



## **Municipal Public Transport**

### **Speakers**

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#### **Mr Sithole Mbanga, Facilitator**

SA Cities Network, Chief Executive Officer

Sithole Mbanga is the Chief Executive of SA Cities Network and has been with the organization since 2002. He has achieved his Honors in African and Global Politics and Economic Development and is currently enrolled in his Masters in Strategic Studies.

Before joining SA Cities Network, Sithole was the Local Government Co-ordinator within the National Business Initiative (NBI). He managed the NBI's national Effective Governance Programme from the NBI's KwaZulu Natal office, which resulted in greater programmatic interaction with local government stakeholders such as organised local government (SALGA and KWANALOGA), different training and/or capacity building institutions such as UDW School of Governance, CSIR, GTZ and local government municipalities including IDP pilot towns of Howick, stanger/KwaDukuza. He has conducted capacity building training in Municipal Service Partnerships (MSP) through the Public private Partnership (PPP) project for local government councillors and officials in KZN. He has also participated in the further development and improvisation of the Department of Provincial and Local government's national policy on Integrated Development Planning (IDP). He jointly managed research for the process of designing, developing and implementing the Local Government Transformation Programme Management Information System (LGTP-MIS). Sithole was a Secretariat for the KwaZulu Natal Provincial Leadership Forum (PLF) which was established to create a link between business and political leadership in the province for the purpose of joint identification and tackling of provincial challenges.

Sithole has worked for the Local Government Support and learning Network (LOGOSUL) as a National Programme Manager. His key role was to work with the Programme Steering Committee to advise all project partners on the implementation of their projects and to intergrate activities and learning as they occur in the spheres of government

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## **Mr Bob Stanway, Expert**

### **Private, Specialist Transportation Engineer**

Bob Stanway graduated as a Civil Engineer from the University of the Witwatersrand, and he obtained his Masters and DIC in Transport at Imperial College, London University.

His initial experience was in the Public Sector involved with London Transport Jubilee Line planning and construction, followed by a spell with Johannesburg City Engineer's Department.

In 1980, he co-founded South Africa's first specialist Consulting Transportation Practice (Stanway Edwards Ngomane Associates), and between then and the year 2000, he was involved in Public Transport, Transport Planning & Transport Policy work for Local, Provincial and National Government.

Between 2000 and 2003, he was a Divisional Fellow at the CSIR, and in 2003 he joined the City of Johannesburg to head up their Transportation Department. Between mid-2006 and mid-2009, he was the Rea Vaya BRT Project Manager, taking Rea Vaya BRT from conception to operation within a period of three years.

Bob is a Registered Professional Engineer, a Fellow of the South African Institution of Civil Engineering and a Fellow of the South African Academy of Engineering. He has recently relocated to Hermanus in the Western Cape, where he is practising part-time as a Specialist Transportation Engineer.

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## **Mr Ibrahim Seedat, Public Sector Perspective**

### **Department of Transport, Director: Public Transport Policies**

Mr Ibrahim Seedat is the Director of Public Transport Policies in the Department of Transport. He is passionate about and involved in improving public transport in South Africa. He has been actively involved in the BRT (Bus Rapid Transport) system and believes that gaining the support of taxi operators is essential to ensuring a successful implementation of this programme.

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## **Prof Jackie Walters, Private Sector Perspective**

### **University of Johannesburg,**

Prof Walters holds a Doctoral degree in Transport Economics from the Rand Afrikaans University (RAU). His academic speciality includes public transport and aviation policy studies, as well as transport economics.

He joined the RAU (now the University of Johannesburg) in 1982 where he lectures under- and post-graduate students in Transport Economics. He is currently the Chairperson of the Department of

Transport and Supply Chain Management. In this position he is also extensively involved in the department's industry training programmes for the freight and passenger transport sectors. More than 40 000 people have been trained on these programmes to date. Currently the department has more than 4000 students studying towards various qualifications in transportation and logistics.

In addition to the being the chair of the department, he is also the Director of the Institute of Transport and Logistics Studies (ITLS(Africa)). This departmental research unit focuses on a range of research topics in collaboration with departmental researchers and industry partners.

He has been involved in numerous research projects on a multi modal basis and is author and co-author of a number of papers and publications, especially on public transport policy. In his academic career he has read papers at 80 conferences (13 international), published or co-published 34 articles (6 in international journals), were involved in 22 conference proceedings publications and have undertaken 46 research projects. He also serves on a number of committees appointed by the Department of Transport. These committees deal with transport policy matters and policy formulation, tenders in public transport, road traffic policy and other related issues. He has been a specialist adviser to the Southern African Bus Operators Association since 1989 and serves as the spokesperson for the industry on policy and strategy matters at government level.

Public transport research focuses on the impact of policies on the development of the commuter bus industry, the strengths and weaknesses of the public transport policy, the tendering system as well as general overviews of the developments in public transport in SA. Post graduate students have in the recent past focused on the effectiveness of public transport policy implementation and monitoring, the provision of rural transport etc. In addition to these activities he is also active in the THREDBO international series of conferences on competition and ownership in public transport. This involvement has meant the organisation of the 1999 conference in Cape Town and the chairing of a workshop in the conference, publications and the refereeing of conference papers.

Recent research work undertaken involves air cargo trends at Oliver Tambo International Airport (ORT), an economic impact analysis of SA's three major international airports on SA and the development of an econometric forecasting model for airfreight, passenger and air traffic movements until 2022.

He has travelled extensively and studied public transport systems and policies throughout the world.

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## **Mr Philip van Ryneveld, Municipality Perspective**

### **Hunter van Ryneveld (Pty) Ltd, Director**

Philip van Ryneveld is a co-founder and director of Hunter van Ryneveld, which specializes in public finance and management.

Philip has been closely involved in the development of South Africa's system of fiscal decentralization as a participant in the national civic movement during the anti-apartheid period, as a technical advisor to the ANC during constitutional negotiations in the early 1990's, as Chief Finance Officer in the City of Cape Town between 1997 and 2001, and as a consultant mainly to national government.

Assignments in recent years have included work for South Africa's National Treasury as the core consultant on the further development of the Municipal Fiscal Framework; for the Department of Provincial and Local Government on reforms to the system of decentralization in South Africa; for various cities including Nelson Mandela Bay, Buffalo City and Johannesburg on new revenue options; and for the Department of Transport and the City of Cape Town on new public transport initiatives. He played a significant role as advisor for the Cities Network on the formulation of parts of the recently passed National Land Transport Act.

Currently the emphasis of his work is on public transport. This includes acting as the team leader for a group of consultants working on the business plan for Cape Town's Integrated Rapid Transit project. This team includes well known BRT specialists from Colombia, Brazil and US.

While most of his work has been in South Africa he has also done assignments for the World Bank and other international agencies on local fiscal and institutional issues in India, Indonesia, Zambia, Mozambique and Tanzania. This includes two missions this year to India to advise on the financing and governance of a selection of larger Indian cities.

He is a South African, currently based in Cape Town, and has degrees from Oxford University, UK, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and the Institute of Social Studies in the Netherlands.