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Dear Delegates,

On behalf of SAICA, I'm thrilled to host you at our inaugural Difference Makers Conference! Get ready to dive into two inspiring days of networking, insights, and game-changing ideas at the stunning Sun City Resort from 13-15 September.

I'm honoured to have you join us as a valued delegate. This conference promises to be a landmark event, bringing together leaders and innovators from different sectors to engage in transformative discussions and share groundbreaking viewpoints. Your participation is a significant contribution to the success of this event, and SAICA and I are eager to benefit from your expertise and perspectives.

Expect ground-breaking insights, thought provoking discussions, and hear from industry experts as we are "Making Waves, Empowering Change"!

The SAICA family and I can't wait to connect with you. If you need anything at all, our SAICA team is here to help.

Get ready to make waves!

Best regards,

Azhar Panchbhai
Executive: Member Engagement



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PROGRAMME

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DAY 1	
FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER	
11:00 – 12:30	Arrival, registration and lunch
12:30 – 12:40	Brent Lindeque , The Good Things Guy <i>MC introduction</i>
12:40 – 13:00	Patricia Stock , SAICA Chief Executive Officer <i>Welcoming address</i>
13:00 – 14:00	John Sanei , Futurist Strategist, Keynote Speaker in Human-AI Dynamics <i>Trans-for-motion: Making Waves with Organisational Change</i>
14:00 – 14:20	Andrew Alt , Chief Imagination Officer, Draftworx <i>When First Graders Dream Big: From Astronauts to Accountants (And Why One of These Isn't Like the Others)</i>
14:20 – 15:00	Refreshment break
15:00 – 16:00	Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka , Former Deputy President of South Africa <i>Empowering Change: Strategies to Cultivate Ethical Leadership</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Riaan Manser , Pioneering Explorer, Guest Speaker, Author <i>There's an Ocean between Saying and Doing</i>
17:00	Ciara Reintjes , SAICA Northern Region Regional Executive: Member Engagement <i>Closing words</i>
17:00 – 19:00	Leisure
19:00 – 20:00	Pre-dinner cocktail and entertainment at Monkey Spring Plaza
20:00 – 21:00	Entertainment: Naledi Mohapi and Band Surf 'n turf dinner at the Valley of the Waves <i>Theme: TROPICAL</i>
21:00 – 23:00	Networking and entertainment: Sunset Sweatshop at the Valley of the Waves
DAY 2	
SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER	
08:00 – 08:55	Registration and refreshments
08:55	Brent Lindeque , The Good Things Guy <i>MC introduction</i>
08:55 – 09:00	Azhar Panchbhai , SAICA Executive: Member Engagement <i>Welcoming address</i>
09:00 – 10:00	Professor Bonang Mohale , Chancellor of the University of the Free State <i>Lift as You Rise</i>
10:00 – 11:00	Milton Segal , SAICA Executive Director: Standards and the SAICA Standards Team <i>Sustainable Sustainability</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Refreshment break

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11:30 – 13:00 Breakaway Sessions

STREAM 1: SMALL AND MEDIUM PRACTICES

Denise Maré, SAICA Project Director: Practice

Willem Haarhoff, Entrepreneur, Founder and CEO at DoughGetters

Demystifying cloud-based accounting in the digital age for small and medium practices

An enlightening session on managing an accounting practice in the cloud, demystify cloud-based accounting practices, and offering practical strategies and solutions that can be applied to any accounting firm.

STREAM 2: PUBLIC SECTOR

Khaya Sithole, Founder: Corusca Consulting

Msizi Gwala, SAICA Project Director: Enabling Competencies, Public Sector

Political Leadership and the Landscape: Navigating Forward

This session will be a facilitated discussion on the political landscape in SA and the impact of this on the public sector, business, services and the country.

STREAM 3: ACADEMIA

Boitumelo Kuzwayo, Head of Department, Commercial Accounting, University of Johannesburg

Professor Riaan Rudman, Divisional Head: Auditing, University of Stellenbosch

Lindelwa Majova-Songca, Senior Lecturer, College of Accounting Sciences, UNISA

Mandi Olivier, SAICA Executive: Learning and Development

Navigating your Career while Making an Impact

Is being an academic a career? How to manage a career: Challenges and opportunities. How to develop skills, including the importance of collaboration and networks. Lessons learned: How to make an impact.

