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## AGENDA

**09:00** Opening by Ms. Iman Rappetti, Journalist and Author



Welcome address by Mr. Sim Tshabalala, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Bank Group



Keynote address by Honourable Dr. Kgosisentsho Ramokgopa, Minister of Electricity & Energy, South Africa



In Conversation with Mr. Sim Tshabalala and Mr. Mteto Nyati



**10:00** **Panel 1: Africa's Energy Transition Paradox**  
**Moderated by** Prof. Morris Mthombeni. **Panelists:** Mr. Adedayo (Dayo) Olowoniyi, Ms. Rentia Van Tonder, Prof. Mark Swilling, Mr. Saliem Fakir



**11:00** **Refreshment Break**

**11:15** **Panel 2 : Powering Africa's Energy Transition**  
**Moderated by** Ms. Iman Rappetti. **Panelists:** Mr. Baafour Asiamah-Adjei, Mr. July Ndlovu, Mr. Luvuyo Masinda, Mr. Jean-Pascal Cléménçon



**12:30** **Lunch Break**

**13:30** Session Framer by Dr. Crispian Olver, Executive Director, Presidential Climate Commission



**Panel 3 : Geopolitics and the Just Energy Transition**

**Moderated by** Mr. Simon Freemantle.

**Panelists:** Mr. Mteto Nyati, Ms. Cristina Duarte, Mr. Goolam Ballim



**15:00** Concluding Remarks and Thank You by Mr. Luvuyo Masinda, Chief Executive, Corporate and Investment Banking, Standard Bank Group



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## SPEAKERS

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### **Ms. Iman Rappetti**

#### **Journalist and Author**

Iman Rappetti is an award-winning journalist, newscaster, author and communications strategist. Her media career spans more than 25 years. Iman anchors Newsfeed AM on Newzroom Afrika DSTV channel 405.

She previously anchored South Africa's premier evening news programmes on SABC Full View, and eNCA's Newsnight. She launched her television career in Iran, hosting weekly TV and radio current affairs programmes featuring prominent political players in the Middle East. She also helped launch SABC News online, reported and sub-edited news for Business Day newspaper and served as senior investigative reporter at Talk Radio 702. Iman also hosted an award-winning, current affairs talk show on Power FM. She has interviewed presidents and global celebrities.

She is a globally sought-after moderator of crucial conversations. International publisher Pan Macmillan has produced two of her books, including her memoir to critical acclaim. She has founded content and communications strategy firm, RappettiCom, servicing local and international clients. She is on the faculty of DukeCE, delivering global education programmes as an orchestrator and educator.



### **Mr. Simpiwe (Sim) Tshabalala**

#### **Chief Executive Officer, Standard Bank Group**

Sim is the Chief Executive of Standard Bank Group. Born in the rural town of Hlabisa, KwaZulu-Natal, and raised in Soweto, Sim earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from Rhodes University, and a Master of Laws from Notre Dame in the United States, where he graduated summa cum laude. After being admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa in 1994, he began his career at Real Africa Durolink Investment Bank in structured finance.

Key milestones in Sim's career at Standard Bank include his appointment as Managing Director of Stanbic Africa in 2001 and Chief Executive of Personal and Business Banking South Africa in 2006. That same year, he enhanced his management skills through Harvard University's Advanced Management Programme. His ascent continued with his appointment as Chief Executive of Standard Bank South Africa in 2008, and culminated in his appointment as sole Chief Executive of Standard Bank Group in 2017.

Sim contributes his expertise to several international boards, including the Institute of International Finance, where he is Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. He is an Honorary Professor at the University of Stellenbosch Business School and a Fellow of the Institute of Bankers of South Africa.



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## **Honourable Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa**

### **Minister of Electricity & Energy, South Africa**

Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa MP was appointed Minister of Electricity and Energy on 30 June 2024. He previously served as the Minister of Electricity in the 6th democratic administration and prior to that as Mayor of Tshwane and as Member of the Executive Council in the Gauteng provincial government for Economic Development, Agriculture, and Environment in 2019.

He is a civil engineer by training, Ramokgopa entered formal politics as a ward councillor for the African National Congress (ANC) in Tshwane between 2000 and 2005. After several years running public and private entities, he returned to politics in November 2010 when he was elected Mayor of Tshwane. By that time, he was also the Regional Chairperson of the ANC's branch in Tshwane, a position he held until 2018.



## **Mr. Mteto Nyati**

### **Chairman, Eskom**

Mteto is the Executive Chairman of BSG, a consulting and technology company specialising in strategy execution, where he holds a 40% share through his investment firm, Wazo Investments. He is the Chairman of Eskom and previously served as Group Chief Executive of Altron and Chief Executive Officer of MTN South Africa.

Mteto is the author of the bestselling book *Betting on a Darkie*, which chronicles his life journey from a shopkeeper's son to a leader in local and multinational companies. He is a Yale University World Fellow and holds a BSc in Mechanical Engineering from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. In 2021, the University of Johannesburg awarded him an honorary doctorate in IT Management. He is passionate about mentorship and is a professional coach to numerous senior executives and aspiring leaders.



