



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

DAY ONE



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Lauralyn has a keen interest in structural transformation, value chain analysis and the impacts of climate change. She has been actively involved in conducting sector studies, analysing industrial policy and reindustrialisation, and trade-related issues in South Africa. Lauralyn has authored several conference papers, working papers and book chapters.

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Justin Barnes is the Chairperson and co-founder of B&M Analysts. He has more than 25 years of experience as an academic, management consultant, and industrial policy advisor to national governments, and has worked in more than 35 countries. His specialisations include future manufacturing technologies, lean operations management, supply chain management, green manufacturing, global value chains, supplier development, firm-level benchmarking, regional clustering, and industrial and trade policy. His most recent research projects have focused on understanding the impact of digital technologies on the future of industrial policy; the price elasticity and associated tax implications of vehicle consumption; and the opportunities for the development of a Sub-Saharan African automotive industry. He recently developed Mauritius's industrial policy to 2025 and has led the development of several industrial masterplans in South Africa.

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In his personal capacity, Masibulele uses both his working and academic experience to research and facilitate discussions on how to build a family structure suited to respond not only to isolated issues, but also to our current and future environments with the aim of developing the children that come from such families. He does this under the theme “The state of the black family and household: what does it mean for the black child?”

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David has published widely in the area of science and technology policy, research management, health sciences and biotechnology (one patent, 44 articles in peer-reviewed journals, six book chapters, 50 conference papers and many articles in the public media on sites such as The Conversation and Engineering News). Further details are available on Google Scholar and ResearchGate (see https://www.researchgate.net/profile/David_Walwyn). He has also consulted on many policy projects relating to innovation policy and supported university technology transfer through techno-economic feasibility studies.

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DAY TWO



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Tlale's professional experience is in the agricultural sector, with a specific focus on business development, programme co-ordination as well as managing public and private sector partnerships to promote financial inclusion in agriculture. Tlale led the establishment of a youth and women inclusion programme at the Land Bank, after working as a Sector Solutions Specialist in agribusiness banking at Absa Bank. Tlale also managed donor projects while working with national farmers' organisations across several countries in southern Africa as a Programme Coordinator at the Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU).

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Yvonne Davis works in the Industrial Policy Advisory Unit of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition with an interest in trade and related industrial policy and development issues. She has a background in international relations and politics and started her career in the foreign service as a diplomat. She has completed cadet training in diplomatic studies at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, where she was exposed to mission work in Ankara and Beijing.

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For the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention, she headed the pillar on inclusive economic development in 2019-2020 and has been a long-term advisor to GTAC in National Treasury. Through the International Labour Organization, she supported the Government of Greece in the design and delivery of their public employment programme at the height of the Greek crisis. Previously, as part of TIPS, she led the design and initial roll-out of the Community Work Programme and a strategy process on inequality and economic marginalisation commissioned by the South African Presidency as part of the Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative for South Africa (AsgiSA).

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