STREAM 4: MEMBERS IN BUSINESS / OTHERS

Ayanda Vabaza-Mvandaba, Director, Investor, Social Entrepreneur, Speaker, Governance

Christiaan Vorster, SAICA Southern Region Regional Executive: Member Engagement

The Multifaceted CA: Navigating the Evolving Landscape of Business

This interactive presentation will explore the diverse roles that CAs play in the modern business environment, highlighting the need for adaptability, creativity, and strategic thinking.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 **Dr Liezl Groenewald**, CEO of The Ethics Institute

Ronèl Van Wyk, Senior Manager, Assurance, SNG Grant Thornton

Fireside chat: Making a Difference with Courage and Conviction

15:00 – 15:30 **Thembeke Maseko**, Chief Finance and Value Officer: Group Personal and Private Banking Client Segments, Standard Bank

Africa – The Next Growth Frontier

15:30 – 16:30 **Zipho Sikhakhane**, Global Speaker, Facilitator, Business Strategist

Make a Difference: Navigating Change and Uncertainty

16:30 **Div Lamprecht**, SAICA Central Region Regional Executive: Member Engagement

Closing words

16:30 **Brent Lindeque**, The Good Things Guy

MC closing

16:30 – 18:00 Leisure

18:00 – 19:00 **Entertainment: Conrad Koch**, Ventriloquist and Comedian

19:00 – 20:00 Buffet dinner in the King's Ballroom

20:00 – 22:00 **Networking and entertainment:** Whiskey Rebels and DJ Tino

DAY 3 SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

No formal programme. Attendees may book leisure activities from options available at Sun City

MEET THE SPEAKERS

For more detailed biographies [click here](#)



Brent Lindeque

Blogger, influencer, journalist, change maker and the Good Things Guy
Master of Ceremonies

Brent is a South African influencer and journalist known for his positive outlook and inspiring content. As the founder of Good Things Guy, he shares uplifting stories about ordinary people doing extraordinary things. His #ChangeOneThing movement has inspired countless individuals to make a positive impact on their communities.



Patricia Stock

SAICA Chief Executive Officer
Welcoming address – Day 1

Patricia is a seasoned accountant and CEO with a passion for transformation. As a former CEO of MGI RAS and a current leader at SAICA, she brings extensive experience in talent management, ESG, and audit. Patricia's commitment to growth and development is evident in her work, both personally and professionally.



John Sanei

Futurist Strategist, Keynote Speaker in Human-AI Dynamics
Trans-for-motion: Making Waves with Organisational Change

John is a renowned leadership and strategy expert specialising in preparing organisations for the future. With a deep understanding of neuroscience, psychology, and business, he helps leaders navigate uncertainty and develop innovative solutions. John has worked with top-level executives and government officials worldwide, guiding them through transformative change.



Andrew Alt

Chief Imagination Officer at Draftworx
When First Graders Dream Big: From Astronauts to Accountants (And Why One of These Isn't Like the Others)

Andrew is a Chartered Accountant and technology enthusiast who leads Draftworx's vision for the future of accounting. With a unique blend of creativity and technical expertise, he's passionate about using AI to automate financial processes, particularly for small and medium-sized businesses.



Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

Former Deputy President of South Africa
Empowering Change: Strategies to Cultivate Ethical Leadership

Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka is a former United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women. She was awarded a doctorate in Technology and Education from Warwick University. She became a Member of Parliament, Deputy Minister of Department of Trade and Industry, Minister of Minerals and Energy, and finally Deputy President of South Africa from 2005 to 2008.



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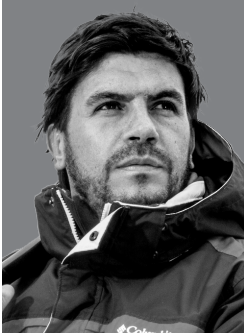


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Riaan Manser

Pioneering Explorer, Guest Speaker and Author

There is an Ocean between Saying and Doing

Riaan is a renowned adventurer who has accomplished remarkable feats, including cycling around Africa, kayaking around Madagascar, and paddling around Iceland. He has also climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and founded the initiative NO FOOD FOR THE LAZY MAN to provide sporting equipment to underprivileged schools. With his stories and spirit, Riaan inspires audiences worldwide.



