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# TOP #5 TRENDING ARTICLES

## **'Shocking' municipal leadership sees R32bn lost to fraud and corruption (NEWS24)**

"Safe and clean hands that can be relied upon to look after our public's finances at local government are few and far between". This was the sentiment expressed by Auditor-General Kimi Makwetu when he released the consolidated local government audit results for the 2018-19 financial year on Wednesday. (Fengu and Khumalo, 2020)

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## **Coronavirus: Six months that changed our world (BBC News)**

On December 31 last year, Chinese media reported for the first time on an outbreak of viral pneumonia in the city of Wuhan. Six months later, Covid-19 has changed the world. We look back at its spread across the globe (Ball, 2020)

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## **UN calls for 'sustained efforts' against DRC natural resource trafficking (NEWS24)**

The UN Security Council called on Thursday for "sustained efforts" in preventing the illegal trade of natural resources from the Democratic Republic of Congo, as gold in particular fuels conflict between armed groups in the region. (News24, 2020)

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## **Steinhoff pays hefty bonuses despite larger 2019 loss (IOL)**

DURBAN – Steinhoff International paid its chief executive Louis du Preez a total remuneration of €2.72 million (R53m) for the year to end September 2019, up from €1.92m compared to 2018, the retailer disclosed in its annual report released yesterday. (Mchunu, 2020)

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## **New laws proposed for South Africa – including rules around the messages you can send (Business Tech)**

The National Council of Provinces approved a number of bills at its sitting on Wednesday (1 July) – most notably the Cybercrimes Bill and the Civil Union Amendment Bill. (Business Tech, 2020)

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENCY

**KASHIF WICOMB**

Transformation beyond being a social imperative is also an economic necessity. No economy & no country can sustain itself with 30 %, and climbing, unemployment. According to a World Bank report on South Africa updated in 2019 the richest 10% of the population held around 71% of net wealth in 2015, while the bottom 60% held 7% of the net wealth. This glaring unequal distribution of wealth is improper & unfair but is also not economically sustainable.

Clearly the State, supported vigorously by the private sector, must drive inclusive economic growth in order to improve the lives of all South Africans. The State must not only remove the red tape to register companies & allow companies to trade, the State must encourage & support SMME's. Support must happen not only via preferential procurement with black owned SMME's but through firm assistance such as a non-negotiable 14-day payment cycle, an objective always supported but very seldom implemented.

With this in mind, the PPF at its National Executive Committee meeting of the 13th June 2020 resolved to establish a procurement monitoring mechanism built into our economic transformation subcommittee and sectorial working groups to track public spending as per the envisaged Public Procurement Act. Together with you we can ensure that the State at all levels achieves its noble objectives.

We also see it apt to celebrate the leadership of Dr Tedros, the Director General of the World Health Organisation. Dr Tedros has displayed a caring leadership, a firm and unwavering leadership in the midst of this crisis. He has shown the world that a son of Ethiopia and Africa steeped in the spirit of true African Ubuntu "I am because we are" is the leadership needed in order to unite countries, unite nations & combat not only a pandemic but social ills in all its forms.

This week, the public comment for the Draft Procurement Bill closed. It highlighted two issues:

We are fortunate to have a listening Government with very progressive, transparent & participatory law-making processes. Our public participation processes are unsurpassed globally. The PPF made a submission & recommended amendment to the Procurement Bill which we will share with you.

It also unfortunately highlighted that 26 years into democracy, we are still grappling with transformation legislation and policies & what these policies should reflect.

## CORAL INTERNATIONAL ASSET MANAGERS



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ASSET MANAGERS

Coral, managed by a professional Board with over 100 years of collective experience, is an asset management company with over 30 years of experience in the South African industry. Our team has been affiliated with the Progressive Professionals Forum since 2017 and we pride ourselves on the various projects undertaken together, with the objective of taking South Africa forward. One such project took off during the wake of the Covid19 pandemic, where our professionals, including members from the PPF worked together to form the PPF Economic and Finance Task Team providing advisory services to our President, Cyril Ramaphosa.

Covid19 has seen businesses, individuals, and communities deteriorating world-wide. At Coral, we continue to strive for service excellence by providing our clients with the best property management and support services. The nationwide lockdown has served as a catalyst to ensure agility and flexibility in our approach to working remotely. We have supported our clients, tenants and staff members during this time and will continue to do so.

We are committed to putting our clients and the community at the heart of our business, developing, and maintaining long-standing relationships based on trust, value sharing and legacy building together with wealth development, growth, and protection.

