

THE ROLE OF BUSINESS IN TIMES OF CRISES AND TRANSITION

LAUNCH PROGRAMME

- **Date:** Tuesday, 16 March, 2021, 11:30-13:00
- **Format:** Live panel discussion (the event will be livestreamed on Facebook)
- **Host:** Imaan Rapetti¹

Opening Session: Introductions and welcome

- **Deborah France-Massin:** ILO Director of the Bureau for Employers' Activities,
- **Cori Wielenga:** Acting Director, Centre for Mediation in Africa, University of Pretoria,
- **Quraysha Sooliman:** Project Coordinator, Centre for Mediation in Africa, University of Pretoria,

Panel 1: How Business has responded to the national Covid-19 crises

What is business doing in relation to the Covid-19 crises?

- **Martin Kingston** – CEO Rothschild and chair of the steering committee of Business for South Africa (B4SA)
- **Zingiswa Losi** – President of COSATU
- **Stavros Nicolou** – Senior Executive, ASPEN Pharmacare Group and BUSA Board member
- **Sandile Zungu** – President, Black Business Council

Panel 2: Lessons from the past – how Business can contribute to transformation

What lessons from the past have relevance for us today?

- **Cas Coovadia** – CEO, Business Unity South Africa
- **Bobby Godsell, Former CEO of AngloGold Ashanti**
- **Mthunzi Mdwaba** – CEO, Tzoro; IOE Vice-President to the ILO
- **Paul Graham** – Southern Africa Project Director at Freedom House

Q&A with invited guests

Concluding Remarks by Dr. Joni Musabayana ILO country Director for South Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini and Botswana

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