Ciara Reintjes

SAICA Regional Executive: Northern Region, Member Engagement

Closing Address – Day 1

Ciara is a seasoned CA(SA) and Regional Executive of SAICA for the Northern Region. With extensive experience in auditing, assurance, and stakeholder engagement, she aims to safeguard and optimise the interests of SAICA members in the region. Her previous roles at the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors, Alexander Forbes, and KPMG have equipped her with a deep understanding of industry regulations, professional ethics and the issues that members encounter.



Azhar Panchbhai

SAICA Executive: Member Engagement

Welcoming Address – Day 2

Azhar is a CA(SA) and a member of the Institute of Directors of Southern Africa. Azhar has 20 years of experience in and out of public practice. Azhar joined SAICA in 2015 and is responsible for gaining insights into the membership, ensuring relevant services and offerings to members, driving member satisfaction, retention, and growth, building relationships, offering support, advocating for members, and facilitating communication between members, stakeholders and SAICA.



Professor Bonang Mohale

Chancellor of the University of the Free State

Lift as You Rise

Professor Bonang Mohale is a prominent South African business leader and academic. He serves as the Chancellor of the University of the Free State and holds various board positions, including chairman of The Bidvest Group Limited and ArcelorMittal. Renowned for his leadership and contributions to business and society, Mohale has authored two best-selling books and has been recognised with prestigious awards.



Milton Segal

SAICA Executive Director: Standards

Sustainable Sustainability

Milton is the Executive Director of Standards at SAICA. With a Master of Commerce (Taxation) from the University of the Witwatersrand, he also possesses deep expertise in IFRS and integrated reporting. Milton's contributions extend beyond SAICA, as he represents South Africa on international accounting bodies such as IFAC and the IFRS Foundation. His leadership and insights have earned him recognition as a leading authority in the field of accounting and finance.



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Pieter Faber

SAICA Executive: Tax, Standards
Sustainable Sustainability

Pieter is the Executive for Tax at SAICA and drives the tax advocacy and tax support agenda at the Institute through influence and thought leadership. Pieter has had the privilege of working in tax for more than 20 years, having previously worked at both large and small professional advisory firms. He is a regular contributor to media discussions on tax and public policy. He is the current Chairperson of the Global Accounting Alliance Tax Working Group.



Thandokuhle Myoli

SAICA Executive: Audit and Assurance, Standards
Sustainable Sustainability

Thando is the Executive: Audit and Assurance at SAICA. He is responsible for the audit and assurance portfolio within the Standards Division at SAICA. This entails supporting the needs of the members through providing high quality thought leadership on audit and assurance related matters, managing relationships with key stakeholders and keeping members abreast of the latest developments.



Kedibone Sono

SAICA Project Director: Members in Business Technical, Standards
Sustainable Sustainability

Kedibone is the Project Director for Members in Business Technical within SAICA's Standards Division, bringing over 10 years of experience in corporate reporting. In her role, she leads key initiatives to engage and collaborate with stakeholders, primarily focusing on advancing the interests of SAICA members within the financial services sector.



Denise Maré

SAICA Project Director: Practice, Member Engagement
Demystify cloud-based accounting in the digital age for small and medium practices

Denise is a Chartered Accountant with extensive experience in auditing and small business consulting. She joined SAICA as the Project Director for Practice to leverage her expertise and passion for supporting small and medium enterprises in South Africa. Denise is driven by a desire to make a positive impact and is excited to contribute to the growth and development of this vital sector.



Willem Haarhoff

Founder and CEO at DoughGetters

Demystify cloud-based accounting in the digital age for small and medium practices

Willem is a seasoned Chartered Accountant with a strong background in auditing multinational corporations. After a successful career with a Big 4 firm, he founded DoughGetters Accounting Group, a leading provider of cloud-based accounting services for SMEs. Willem's expertise and passion for supporting small businesses have contributed significantly to the growth and success of his company.



