q&A	14:50- 15:00	All		
Board & Executive Readiness Workshop	What Does It Take to Gain Expertise to Qualify to Be a Non-Executive Director (NED)?	15:00 - 15:30	Auguste Gusti Coetzer	Founder & Chief Executive Officer	People Power Placements SA (Pty) Ltd

Day 1- TRACK 3: Citizenship, Patriotism and Social Impact

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Programme Director			Nompendulo Thobile Mkhatshwa	Former Member of Parliament | Governance Practitioner | Social Activist	
Opening and Scene-Setting	Opening and Scene-Setting	11:00	Nompendulo Thobile Mkhatshwa	Former Member of Parliament | Governance Practitioner | Social Activist	
High Impact Dialogue	Women, Political Power and the Future of Our Cities	11:15–11:45	Facilitator: Nompendulo Thobile Mkhatshwa	Former Member of Parliament | Governance Practitioner | Social Activist	
			Nobuntu Hlazo-Webster	Member of Parliament; BOSA Johannesburg mayoral candidate	Parliament of South Africa / BOSA
			Cllr Loyiso Lugayeni-Masuku (ANC)	Executive Deputy Mayor of Johannesburg	MMC for Finance and ANC Greater Johannesburg Regional Chairperson.
			Hon. Lerato Mikateko Ngobeni MP (ActionSA)	Parliamentary Chief Whip, National Spokesperson and former Johannesburg councillor.	
	Interactive Q&A	11:45–12:00	All		
Spotlight Address	Leading Beyond Yourself: Turning Purpose into Influence and Lasting Impact	12:00–12:30	Ella Bella Constantinides- Leite	Founder	Generation Earth
Leadership Lunch and Capital Connections Experience		12:45 - 13:45	All		

Day 1- TRACK 3: Citizenship, Patriotism and Social Impact

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Panel Discussion	Beyond Political Office: Women Reimagining Active Citizenry	13:45–14:30	Facilitator: Pearl Pillay	National Planning Commissioner	National Planning Commission
			Ms Ayanda Allie	Former Gauteng Provincial Legislature	
			Nomvula Makgotlho	Chief Director	Department of Small & Business Development (DSBD)
			Louisa Zondo	Co-founder, Riky Rick Foundation for the Promotion of Artivism; Co-founder, Global Artivism Movement	
	Interactive Q&A	14:30- 14:45	All		
Fireside Conversation	Guardians of Democracy: An Intergenerational Conversation	14:45- 15:15	Facilitator: Nompendulo Thobile Mkhatshwa	Former Member of Parliament | Governance Practitioner | Social Activist	
			Ms Moagisi Letlhaku	General Manager: Civic & Democracy Education, Research & Knowledge Management (CDERKM)	
			Advocate Nthabiseng Sepanya-Mogale	Gender Equality and Social Justice Activist	
	Q&A	15:15- 15:25	All		
Civic Leadership Commitments and Closing Reflections	Civic Leadership Commitments and Closing Reflections	15:25–15:30	Nompendulo Mkhatshwa	Master of Ceremonies	

Day 2- MAINSTAGE (Opening Plenary)

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Arrival, Registration and Welcome	The EmpowaHer™ Arrival Experience	08:00 - 09:00	EmpowaHer™ Leadership and Delegate-Experience Team	Leadership and Delegate-Experience Team	EmpowaHer™
Programme Director	Setting the Stage for Courageous Leadership and Economic Power	08:30 - 08:45	Noni Khumalo	Corporate MC: Award Winning Radio& TV Producer	
Official Welcome and Summit Reflection	Recap of Day 1	08:45- 09:00	Simphiwe Masiza	CEO	EmpowaWorx
Keynote Address	Leading the Next Generation: Unlocking Women's Potential Through Opportunity, Culture and Leadership	09:00- 09:30	Rachel Masuku	Group Executive: Human Resources	SABC
Spotlight Address	The Power of Her Voice: Communication, Public Trust and National Leadership	09:30 - 10:00	Ms Nomonde Mnukwa	Acting Director-General	Government Communication and Information
Leadership masterclass with audience questions	Insights Gained through My Leadership Journey	10:00- 10:30	Mr. Sibongiseni Mashile	Senior Manager Operations	bpSA
Inspirational Leadership Talk	Leading with Courage, Purpose and Impact: Becoming the Woman Your Future Requires	10:30–11:00	Amanda Dambuza	Founder and CEO	Uyandiswa

