

LYNETTE NTULI

PROFILE



Lynette Ntuli is the Founder and CEO of Innate Investment Solutions, a professional services firm that provides property, asset and infrastructure development and management solutions, headquartered in South Africa. She has held executive leadership positions in diverse sectors and sits on the boards and working groups of various listed and unlisted organisations as a non-executive director. Ntuli's experiences in the commercial built environment over the last 19 years, accompanied by her articulation of incisive insight into responsive socioeconomic models are an asset to holistic development solutions for emerging regions and high growth sectors reliant on infrastructure (Retail. Telecoms. Health. Education. State Owned Assets).

Lynette has been well profiled for her executive positions, amongst them becoming the very first woman in Sub-Saharan Africa to become GM of a multibillion valued, super-regional shopping centre (The Pavilion, 2008). Since then, she has become a multiple industry award recipient, internationally recognised business thought leader and strategist who is passionate about Sustainability (ESG), people-centred governance that embraces inclusive socio- economic development and the transformative power of technology and innovation.

Building a track record in the public, private, untransformed and informal sector, and applying the core best practice principles in various fields and untapped development markets has sharpened her competency in Strategy, Research, Planning and Project Implementation, which are all key drivers of Service Delivery, Transformation and Socio-Economic Development. She holds post graduate property specific qualifications from the University of Pretoria and the University of Cape Town GSB.

Tapping into her experiences and industry insights, Lynette regularly delivers business and technical keynotes and moderates a wide range of regional and international summits, forums and events. A passion for youth development built a formidable partnership and youth oriented digital media platform, IgniteSA.com in 2007 – an organisation whose programmes have been replicated nationally through various partner brands.

Through her work and advocacy, Ntuli still drives and contributes extensively to various initiatives in the areas of Leadership and Economic Inclusion (with a gender lens), Entrepreneurship and Skills Development in Sub-Saharan Africa on platforms her business curates and partners with. A fan of the synergy between edutainment and multimedia, Lynette has presented and produced Business Day TV's weekly show, SME Funding and FNB's Business Talk podcast series amongst others.

A member of the Institute of Directors SA (IODSA), Lynette serves as a non-executive director of commercial entities including the JSE listed REIT, Liberty Two Degrees and the Durban International Convention Centre amongst others. She has served in an advisory board capacity to several organisations such as First National Bank FNB (Kwazulu Natal), Coca Cola Beverages SA ESD Programme, SAMIP and SweetLife.

Lynette has also served as an non-executive committee member within various business, DEI (transformation) and industry formations and advocacy organisations in Southern Africa, including the Women's Property Network (WPN), South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA), South African Inst. of Black Property Practitioners (SAIBPP), the South African Council of Shopping Centres (SACSC), International Women's Forum (IWFS) and the African Leadership Network.

In 2018 and 2021, Lynette was named a Institut Choiseul 100 Africa Laureate in recognition of her leadership and work in advancing economic development in Africa. She is also a fellow and alumni of several distinguished institutions and programmes, amongst them:-

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu Fellow (2018) in the flagship fellowship programme of the African Leadership Institute,
- Mandela Washington Fellow (2014) in the flagship program of U.S President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI)
- The St. Gallen Symposium Top 200 Leaders of Tomorrow (2014), the world's premier symposium on leadership, politics and society.
- World Economic Forum Global Shaper (2012 -) and one of the Founding Curators of the South African hubs.

Awards received in the past include:-

- Fun Fearless Female Award by Cosmopolitan Magazine (2008),
- Mail and Guardian 200 Young South Africans Award (2012)
- Glamour Magazine Woman of The Year Award – Business (2014)
- SAIBPP 100, in recognition of her contribution to the property industry in South Africa (2022)

Ntuli is a past Chair of the Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs in Southern Africa (SADC), former Vice President of the South African Inst. of Black Property Practitioners (SAIBPP), Vice Chair: Durban Chapter of the Businesswoman's Association (BWA), Enactus National and World Cup Final Round Judge between 2011 and 2018; a SACSC Retail Development and Design Awards RDDA Judge (2009) as well as on the Green Building Council of S.A Technical Working Committee, which developed the first Commercial | Retail Green Star Tool which set into motion the adoption of Green Star Ratings in Southern Africa.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP AND SPEAKING

Tapping into her experiences and industry insights, Lynette Ntuli speaks at a wide number of national and international forums; events and symposiums on a diverse range of subjects, including:

- Strategy Facilitation, Development, Alignment and Implementation
- Consumer, Economic, Mobility and Demographic Trends in Africa and Emerging Markets
- Property and Infrastructure, Urban Design and Spatial Transformation
- Leadership Effectiveness and Organizational Design
- Diversity, Inclusivity and Transformation
- People, Process, Practice and Stakeholder Relations

A proficient; articulate and professional speaker and moderator; she brings rich content and a touch of glamour to every stage and programme she features on. Lynette delivers a number of keynote presentations as listed below, and responds to requests for customised keynote themes to suit the objectives of the platforms she is invited to. Keynote Presentations include: