

# WEDNESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY 2016

Venue: Stay City

08:30 – 08:55 Arrival, Registration and Tea

**Welcome & Keynote Address  
Session Chair** **Ms Nontobeko Dlamini**

08:55 - 09:00 Welcome & opening Prof Melissa Steyn - *Director, WICDS*

09:00 - 09:20 Key note address 1: Nomasonto Mazibuko  
(Founder and Executive Director:  
Albinism Society of South Africa)

Ms Nomasonto Mazibuko, affectionately known as Sonto, is a former primary school teacher who gave up her career to pursue the recognition of the rights for persons with albinism. The outspoken and fiery leader has lobbied and crusaded as an activist for over two decades.

09:20 - 09:40 Key note address 2: Joel Netshitenzhe  
(Executive Director: Mapungubwe  
Institute, MISTRA)

Mr Joel Khathutshelo Netshitenzhe is the Executive Director of the Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA). He has a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Financial Economics and a post-graduate diploma in Economic Principles from the University of London; as well as a diploma in Political Science from the Institute of Social Sciences in Moscow.

09:40 – 10:00 Key note address 3: Ms Joesephilda Nhlapo-Hlope  
**Celebrating Diversity: Government  
Plans** (Department of Planning, Monitoring  
and Evaluation)

Ms Joesephilda Nhlapo-Hlope holds a Master's Degree majoring in Development Economics from the Erasmus University and a Master's in Business Administration from Reading University. Her working career spans non-governmental bodies such as the Catholic Bishops Conference and COSATU as a Social Policy Coordinator; Development Finance Institutions; the Competition Commission and government. The National Planning commission (2010-2015) produced the first National Development Plan Vision 2030.

10:00 - 10:30 **Conversations with Keynote Panel**

10:30 - 10:50 **Tea Break**

**Panelists First Session Chair** **Dr Morgan Ndlovu**

10:50 - 10:56 **Ms Sam Beynon:** My fate of being a conscious White, Xhosa-cultured African in post-apartheid South Africa: the dilemma/s of the "Top-Deck"

Ms Sam Beynon is a Masters of Arts in Political Science student at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. In 2012, she served as the Students' Representative Council's (SRC) Secretary General and Deputy President in 2013. She has many accolades and she is an advocate for equality and social justice.

10:58 - 11:04

**Dr Lubna Nadvi:** Filter coffee or cappuccino? Caffeinated or decaff?  
Re-visiting paradigms of racial identity in South Africa with reference to the India Diaspora

Dr Lubna Nadvi is a lecturer and researcher in the School of Social Sciences at UKZN. Her expertise are in the fields of Political Science, International Relations, Gender/ Feminist Studies, Civil Society, Middle East, Indo-Pak, African Politics Political Islam and Identity Politics. She is also a community activist and comments frequently in the Media on contemporary issues.

11:06 - 11:12

**Ms Rejane Williams:** Black subjectivity, aspiration and wounding: The personal is political

Ms Réjane Williams is an organizational psychologist and is a member of the Wits Centre for Diversity Studies team. Her practice and research related interests have been around issues of transformation, social, justice, diversity and "race" in South Africa.

11:14 - 11:20

**Dr Peace Kiguwa :** Faultlines within blackness: revisiting gender and sexuality in South Africa

Dr Peace Kiguwa lectures in the School of Human and Community Development in Psychology at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. Her research interests include gender and sexuality, critical race issues and critical social psychology.

11:22 - 11:30

**Mr William Mpfu:** The birth of blackness

11:30 - 12:30

**Break away dialogues**

12:30 - 13:30

**Lunch Break**

**Panelists Second Session Chair**

**Mr Alois Baleni Sibanda**

13:30 - 13:36

**Ms Aaisha Dadi Patel:** Whose narrative is it anyway?

Ms Aaisha Dadi Patel has been a journalist at The Daily Vox since June 2014. She is completing her Master's degree in Media Studies at Wits University. Her research interests include gender and representations of Muslim women in the media, with her MA focus being on hegemonic Muslim masculinities.

13:38 - 13:44

**Dr Abraham C. Serote:** Black subjectivities under colonialism, during apartheid, and in the new democratic order: contradictions and points of convergence

Dr Abraham Chupye Serote joined the Department of Basic Education as Deputy Director for Social Cohesion and Equity and is now Director for Social Cohesion in the national Department of Arts & Culture. He completed his PhD in Sociology with the University of Cape Town in 2011. His doctoral thesis was on race and racism in predominantly white medical environs.

13:52 - 13:58

**Dr Primus M. Tazanu:** Border thinking and exceptionalism: Blackness, mobility and belonging in South Africa.

Dr Primus M. Tazanu is a Social Anthropologist and postdoctoral fellow based at the Wits Centre for Diversity Studies, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. He researches on new media, Pentecostalism, coloniality and decoloniality.

13:52 - 13:58

**Mr Pumlan Majakajaka:** Draft National Action Plan to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Mr Pumlan Majakajaka is a Legal Researcher with the Directorate of Social Justice (Chief Directorate: Social Justice and Participatory Democracy) at the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.

14:00 - 14:10

**Professor Noor Nieftagodien:** Class and race

Professor Noor Nieftagodien holds a South African Chair (SARChI) in Local Histories, Present Realities and he is the Head of History Work in the School of Social Sciences at Wits University.

14:10 - 15:10

**Break away dialogues**

**Open Plenary Session Chair:**

**Ms Prinola Govenden**

15:10 - 16:00

**Open Plenary Session:**

16:00

**Closure and Tea**

**Performance Item by Nosipho Caine**