Day 2- TRACK 1: Holistic Wellbeing, Relationships and Executive Vitality

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Programme Director					
Immersive Vitality Opening	The Future of Women's Health: Access, Innovation and Agency	11:00–11:30	Lerato Sithole	Chairperson	Women on Boards
Leadership Spotlight and Conversation	A Future Where Women Count Know Your Numbers. Know Your Worth. Own Your Future.	11:30–11:50	Facilitator: Lerato Sithole	Chairperson	Women on Boards
			Monalisa Zwambila	Founder	Femio
	Q&A	11:50- 12:00	All		
Leadership Lunch and Wellbeing Experience		12:00- 13:00			
Women's Health Panel	The Health Conversation Women Were Never Taught to Have	13:00–13:30	Facilitator: Lerato Sithole	Chairperson	Women on Boards
			Dr Mpume Zenda	Obstetrician, Gynaecologist and Sexual-Health Specialist;	
			Dr Lethukwenama Letsoalo	Medical Doctor; Public Health and Digital Health Specialist	
			Lebogang Koitsioe	Qualified Dietitian • Nutrition & Wellness • Speaker, MC & Facilitator	
	Q&A	13:30- 13:45	All		

Day 2- TRACK 1: Holistic Wellbeing, Relationships and Executive Vitality

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Mental Wellbeing Panel	Leading Without Losing Yourself: Emotional Resilience, Psychological Safety and the Courage to Have Difficult Conversations	13:45- 14:15	Facilitator: Lerato Sithole	Chairperson	Women on Boards
			Gogo Dineo Ndlanzi	South African traditional healer (sangoma), gobela (spiritual initiator), life coach, and spiritual teacher	
			Mona-Clare	Human Resources Partner	
			Dr Trishana Devi SONI	Senior Educational Psychologist; Researcher at VUT; Lead for the VUT Women in Research (VUTWiR) Project, Student Counselling and Support Services	Vaal University of Technology
	Q&A	14:15 - 14:30	All		
Firechat	Financial Wellbeing and Wealth Confidence: Building Security, Freedom and Long-Term Prosperity	14:30–15:00	Olisha Pillay	Wealth Manager and Practice Owner	PPS
			Lulu Msimango	Franchise Principal and Executive Financial Planner	Standard Bank
Closing Address	From Purpose to Possibility: The Courage to Lead and Create a Future for Others	15:00- 15:15	Khanyisile Mosta	Founder & CEO	Home of Hope of Girls

Day 2- TRACK 2: Education, Executive Development and Global Leadership

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Programme Director			Khanyi Mlambo	Managing Director	Lighthouse Leadership Advisory
Opening Address	The New Leadership Currency: Digital Empowerment, Equal Opportunity and Future-Ready Careers	11:00 - 11:30	Nomvuyiso Batyi	CEO	Association of Comms and Technology NPC
High Impact Panel	Her Place in the Economy: Breaking Barriers, Building an Inclusive South Africa Convenor and Facilitator: Competition Commission	11:30 - 11:50	Facilitator: Karabo Motaung	Principal Analyst: Advocacy & Stakeholder Relations	The Competition Commission South Africa
			Dr Nomonde Mabuya	Chairperson	Women Entrepreneurs Trust
			Ms Mahadi Buthelezi	President	International Women's Federation of Commerce and Industry South Africa (IWFCI SA)
			Ms Juliet Miyabo	Founder and CEO	Township Economy Development Community of South Africa (TEDCOZA)
		11:50- 12:00	All		
Leadership Lunch and Wellbeing Experience		12:00- 13:00			

Day 2- TRACK 2: Education, Executive Development and Global Leadership

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CEO, Entrepreneur and Managing Executives Panel	From Emerging Leader to Enterprise Leader	13:00- 13:30	Facilitator: Khanyi Mlambo	Managing Director	Lighthouse Leadership Advisory
			Nosipho Damasane	Chairman	Board at Richards Bay Coal Terminal
			Cynthia Pongweni	Chief Financial Officer	Mineworkers Investment Company
	Q&A	13:30- 13:45	All		
Pipeline to the Future	From Aspiration to Ownership: Unlocking Opportunities for Women in Business	13:45- 14:15	Facilitator: Khanyi Mlambo	Managing Director	Lighthouse Leadership Advisory
			Karen Keylock	National Franchise Manager	Nedbank Commercial Banking
			Thato Mabalane	Dealer	bp Bryanston
			Zimkita Ntsebeza	Operational Excellence Manager	bp Southern Africa
Entrepreneurship and Education Innovation Fireside Chat	Beyond the Classroom: Empowering the Next Generation of Women Entrepreneurs, Innovators and Global Leaders		Facilitator: Khanyi Mlambo	Managing Director	Lighthouse Leadership Advisory
		14:15 - 14:45	Yonela Tukwayo	Executive Director: Marketing and Communications Department	Vaal University of Technology
			Dr Grace Kanakana-Katumba	Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching & Learning	Vaal University of Technology
Leadership Commitment	From Expertise to Impact: Owning Your Potential and Redefining Your Leadership Journey	14:45- 15:00	Relebohile Patricia Lefojane	Biomedical Scientist; Policy Architect; Youth Diplomat	
Entrepreneurship and Education Innovation Spotlight	Building the Platforms That Build Africa's Talent	15:00 - 15:15	Zandile Mkwanazi	CEO	GirlCode

