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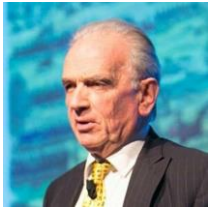
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MANUELE BATTISTI

Country Manager of Southern Africa at Enel Green Power. Manuele Battisti obtained his degree in Mechanical Engineering in 2006 and in 2008 completed his PHD in Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiencies in Buildings at the University of Perugia in Italy. He joined the Enel Group in 2008 as project lead for energy efficiency. In 2010 he joined the Business Development department and has since held several senior roles in Europe, Latin America and Africa. In June 2022 Manuele was appointed as the Country Manager for Enel Green Power South Africa.



PAOLO BORZATTA

Paolo Borzatta is Member of the Board of The European House – Ambrosetti (TEHA), Honorary Chairman of TEHA Africa, and an expert in corporate strategy, city and territorial strategy, and creativity in strategy. He assisted several of the world’s largest companies in the development of their strategies. He has worked and lived in the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia, and China. In the last years, he has also been involved in strategic projects in Africa and in the South East Asia. A substantial part of his advisory activity has been devoted to assisting European and Chinese enterprises in entering (respectively) the Chinese and European markets. After having received his degree in Nuclear Engineering from Politecnico di Milano in 1970, he was assistant professor of Subnuclear Physics at the University of Milan. In 1975 he obtained an MBA from Manchester Business School. After his academic career, he served as Executive President of the Plastic Pipe Division of Dalmine. In 1984 he started his professional activity as a strategy consultant.



VALERIO DE MOLI

Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of The European House - Ambrosetti since 2000, he led the management buyout of the company along with other partners in 2008, thereby settling with the founder. He is also Director of London’s Ambrosetti Group Limited, Chairman of The European House - Ambrosetti Middle East, Senior Advisor of the venture capital fund United Ventures, and Mentor of the Kairos Society, an association of young American entrepreneurs. He has been a member of YPO (Young Presidents’ Organization) since 2011. He is a member of the Boards of Directors of numerous companies. He gives lectures and seminars on strategy and management for top executives, associations, and universities. He is the author of *Towards Excellence. Boards of Directors: A Tool for an Effective System of Corporate Governance. Proposals and Recommendations*, published by Sperling & Kupfer, and *The Fundamentals of Strategic Management - Paradigms of the Corporate System*, published by IPSOA. He founded and continues to chair important think tanks including *Observatory on Europe* in Brussels, *Observatory on the Excellence of Corporate Governance in Italy*, *Meridiano Sanità*, and *Cashless Society*, among others. Earlier in his career, before The European House - Ambrosetti, he worked in finance (BNP Paribas), corporate finance, and as a trader at the Milan Stock Exchange and Banca Popolare di Luino e Varese.



DANILO DREOLINI

CEO and Group President for Africa Partnership Projects of Danieli Africa. Danilo holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering and has more than 25 years of experience in the Metal Industry, with particular reference to Flat Product field, starting his career as Technical Purchaser in the Procurement Department of Flat Products and DRI Products Plants. He has gained wide experience in purchasing and procurement of plants and technologies, worldwide. He then moved to the Danieli Engineering Sales Office, with extensive experience in Turn-Key and/or projects including Construction Portion and Auxiliaries Plants, acting as Proposal manager. In 2011 he moved in Danieli Plant Engineering (DPE) Office acting as Proposal / Project Leader for projects located in MENA region, this experience allow him to enlarge his technical/commercial experience in each field of available Danieli technologies. Since early 2018, he has joined Danieli Jumbo Area (JAM) Office acting as Key Account Manager for the African Countries, becoming responsible for Sales in the area, being appointed Vice President of Sales. In 2023 he was appointed Danieli Group President for Africa Partnership Projects and CEO of Danieli Africa organization.