We aim to create value across the various property and asset management spheres including property syndication, facilities and utilities management, monitoring of water and electricity consumption in our centers across the country, billing and collection of rates, ongoing economic research and development, professional advisory services, structuring property related transactions, valuations, sales and transfers and decentralized service delivery across SA.

We approach each of our ventures with the aim of increasing long term value whilst ensuring maximum operating efficiency and client satisfaction.

While many entities find their feet while navigating through the crisis, Coral has seized the crisis as a catalyst for change and will endeavor towards growth and sustainability for the Group, our affiliates, the community and South Africa as a whole in the long term.

### TEAM CORAL





# LEADER PROFILE

## NKHENSANI MTEBULE

**Name:**  
Nkhensani Mtebule

**Position in PPF:**  
Secretary PPF Limpopo

**Place of birth:**  
Burgersdorp village, Tzaneen,  
Limpopo.

**Educational qualifications:**  
Bachelor of Arts: University of the  
Witwatersrand ; BA Honours Applied  
Clinical Psychology: Wits ; MA  
(Psychology: Community and  
Counselling): Wits ; Doctoral student  
in Psychology: Wits

**Work experience:**  
SA National Defense Force: Senior  
psychologist ; SA Police Services:  
Chief psychologist  
Limpopo Provincial Legislature:  
Office of the Chief-whip: Manager  
Research: ANC Party Caucus

**First job:**  
1 Military Hospital as a psychologist  
intern

**Management style:**  
I believe in consultative manage-  
ment within a clear programme of  
structured plans and targets. My  
initial work in the defense and in the  
police has ingrained in me the  
belief in working within a structured  
plan with clear time frames and  
certain clear objectives in mind as  
well as respecting time.

Since I work in a political environ-  
ment I have had to learn to be  
patient, flexible and more consulta-  
tive in my style of work and manag-  
ing.

**Personal best achievement:**  
My little family. I have four lovely  
children that I try to bring up to be  
responsible, conscious and consid-  
erate people. I never neglect to  
take advantage of any opportunity  
to teach my children more about  
socio-economic justice and the  
history of the country.

**Professional best achievement:**  
Starting a private practice in Preto-  
ria offering psycho-legal services  
with my brother who is a lawyer and  
my younger sister who is an industri-  
al psychologist.

**Biggest influence in my life:**  
My father has been my biggest  
inspiration in my life. Besides grow-  
ing under very difficult times My  
father a teacher and school princi-  
pal is a hard worker and a very well  
read man. I get my love of reading  
from him because my father would  
buy us books to read as young  
children, this has definitely rubbed  
on to me.

**Biggest influence in my career:**  
My mentor and supervisor in the  
SANDF at 1 Military Hospital,  
Colonel Richard Selleck.

**Dinner for five:**  
My paternal grandfather Moses  
Mtebule ; Mamma Winnie Mandela  
; President Jose Mujica of Uruguay;  
President Thabo Mbeki ;Black  
American author Alice Walker.

**Philosophy in life:**  
Words that are not matched by  
deeds are meaningless.

**Biggest ever opportunity:**  
Getting to travel across the country  
in the Phelophepha Transnet experi-  
ence as a young 15 year old school  
girl. This was a programme in the  
early 1990s where young leaders  
were selected across various South  
African schools to learn about the  
country. We travelled in a train over  
a period of about a week visiting  
different sectors of South African  
society. I was exposed to various  
experiences of South African life.

**Hope for the future:**  
Once the lockdown passes I plan to  
travel the world as a scholar and  
curious sight seer. I hope for a  
better South Africa with policies  
that aim to completely do away  
with poverty to ensure that people  
regardless of background are really  
given opportunities in life.

**Favourite reading:**  
The Long walk to Freedom: The  
autobiography of Nelson  
Mandela ;To kill a Mockingbird:  
Harper Lee The Colour Purple: Alice  
Walker;The wretched of the Earth:  
Frantz Fanon;I write what I like: Steve  
Biko

**Favourite TV programme:**  
Netflix documentaries and 90 Days  
to Wed.

**Favourite food:**  
Lasagne with avocados and  
a good red.

**Favourite music:**  
Rhythm and Blues, Soul and  
1980s-1990s pop music.

**Favourite sport team:**  
Eagles Nest under 12 soccer team  
(well my son plays for the team)

**Hobbies:**  
Gardening, reading, walking  
and travelling.

# OP ED

## WHEN OCCUPYING PUBLIC OFFICE , PRIVATE VIEWS ARE A LUXURY BY ADV. GRAIG H. PHILANDER

This article is a response to the interview Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng had last week. The response will not reflect on the topic, but on the Chief Justice role as a Jurist. The Chief Justice utterances had been ventilated many times over, where groups and individuals either supported or was against his views. I would like to reflect on his role as Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa.

