



Professor Hamilton Sipho Simelane

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor Hamilton Sipho Simelane is a Full Professor of Economic History and Development Studies. He holds a PhD from the University of Toronto in Canada. He worked at the University of Swaziland for many years where he held several positions such as being Tutor of the Faculty of Humanities, Dean of the Faculty of humanities, and the first Swazi Director of the University of Swaziland Consultancy and Training Centre. He also acted as Pro-Vice chancellor of the University of Swaziland for a short period of time. He proceeded to work for the Institute of Democracy in Southern Africa (IDASA) as a Senior Political Analyst. After IDASA he took a position of Head of Department (Economic History and Development Studies) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College in Durban. He was then recruited for the position of Head of Department by the University of Zululand. He later joined Igunundu Holdings in Durban where he took the position of Chief Operations Officer.

Professor Simelane has published over one hundred scholarly works, including books, journal articles and research-based reports on different aspects of Swazi history. His main research interests revolve around issues pertaining to political economy dynamics. He has served as chairman of the African Working Group on Gender and Climate Change (AWGGCC) for about ten years.



Mr Mncedzi Ngomane

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Mr Mncedzi Ngomane is currently the Executive Head Retail at FNB Eswatini. Dedicated to leadership and business development, he is also a Doctor of Business Administration candidate at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS) Business School.

Mr Ngomane brings a wealth of experience to his current role, having previously honed his expertise in Human Resources and leadership positions at various companies including Mondelez International, Cadbury UK, Swaziland Standards Authority, The Royal Eswatini Sugar Corporation and MTN Eswatini. At MTN Eswatini, he served as Chief Marketing Officer and Head of Human Resources.

Under his leadership, MTN Eswatini was the first to be accredited by the South African Board of People Practices in the MTN Group and in Eswatini. Another historic first was when he led MTN Eswatini to be the first company to get Platinum accreditation by UK's Investors in People in Africa and within the Group. He also steered MTN Eswatini to win the Great Place to Work Award within the MTN Group in 2018. Such leadership acumen earned him recognition as Regional Leader of the Year for MTN South East Africa Region in 2019 and Leader of the Year at MTN Eswatini in 2020.

In a bid to extend leadership development beyond the corporate world, he founded the Leadership Growth Forum, the only platform in Eswatini specifically designed to develop and empower young and upcoming leaders.