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## **Prof. Morris Mthombeni**

**Dean, Gordon Institute of Business Science, South Africa**

Morris has been the Dean of the University of Pretoria's Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) since 2022. His tenure at GIBS began in 2014, progressing through roles including Executive Director of Faculty and interim Dean in 2020, before assuming his current leadership role. Morris is a full professor whose research focuses on the micro-foundations of strategy and governance.

Morris has more than 33 years of experience in banking, insurance, and investment management. His teaching in the fields of corporate governance and strategy emphasises responsible business practices, with many of his case studies published internationally.

He is actively involved in global business education forums, serving on the UN Global Compact's PRME Advisory Board, the Association of MBA & BGA, and the South African Business Schools Association. He also holds non-executive directorships in the banking and insurance industry in South Africa.



## **Mr. Adedayo (Dayo) Olowoniyi**

**Chief Technical Adviser to The Honourable Minister of Power, Nigeria**

With a career that includes more than two decades in the energy sector, Dayo Olowoniyi has established himself as a respected figure in driving African business growth. His professional journey began in London at Deloitte & Touche, where he provided audit services to companies in the energy and manufacturing industries.

Dayo has extensive international experience, and deep expertise in Sub-Saharan Africa's power sector, especially Nigeria. As the first Nigerian CEO and Country Manager at ABB, he played a key role in Nigeria's power sector reforms, offering best practice advice to the Ministry of Power. He has led the development of several power generation projects across Africa, including a 95 MW plant in Kenya and an 80 MW plant in Niger.

He is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor's in Economics from Richmond American University, a Bachelor's in Applied Accounting from Oxford Brookes University, and a Master's in Finance from Webster University.



## **Prof. Mark Swilling**

**Professor of Sustainable Development and Co-Director of the Centre for Sustainability Transitions (CST) at Stellenbosch University**

Mark served as a Commissioner on South Africa's National Planning Commission (2021-2026) and was the Chairperson of the Development Bank of Southern Africa until September 2023. Currently, he is a non-executive director of the National Transmission Company of South Africa (2024-2027).

Mark has been a member of the United Nations-related International Resource Panel (2007-2023) and is a leading voice in sustainability transitions. His most recent book, *The Age of Sustainability: Just Transitions in a Complex World* (2020), explores sustainable development challenges. He also co-authored *Shadow State: Politics of State Capture* (2018), addressing issues of governance in South Africa.



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## **Ms. Rentia Van Tonder**

### **Head, Power, Standard Bank Group**

Rentia joined Standard Bank in 2014, with a focus on developing and implementing opportunities for Standard Bank to be the leading funder of renewable and power projects in SA and the rest of Africa.



Rentia's experience range across various sectors where she previously worked in the Economic Research department and Mining Business Unit at the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and was seconded to the office of the minister of Minerals and Energy as advisor. Also has extensive experience in the Wood & Paper sector and Green Industries, when she led a team focused on renewable energy, energy efficiency, fuel-based energy, and other green related initiatives. She has been focusing on the power sector since 2010, driving towards funding and growing the sector across the continent.

Qualifications: BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics, MBA, EDP

Work history: ABSA, IDC, Standard Bank

## **Mr. Saliem Fakir**

### **Executive Director, African Climate Foundation**

Saliem is the Founder and Executive Director of the African Climate Foundation. Previously, he led the Policy & Futures Unit at WWF South Africa for 11 years. He also spent eight years as the Director of the World Conservation Union in South Africa and was the Associate Director for the Centre for Renewable and Sustainable Energy.



An educator and prolific writer, Saliem served as a Senior Lecturer in Public Administration and Planning at Stellenbosch and he regularly contributes to leading publications on issues related to sustainability and climate change.

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## Mr. Baafour Asiamah-Adjei

### Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Genser Energy Investments

Baafour is the Founder and CEO of Genser Energy, a leading energy solutions provider headquartered in the USA, with operations in West Africa. His unique skill set, combining deep technical expertise in engineering, finance, and global business leadership, has enabled him to secure over \$1 billion in capital funding for large-scale energy projects.



Under Baafour's leadership, Genser Energy has successfully developed and operated state-of-the-art power generation facilities with a combined capacity exceeding 200 MW. In addition, the company has built over 425km of natural gas pipeline infrastructure, playing a crucial role in transforming the energy landscape in West Africa by improving energy access, reliability and efficiency. Genser Energy is currently leading the development of midstream energy assets scheduled to be operational by 2025.

An alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Baafour is committed to creating a positive impact on the local communities where Genser Energy operates, while also generating jobs and fostering economic prosperity in the region. His strategic vision in developing resilient, self-sustaining initiatives has positioned Genser Energy as a key player in the region's energy sector for generations to come.

## Mr. July Ndlovu

### CEO of Thungela

July is the CEO of Thungela and a seasoned coal mining expert. He was previously CEO of Anglo American's coal business before its demerger and listing on the JSE and LSE. July began his career at Anglo American as a graduate trainee in 2001. He later held senior roles including Executive Head of Processing at Anglo American Platinum and various managerial positions at Anglo American subsidiaries in Zimbabwe.