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Khaya Sithole

Founder – Corusca Consulting

Political Leadership and the Landscape: Navigating Forward

Khaya is a versatile professional with expertise in accounting, academia, consulting, and media. He actively contributes to various publications and serves on several boards, demonstrating his commitment to social, financial, and economic issues. Khaya has received numerous awards for his contributions to the development of black and female chartered accountants in South Africa.



Msizi Gwala

SAICA Project Director: Enabling Competencies, Public Sector, Standards

Political Leadership and the Landscape: Navigating Forward

Msizi is a Project Director at SAICA, specialising in public sector insights and research. He has contributed significantly to the development of the CA of the Future competency framework, focusing on redefining the chartered accountancy profession. With a background in academia and experience in both the private and public sectors, Msizi is passionate about people development and progressive change.



Boitumelo Kuzwayo

Head of Department, Commercial Accounting, University of Johannesburg

Navigating your Career while Making an Impact

Boitumelo is a Chartered Accountant and Head of Department at the University of Johannesburg's Department of Commercial Accounting. With extensive industry experience at Deloitte and a Masters in International Accounting, she brings practical insights to her teaching. She also serves as a non-executive director and is involved in preparing students for the CA(SA) professional designation. She is the winner of numerous awards.



Professor Riaan Rudman

Divisional Head: Auditing, Stellenbosch University

Navigating your Career while Making an Impact

Riaan is a Professor at Stellenbosch University, specialising in advanced technologies and auditing education. With extensive research and teaching experience, he has received numerous awards and serves on various committees. Riaan's unconventional journey from technical high school to accounting has shaped his diverse career.



Lindelwa Majova-Songca

Senior Lecturer, College of Accounting Sciences, UNISA

Navigating your Career while Making an Impact

Lindelwa is a Chartered Accountant with a diverse background in education, academic leadership, and governance. With over fifteen years of experience in higher education, she has held prominent positions at various institutions and contributed to the development of qualification standards. Lindelwa is currently a Senior Lecturer at UNISA, continuing her dedication to academic excellence.

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Mandi Olivier

SAICA Executive: Learning and Development

Navigating your Career while Making an Impact

Mandi is a Chartered Accountant passionate about developing the accounting profession. She has worked at SAICA since 2005, leading initiatives related to learning, development, and competency frameworks. Before SAICA, Mandi held education and training roles at Deloitte. She has served on various boards and committees and is a key contributor to the future of the accounting profession.



Christiaan Vorster

SAICA Regional Executive: Southern Region, Member Engagement

The Multifaceted CA: Navigating the Evolving Landscape of Business

Christiaan is a Chartered Accountant with 25 years' experience in various organisations, across disciplines and industries, at corporate managerial and executive level, as a boutique consultancy owner, and as a lecturer/facilitator and recently a business coach and mentor. In his current role as Regional Executive he plays an integral part in stakeholder relations, advocacy, member engagement and business development.



Ayanda Vabaza-Mvandaba

Entrepreneur

The Multifaceted CA: Navigating the Evolving Landscape of Business

Ayanda is a seasoned entrepreneur and chartered accountant with a focus on financial services and financial engineering. She has a proven track record in scaling businesses and is an active investor. Recognised for her leadership and contributions, Ayanda has received numerous awards and serves on various boards and committees. She is passionate about leaving a lasting legacy and promoting good governance.



Dr Liezl Groenewald

CEO of The Ethics Institute

Fireside chat: Making a Difference with Courage and Conviction

Dr Liezl Groenewald is a leading expert in ethics and whistleblowing, serving as CEO of The Ethics Institute and a co-founder of The Whistleblower House. With extensive experience and academic qualifications, she is a sought-after speaker, author, and facilitator. Liezl is actively involved in various boards and committees, contributing to the development of ethical standards and practices.



Ronèl Van Wyk

Senior Manager Assurance, SNG Grant Thornton

Fireside chat: Making a Difference with Courage and Conviction

Ronèl is a seasoned professional with expertise in ethics, fraud, and investigations. She has a proven track record in combating corruption and protecting whistleblowers, with her whistleblowing playing a significant role in her career. She submitted reports to both the Nugent and Zondo inquiries, investigating state capture at SARS.



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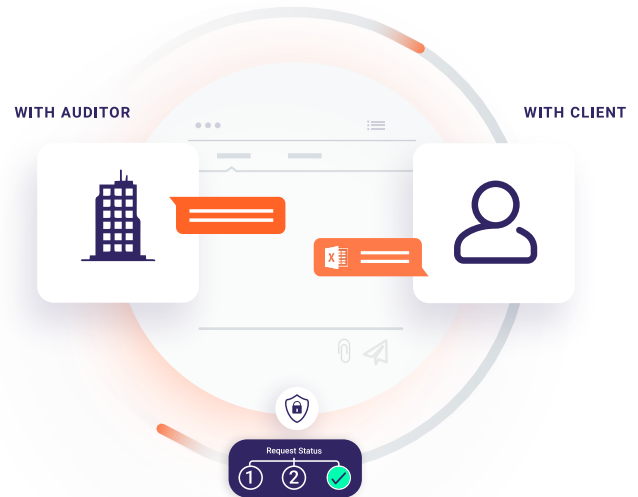
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Thembeke Maseko

Chief Finance and Value Officer: Group Personal and Private Banking Client Segments, Standard Bank

Africa – The Next Growth Frontier

Thembeke is a highly accomplished C-suite executive with over 15 years of experience in financial services. As Chief Finance and Value Officer at Standard Bank, she is committed to driving Africa's growth. Prior to her current role, she held various executive positions at leading financial institutions and consulting firms.



Zipho Sikhakhane

Global Speaker, Facilitator, Business Strategist

Making a Difference: Navigating Change and Uncertainty

Zipho, a pioneering businesswoman and the first black South African to earn an MBA from Stanford, is known for her global perspective and commitment to excellence. As CEO of EMZ Advisory, she inspires audiences with her insights on leadership and entrepreneurship. With board memberships and investments across Africa, Zipho is a dynamic force in the business world, empowering individuals and businesses to unlock their potential.



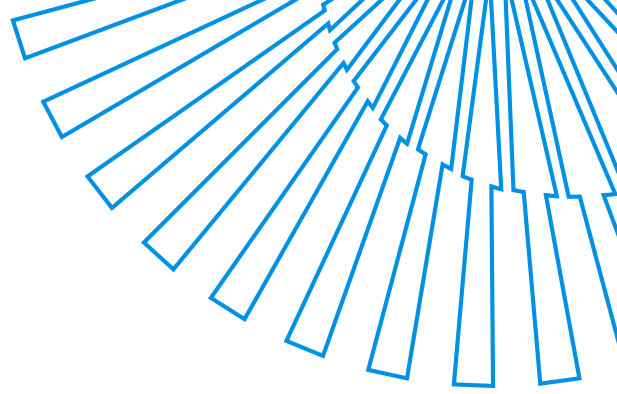
Div Lamprecht

SAICA Regional Executive: Central Region, Member Engagement

Closing Words

Div is a seasoned finance executive with over 20 years of experience in corporate and professional services. He joined SAICA in 2005 and currently leads the Central Region, overseeing a wide range of initiatives and operations. Prior to joining SAICA, Div worked at Absa Consultants and Actuaries and PwC, gaining valuable experience in the financial services, retail, and agricultural sectors.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT



SAICA's Member Engagement Division is the interface between:

The members' voice

- Be close to members
- Gather intelligence on member sentiments and needs
- Advocate on member issues

The Institute's voice

- Keep members informed of SAICA initiatives
- Members understand the value of membership
- Facilitate direct member queries (private banker)
- Need to know what is happening within the Institute (Thuthuka, Brand, Standards, etc)

SAICA comprises four local regional offices and one international office, which form the Member Engagement Division.

The regions are as follows:

- **Northern Region** (Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Limpopo)
- **Eastern Region** (KwaZulu Natal)
- **Southern Region** (Western Cape and Eastern Cape)
- **Central Region** (Free State, North West and Northern Cape)
- **International Region** (ASPAC, EMEA, and The Americas)

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