FRANCESCO DURANTE

CEO of Sisal Group. Holding a degree in Economics and Commerce from the LUISS in Rome, Francesco joined the Sisal Group in 2009 as head of the Retail Gaming Business Unit. He worked in multinational groups such as Lucent Technologies and Sara Lee, holding managerial roles first in the financial and then commercial fields, until acquiring the role of Dim International Director. Under his leadership, Sisal Group has brought to full maturity the internationalization process, which began in 2018, and which today has led it to operate in Italy, Morocco and Turkey.



SERGIO MONTESINOS FUSTER

Director of Agritech Murcia. Sergio Montesinos Fuster holds a Masters degree in International Trade. He also founded an international trade consultancy platform known as Expansius.



LORENZO GALANTI

Ambassador of Italy to Cambodia and counselor at Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Italy. Lorenzo is an Italian diplomat and the Director General of the Italian Trade Agency.



LAMMIE GRIESEL

Director of Spiro Greens Farms specialising in the production and packaging of baby vegetables, particularly lettuce, fresh herbs/micro greens, macadamia nuts. Lammie has a vision to engage in responsible and sustainable farming practises, to secure healthy food from healthy soil that is as chemically free as possible.



HENNIE HEYMANS

CEO, DHL Express, Sub Saharan Africa and member of the African Management Board. Heymans currently oversees a team of 4000+ professionals across 51 countries. He joined DHL Express over twenty years ago as Direct Business unit manager for South Africa. From here he held various roles within the organization, including Managing Director for Central Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands (CENIO). He then moved on to become MD for DHL Express South Africa where he was instrumental in driving change and implementing new innovative processes and strategies for the South Africa business division. Heymans is passionate about Africa and believes that the continent will rise on the global agenda as the last real growth frontier. As a result, he was an active participant in the World Economic Forum 2019 Africa, winner of the Accenture Rising Star Award 2020, and International panelist on Africa Go Trade Summit 2022. Heymans is an invited member of the DHL Express Global Management Board. He is highly passionate about people and regards employee satisfaction and engagement as a key component to cultivating business commercial success.



RONALD LAMOLA

Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, and member of the political party, African National Congress (ANC). Ronald served as a Member of the National Assembly of South Africa since 22 May 2019, and is the former deputy president of the ANC Youth League. Ronald holds a Masters Degree in Corporate Law and Extractive Law from the University of Pretoria. Ronald sits on two of the ANC's most powerful structures, namely the National Executive Committee (NEC) where he was elected in 2017, and the National Working Committee. Ronald was also Director in the Office of the MEC of Culture Sports and Recreation in Mpumalanga from July 2009 until January 2011, and the Acting spokesperson of the Mpumalanga Premier from January 2011 until October 2011.



ENRICO LETTA

President of the Institut Jacques Delors and EU Rapporteur on the Future of the Single Market, Enrico was National Secretary of the Italian Democratic Party from March 2021 to March 2023, and Prime Minister of the Italian Republic from April 2013 to February 2014. He was Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po, in France, from September 2015 to March 2021, and, from 2019 to 2021, served as President of APSIA, the World Association of University Schools of International Affairs based in Washington, D.C. Enrico is a Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies.



CARLOS LOPES

Honorary Professor at Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Cape Town, and 8th Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations. Carlos has been associated with several high-level boards, including the Global Commission for Economy and Climate, Global Commission for the Future of Work, Global Commission on the Geopolitics of Energy Transformation and the Commission on Illicit Financial Flows from Africa. He is a current member of the boards of Jakaya Kikwete Foundation, Hailemariam and Roman Foundation, the Graça Machel Trust, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, the Global Advisory Board of the African Leadership Institute, Waterloo University International Advisory Board, Board member of Invest Africa, African Center for Cities Advisory Board, the Board of Directors of the World Resource Institute, Advisory Council of the African Climate Foundation, as well as Honorary Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences and Lifetime Member of the Lisbon Academy of Sciences.