Democratic Countries around the world are based on the separation of powers doctrine. What does this mean, it means that a democratic state is based on three separate entities that are the foundation of a democracy (trias politica): Legislature (Honourable Ms. Thandi Modise, Speaker) Executive (Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, President) and Judiciary (Mr. Mogoeng Mogoeng, Chief Justice). The Speaker, President as well as the Chief Justice took an oath of office which states; *I solemnly and sincerely promise that I will always – 1) promote all that will advance the Republic, and oppose all that may harm it, 2) protect and promote the rights of all South Africans, 3) discharge my duties with all my strength and talents to the best of my knowledge and ability and true to the dictates of my conscience, 4) do justice to all and 5) devote myself to the well-being of the Republic and all of its people.*

When taking this oath, you then swear to serve the Republic of South Africa and all its people. A public servant cannot opt in nor out as he or she wishes when it suits them, they are unfortunately bound by their oath of office. The Chief Justice had on many occasions made it known that he is a staunch Christian and an ordained Pastor. He prefaces the latest interview as a Christian view and thus avoiding the obvious conflict that he is the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa. In the Nkandla judgement, CCT143/15 and CCT171/15, the Chief Justice lamented how the previous President Zuma broke his oath of office. The very same Chief Justice who uses his religion to pronounce on matters that are contrary to that of the country he is serving. Unfortunately, he cannot avoid the conflict and he has brought the Judiciary into disrepute.

Issues that arose and which I am pondering on is the way our Constitutional Court Judges are appointed. The citizens for one do not know who these individuals are, but they are recommended and appointed through a very rigorous interview process. The following should be considered as changes, CV's, profiles, and summary of their backgrounds must be published in all newspapers, summaries of their important works and cases should be made known. Like with all legislative processes, South Africans must have the opportunity to comment on the proposed nominations.

I would like to request the Chief Justice to withdraw his remarks and apologise to the Republic of South Africa who he serves, or he can choose to resign as Chief Justice and Judge in the Republic of South Africa, or he faces a Judicial enquiry. He needs to do this because he needs to repair the damaged caused by his remarks and gain the faith of all South Africans that he and the Judiciary are indeed independent and free of private and personal views.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET IMPACT TO THE ECONOMY**

## PPF GAUTENG

**FACEBOOK AND ZOOM LIVE SEMINAR**



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PASSWORD: PPFGP



**DR. DAVID MASONDO**  
**DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**THEME:**

**SUPPLEMENTARY  
BUDGET IMPACT  
TO THE ECONOMY**



**ZINGISWA LOSI**  
**REPLY BY COSATU PRESIDENT**

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## **Our objectives and Character:**

Provide a platform for all professionals to stimulate intellectual debate on the progressive agenda.

- > Enable continuous interactions between various progressive formations and professionals.
- > Leverage and harness the capacity of professionals to engender an inclusive economic growth and combat the triple challenge of: Poverty, Inequality & Unemployment.
- > Seek mechanisms to ensure that the public discourse in the country is balanced and progressive and promote the patriotism of its citizens.

We will do this by availing our skills and expertise and engaging at a strategic level with government and the private sector.

## **Character of the PPF:**

- > The PPF is non-racial, non-sexist, non-xenophobic and non-afrophobic
- > The PPF is a South African based organisation and has a national, continental and international focus.
- > The PPF seeks to attract professionals, academia, intelligentsia and entrepreneurs who align themselves with progressive movements and who aspire to progressive ideals such as those enshrined in the Freedom Charter and the Preamble of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

## ***Building Africa's productive capacity through partnership***

The PPF believes that the political, social and economic history and destiny of South Africa is intertwined with that of the African continent. Since 1994 the Government has steered South Africa into a progressive, respectful and collaborative contributor to the deepening of democracy, self-determination and prosperity throughout Africa. In addition, the performance of Africa's economy has begun to defy Afro-pessimism, with more than half of the 10 fastest growing global economies now being African.

- >The PPF will therefore enhance all efforts to foster alliances with progressive African professionals, businessmen and entrepreneurs, in order to maximize the continent's productive capacity.
- > The PPF will assist in fully integrating African professionals and businessmen in the diaspora into South African society as valuable and active participants.
- > The PPF will not tolerate xenophobia/afrophobia and will actively work to eliminating it.

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