Day 2- TRACK 3: Leadership, governance & Board Readiness

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Programme Director			Nyanisa Majavu	Non-Executive Director	Kolisi Foundation
Immersive Leadership Opening	The Future Is Female and Governed by Her	11:00 - 11:30	Fathima Gany	Acting Group Executive Officer	South African Post Office
Women on Boards Leadership Dialogue	Building Boardroom Influence, Governance and Strategic Leadership	11:30 - 11:50	Facilitator: Nyanisa Majavu	Non-Executive Director	Kolisi Foundation
			Asanda Penny	Director	A Seat at the Table
			Mametja Johanna Moshe	CEO	Moshe Capital
			Peter Tshisehe	Director	TGR Attonery
	Q&A	11:50- 12:00	All		
Leadership Lunch and Board Connections Experience		12:00 - 13:00	All delegates and participating leaders		
CASE Study		13:00 - 14:30			
Closing Leadership Commitment	My Executive-to-board Roadmap	14:30 - 15:00	Tryphosa Ramano	Chairperson & Co-Founder	A Seat at the Table

DAY-3: EmpowaHer™ Leadership Summit - Main Auditorium Programme

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Programme Director			Cathy		
Immersive Opening Experience	Her Future. Her Leadership. Her World.				
Official Welcome and Summit Reflection	From Potential to Leadership	09:00- 09:15	Simphiwe Masiza	Founder and Group CEO	EmpowaWorx
Fireside Chat	The Future Is Female: Building Wealth, Leading with Courage and Owning Your Next Move	09:15- 09:45	Facilitator: Khanyi Mlambo	Managing Director	Lighthouse Leadership Advisory
			Funeka Montjane	Chief Executive Officer: Personal and Private Banking	Standard Bank Group
High Impact Panel	The Leadership Opportunity Agenda: Opening Doors to Power, Capital and Influence	09:45- 10:15	Facilitator: Vusi Mahlangu	Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Manager	FASSET
			Asanda Luwaca	Chairperson	The National Skills Authority
			Mamarothi Mathibe	Programmes Manager	FASSET
			Yvonne Mothibi	CEO	Institute of Risk Management South Africa (IRMSA)
Renowned Experts' Leadership Address	The Capabilities That Will Define the Next Generation of Leaders	10:15- 10:45	Tebogo Mekgoe	Founder & Strategist	Orenda Advisory and Strategy

DAY-3: EmpowaHer™ Leadership Summit - Main Auditorium Programme

Session Type	Session / Topic	Time	Speaker	Title / Role	Organisation
Director-General Leadership Panel	From Education Policy to Economic Opportunity	10:45- 11:15	Facilitator: Ms Nomonde Mnukwa	Acting Director-General	Government Communication and Information
			Dr Nkosinathi Sishi	Director-General	Higher Education and Training
			Jeanette Morwane	DDG	Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT)
			Ms Mandisa Matyila	Chief Director of Human Resource Management	Department of Employment and Labour (DEL)
Beyond Equality: Claiming Our Rights, Shaping Our Future	Empowering Young Women Through Human Rights, Dignity and Equal Opportunity	11:15- 11:45	Facilitator:		
			Commissioner Philile Ntuli	Full-time Commissioner	South African Human Rights Commission
			Mfundo Nomvungu	Acting Chairperson	Commission for Gender Equality (CGE)
Executive Leadership Spotlight	Leading with Purpose, Building a Legacy and Shaping What Comes Next	11:45- 12:15	Sithembile Sefako Ngobese	Chief Executive Officer	Zooi Consulting
Graduation and Leadership Recognition	The EmpowaHer™ Class of 2026	12:15 - 13:00	200 Nominees		
Graduation Lunch and Departure	The Future Is Female™ Leadership Reception		All delegates and invited guests	Delegates and Invited Guests	

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