JULIUS MALEMA

President of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) and political member of Parliament. Julius began his political career at a young age, where he joined the ANC in 1959. He has since served on various political roles, including being the national President of the ANC Youth League (ANCYL) between 2009-2012. Known for his outspoken and controversial nature and socio-political statements, Julius aims to address social issues.



TREVOR MANUEL

Chairman of Old Mutual Board. Trevor served in the South African Government for more than 20 years, including as Minister of Finance and as Minister in the Presidency, responsible for the National Planning Commission. During his ministerial career, he assumed a number of ex-officio positions at international bodies including the United Nations Commission for Trade and Development, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the G20, the African Development Bank Group and SADC. Trevor also currently serves as non executive director and Deputy Chairman of Rothschild South Africa.



HERMAN MASHABA

Herman Mashaba is the leader of ActionSA – a new, solutions-oriented political party aimed at building a non-racial, prosperous and safe South Africa for all its residents. Mashaba was elected as the Mayor of Johannesburg by a 7-way coalition in 2016. He served for three years, receiving acclaim for his hands-on approach to service delivery and zero-tolerance for corruption. In October 2019 Mashaba resigned from the Mayoralty and launched The People's Dialogue.



LEHLOGONOLO MASOGA

CEO for the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone SOC (MMSEZ). Lehlogonolo Masoga is a seasoned administrator and public servant with a career spanning over 22 years in the public service. He served as a Member of the Limpopo Provincial Legislature from 2008 and later Deputy Speaker from 2014 to 2019 after serving in the provincial Executive Council as an MEC responsible for the Department of Roads and Transport. Masoga holds three master's degrees in: Governance and Public Leadership (Wits University); Master of Development Studies (University of Limpopo); and Master of Science (MSc) in Leadership and Change (Leeds Beckett University).



MUZIWETHU MATHEMA

Group Executive - Macro Business Intelligence at Gauteng Growth and Development Agency (GGDA). Muziwethu holds an Honours degree in Applied Mathematics, and worked for organizations such as the National Treasury in the capacity of Director of Tax Revenue Estimation & Forecasting, and at KPMG as a Senior Economic Advisor prior to joining the GGDA.



FIKILE MBALULA

Secretary General of the African National (ANC) and member of Parliament. Fikile is a South African politician who was former Minister of Transport between 2019 and 2023, former Minister of Police from 31 March 2017 until 26 February 2018, Minister of Sport and Recreation from 2010 to 2014, and Cabinet Minister between 2010 and 2023. He is also a member of the ANC National Executive Committee from December 2009 and a member of Parliament since 6 May 2009. He was an Area member of the United Democratic Front in 1989; Secretary of the ANC Provisional Youth Committee in 1990; regional Secretary of the ANC Youth League (ANCYL) from 1991 to 1994; provincial Secretary of ANCYL from 1994 to 1996 and Secretary of the ANCYL Political Education from 1996 to 1998. In 1998 he was a member of the Local Branch Executive Committee of South African Youth Congress (Sayco) and he was an Affiliate member of Socialist International; member of Organisation of Appropriate Social Services in South Africa; President of the International Union of Socialist Youth in 2004; and as a Co-ordinator of South African Medical and Dental Association.



PIETRO MININNI

CEO of The European House – Ambrosetti (TEHA) Africa. Pietro is a multifaced leader and the founder and executive director of the CEO Community in Africa. He is also the project leader of the Southern Africa Europe CEO Dialogue held annually in South Africa.



TASNEEM MOTARA

South African politician and Member of the Executive Committee for Economic Development of the Gauteng Provincial Government. Tasneem Motara is a South African politician whose political career began from the young age as she joined the ANC Youth League in the year 2000. She has been the Gauteng MEC for Economic Development since 2022 and a member of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature since 2019. She was the MEC for Infrastructure Development and Property Management between May 2019 and October 2022.