July's leadership style is characterised by respect and fairness, coupled with a strong commitment to maintaining high standards and fulfilling his commitments. His academic background includes an honours degree in Engineering from the University of Zimbabwe and a degree in Business Leadership from the University of South Africa. He has further enhanced his executive skills through a Senior Executive Programme from the Columbia Business School.

In addition to his corporate responsibilities, July is the chairman of FutureCoal (formerly, the World Coal Association). In this capacity, he spearheads initiatives to align the coal industry with clean technologies to meet evolving societal expectations.

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## Mr. Luvuyo Masinda

**Chief Executive (CE) of Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB) at Standard Bank**

Luvuyo is the Chief Executive for Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB) at Standard Bank Group.

He joined Standard Bank in 2007 and has served in several senior positions across the CIB business. He previously served as Deputy Chief Executive for CIB until his appointment as Chief Executive in August 2024.

Luvuyo is a talented and accomplished executive bringing close to 20 years of experience in the financial services industry well suited to take CIB to new heights. His strong leadership skills and deep financial and commercial insights have enabled him to deliver across a diversification of client portfolios and innovative client service solutions within CIB.



## Mr. Jean-Pascal Cléménçon

**Senior Vice President Strategy and Markets of TotalEnergies**

Jean-Pascal has started his career in 1995 in Gabon for the French Oil Independent Perenco before joining Shell in 1997 in Scotland as a Petroleum Engineer.

In 2002, he joined TotalEnergies where he held different positions in Exploration & Production in Paris, Dubai, Congo-Brazzaville, Cairo, and Algiers where he was lately Algeria Country Chair and E&P Managing Director until April 2021.

Jean-Pascal holds a Master of Science in Chemical Engineering from the Chemical School of Nancy, a Master of Science in Petroleum Engineering from the IFP School Paris and a Master of Business Administration from HEC Paris.



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## Dr. Crispian Olver

### Executive Director, Presidential Climate Commission

Crispian is the Executive Director of the Presidential Climate Commission, an independent multistakeholder advisory body established by the President of the Republic of South Africa. Crispian is a member of the Commission ex-officio and is responsible for running the Secretariat of the PCC and its various policy and research programmes. He has served in the South African government in various capacities, including as Director General of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (1999 – 2005), in which position he crafted much of the climate policy and environmental legislation, as well as leading South Africa's hosting of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002).

Crispian has a deep interest in local governance issues, starting with his work on community land, housing and development issues in the 1980s, his work as Deputy Director General in the then Department of Constitutional Development, and subsequently as an author exploring the mechanics by which regimes are governed and the way in which good governance can be eroded. His first book titled 'How to Steal a City' (2017) documented patronage based systems in Nelson Mandela Bay and how the metro was captured by factional interests. His subsequent book, 'A House Divided', published in October 2019, documented the nature of the relationship between the City of Cape Town and landed property interests, and how this fuelled a factional split in the DA. Crispian is a medical doctor by training and holds BSc (Med) (1983), Psychology Honours (1984) and MBChB (1988) degrees from UCT. He is completing a PhD at WITS Politics Department, and is a research fellow at the Public Affairs Research Institute.



## Mr. Simon Freemantle

### Senior Political Economist, SBG Securities

Simon is a Senior Political Economist in Standard Bank's global research team. He joined the bank in 2008, initially working as an East African Economist in Nairobi. Now serving as Standard Bank's dedicated South Africa political economist, Simon provides insights and guidance to local and international corporate and institutional investors. Simon ranked first in the Political Analysis category of the Financial Mail's "Ranking the Analysts Awards" for ten consecutive years (2015-2024) and was ranked first, together with colleagues, in both the Innovative Research and the ESG categories this year.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Law, an Honours degree in International Studies (cum laude), and a Master's in International Relations from the University of Stellenbosch and the University of Amsterdam. He has presented on African political economy at institutions such as Columbia Business School, Oxford University and Chatham House.





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## **Ms. Cristina Duarte**

### **Under-Secretary-General, United Nations**

Cristina has been the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa since August 2020, bringing over 34 years of leadership and strategic management experience in public policy and the private sector. She served as Cabo Verde's Minister of Finance and Planning from 2006 to 2016, in which role she made significant contributions to the country's economic development.



Cristina's career path includes prominent roles in the banking sector, having led operations at Citibank in Angola. She has also collaborated with several international financial institutions, including the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the African Development Bank. Her expertise has been recognised through appointments to prestigious boards, such as AGRA and the UONGOZI Institute's Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development.

Cristina holds a Master's in International Management from Thunderbird School of Global Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Public Policies from the Instituto Superior de Economia in Lisbon.

## **Mr. Goolam Ballim**

### **Chief Economist: Head of Research Standard Bank Group**

Goolam is the chief economist and head of research for the Standard Bank Group. Goolam and his team consistently earn accolades for macroeconomic, political, sectoral and financial markets research. The team has been rated the Best Research House in South Africa in 8 of the last 9 years in the coveted Financial Mail Ranking the Analysts survey.



Goolam's interest spans politics, the macroeconomy and financial markets, and he regularly engages in public dialogue across the globe