FAITH MUKUTU

CEO of Zambeef Products Plc. Faith is a Chartered Certified Accountant and Finance professional with over 15 years of experience in finance, leading national and multi-national organisations across various African countries. Faith served as the first indigenous Zambian female Finance Director of Zambia Sugar Plc; as is also the first Chief Executive Officer of Zambeef Products Plc. Her external appointments on board directorships include Bayport Financial Services Ltd, Good Nature Agro Ltd and Zayohub Zambia Ltd. Global Forbes magazine named Faith as among the women to watch in 2023.



PEYA MUSHELENGA

Minister of Information and Communication Technology of Namibia. Peya is a Namibian politician and poet who is the holder of 12 university degrees from six different institutions, ranging from BA Economics, MBAs, and a PhD in Criminal Justice Law, and has published widely in peer reviewed journals. A member of SWAPO, Peya has been a member of the National Assembly of Namibia since 2005. He was also Assistant Whip SWAPO party between 2005 – 2010; Deputy chairperson of Standing committee on Economies between 2005 – 2008; Chairperson of Standing committee on Economies from 2008 – 2010; Member of standing committee on Human Resources, Social and Community Development and Standing committee on foreign affairs, defence and security from 2005 – 2010; Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (2010 – 2015); Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation (2015 – 2018); and Minister of Urban and Rural Development since February 2018. Peya is also an admitted Legal Practitioner (attorney) of the High Court of Namibia.



GODFREY MUTIZWA

Chief Editor of CNBC Africa. Godfrey is a Zimbabwean journalist who was appointed as Chief Editor in 2020. Prior to that, he was Managing Editor of Forbes Africa. Godfrey has also covered the African business story for the past 29 years across various print and broadcast platforms, working for both regional and international media. He understands the potential of African economies and markets and has participated in key stakeholder events across the continent.



NHLANHLA NENE

Chairman of Thebe, Chairman of The European House – Ambrosetti Africa (TEHA Africa) and a Member of the Old Mutual Superfund Management Board. Nhlanhla was Minister of Finance of South Africa from February to October 2018 under President Cyril Ramaphosa and from May 2014 to December 2015 under President Jacob Zuma. He was also Deputy Minister of Finance from 2008 to 2014. In the past, he was Resident Advisor of Thebe Investment Corporation and Non-executive Director of Allan Gray. From 2009 to 2013 he was Member of the Local Organizing Committee for the FIFA World Cup in South Africa, Confederation of Football Association, and African Nations Championship. From 2008 to 2014 he was Chairman of the Public Investment Corporation. From 2004 to 2008 he was Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Finance, and from 2002 to 2004 he was Co-Chairperson of the Joint Budget Committee. From 1999 to 2015 he was Member of Parliament of South Africa, and from 1996 to 1999 he was Local Government Counsellor.



STAVROS NICOLAOU

Senior Executive for Strategic Trade Development at Aspen Pharmacare Group, and member of the Aspen Pharmacare Holdings Limited Group Executive Committee. Previously Stavros was CEO of Aspen's Export Business. Aspen is Africa's largest multinational pharmaceutical manufacturer with a presence in over 50 geographies, and a world leader in anaesthetics and injectable anti-coagulants. Stavros has almost 33 years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry and has been Recognized in the Global Top 100 Health Editon Honorees Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) in Healthcare and recently received Greece's ARGO Public Service award from the President of Greece, as well as several other awards, fellowships and memberships from other prominent organizations. He also received an honorary doctorate in Medicine from Wits University.



STEFANO PAPALE

Global Head of Business Development at FATA Spa. With a degree in Chemical Engineering and an Executive MBA diploma, Stefano has 22+ years of extensive experience on power generation and infrastructure projects. He has started his career in the biotech field gaining a patent of invention for biosensor technology, then he moved in API Refinery as process engineer for IGCC plant (Texaco patent) and later in EDF Fenice (Edison) covering several positions: starting as Project Manager for CHP industrial projects until covering the role of International Business Development Manager in China, Russia and Europe. Stefano has been working in South Africa since 2015 and is currently covering the role of Branch Representative, pursuing the most important Renewables and Thermal projects under public and private PPAs as Bid Windows and Risk Mitigation Programmes.



JENS PAPPERITZ

CEO of B. Braun Medical, South Africa and President of Southern African - German Chamber of Commerce. Jens holds an MBA from the University of Warwick and in 2014 became Managing Director of B. Braun Medical - a German medical and pharmaceutical device company, which currently has more than 63,000 employees globally, and offices and production facilities in more than 60 countries. Prior to that, Jens held several senior roles at Siemens where he worked for 10 years.



NZINGA QUNTA

News anchor at SABC. With an LLB in Law from the University of the Witwatersrand, Nzinga Qunta is a world class African broadcaster. She works as a business news anchor with experience in radio and television, currently anchoring SABC 3 and SABC News' daily business news show, On Point. Nzinga is the programme director of choice for discussions, conferences, events and seminars involving heads of state, CEOs, entrepreneurs and social partners. Her work includes facilitating discussions at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting 2022, Davos Dialogues in 2021, capital market days for JSE listed companies, banks and organisations.



JOHN STEENHUISEN

Leader of the Democratic Alliance (DA). John serves as the Leader of the Official Opposition in the Parliament of South Africa's National Assembly. Steenhuisen represented Durban North in the eThekweni Council for 10 years until the 2009 General Election where he was elected Member of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature and Leader of the DA caucus. He also served as Democratic Alliance KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Leader. In 2010 he took up a seat in the National Assembly and served as the DA Shadow Minister on Cooperative Government and Traditional Affairs (COGTA). In May 2014, Steenhuisen was appointed Chief Whip of the Official Opposition, a position he held until October 2019. In November 2020, John Steenhuisen was elected Federal Leader of the Democratic Alliance, having served as Interim Leader since November 2019. Having stabilised the party and re-entrenched policy coherency during his first term, Steenhuisen was re-elected Federal Leader for a second term in April 2023.



STANLEY STEENKAMP

Stanley Steenkamp has been the Regional Chief Executive Officer for Veolia in Southern Africa since March 2019, bringing with him over 30 years experience in engineering and environmental services. Stanley's international experience in the water, waste and energy sectors has been the catalyst in the successful execution of Veolia's dynamic strategy for the region. As an agile business Executive with an accredited degree in Engineering Management, Stanley leads the organisation with an emphatic focus on environmental sustainability. With extensive experience in both industrial and municipal markets globally, Stanley is well versed in developing transformative strategies within complex business environments.



NOMATEMBA TAMBO

Trustee, Oliver Tambo Foundation; CEO, Evening Star Manufacturing. Nomatamba started her diplomatic career as Consul General in Hong Kong. Prior to being appointed South African Ambassador to Italy and non-residential Ambassador and High Commissioner to Malta, Albania and San Marino as well as Permanent Representative to the Rome-based United Nations Agencies, Ms Tambo acquired a BA Honours combined degree in History and English from Roehampton Institute in London, LLB in Post Graduate Law from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg and a Diplomatic Training Diploma from the Department of International Relations and Cooperation. Nomatamba is also the former High Commissioner for the Republic of South Africa in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, where she served between 2018 and 2022.



HENK VAN DER MERWE

CEO Africa of MA Automotive. Henk is the Regional Leader of MA Automotive Group, which specialized in producing and assembling steel automotive structural parts, components, sub-assemblies and modules. MA has presence in Italy, Europe, South America, Africa and Asia. Henk holds an MBA from the University of Potchefstroom and is an experienced automotive component manufacturing manager with a sales & marketing background.



SAKI ZAMXAKA

CEO of Gauteng Growth and Development Agency (GGDA). Saki holds an Honours degree in Economics from the University of the Western Cape, and has been CEO at GGDA for several years. Prior to his role at GGDA, he occupied several senior roles such as CEO at Autopax and Prasa Technical, as well as Director at the Gautrain Management Agency.