



FREEDOM -  
OUR RESPONSIBILITY  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2014  
SOUTH AFRICA



**Meet pioneers, experts & people of honor & history! – Get inspired & become part of the Change!**

## **FREEDOM - OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

**International Conference**

**to kick-start a New Culture of Sustainability, Empowerment & Integrity**

**Bloemfontein, 26 – 30 September 2014**

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**Pioneers and leaders exchange about innovations and share their knowledge and experience with interested participants from all over the world, who hopefully get inspired to implement it in their own communities and countries.**

**Speeches, Workshops, Exhibitions, Practical Models – Music, Dance, Food, Shows**

**Preliminary Program** (with simultaneous translation into German and Afrikaans)

- 26 Sept. **Freedom – Our Responsibility** and the **Power of Conciliation, Collaboration and Integrity**
- 27 Sept. **Sustainability** in all spheres of life: Agriculture, Technology, Resources ...
- 28 Sept. **Empowerment** Economy, Society, Finances, Education, Health Sector
- 29 Sept. **Practical Models of Sustainability and Empowerment & a ,Bush People’s Festival‘** (trad.music, dance, ...) Day-Trip to Platfontein, a village of San People near Kimberley , the city of diamonds.
- 30 Sept. **Integrity:** Personal, Economy, Finances, Politics, Justice, ...  
What can we change in our own spheres of life and in our own community/society?

**Extract of the Preliminary List of Speakers** see also <http://zafor.org/contributors/speakers>

### **Jonathan Jansen, South Africa Keynote Speaker**

Rector & Vice-Chancellor of the University of the Free State, one of South Africa’s foremost outspoken educationists and author of several books on society and education in South Africa. Greatly acknowledged for the racial integration and harmonisation of the student community.

### **Hans Rudolf Herren, Switzerland, Kenya, USA, Winner of the ‘Alternative Nobel Prize Award 2013’**

Research in plant protection, which saved millions of people in Africa from starvation, wise use of resources, agriculture Advocates adoption of a sustainable ecological agriculture to fight hunger and poverty in Africa and across our planet.

### **Vincent Mabulu, South Africa, Special Guest**

Vincent Mabulu from Archi-M Studio, Bloemfontein, has invested in building projects to create jobs and will share his business experience of conducting business with sound business principles - and that it is possible to do business with high integrity.

### **John A. Tesha, Tanzania, ‘Inter-Generational Dialogue’**

**Executive Secretary of the Africa Forum** for former Heads of State and appointed board member of the Institute for Strategic and Complexity Management Foundation ISCM in the role of counselor and represents the Africa Forum agenda. Former Tanzanian ambassador to South Africa and currently a professor for diplomatic relations at the University of Tanzania.

### **Zsolt Nyiri, The Netherlands, ‘Changing Mindsets – Systemic Thinking’**

#### **Laureate of the Strategy and Leadership Excellence Award, Chairman of the ISCM Foundation**

Let’s leave the world of analysis – time for synthesis has come! Considering the impact of our actions in business and society on the whole system, humanity & nature. It’s all about inter-connected systems thinking.

### **Bedan Mbugua, Kenya, ‘Step up against Corruption’**

Founder of a group of influential people of 9 African Countries, willing and determined to step up against corruption.

**Ekuru Aukot, Kenya, 'Leadership and Integrity in the light of the Constitution'** expert in constitution building with special interest the rights of minorities, refugees and land to promote sustainability, empowerment and integrity.

**Acuil Malith Banggol, South Sudan, 'Inclusive Dialogue and Governance'**

A. Banggol - very active and innovative in the peace building process of South Sudan - favors a 'three-fold democracy'.

**Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, South Africa 'Forgiveness & Conciliation'**

Senior Research Professor in Trauma, Forgiveness and Reconciliation at the University of the Free State.

Her book about the complexities of forgiveness in the aftermath of human rights abuses won prestigious awards both in South Africa and the USA.

**Arun Sam Amirtham, The Significance of Solar Photovoltaics and other Forms of Renewable Energies in the Transformation to a Sustainable Society**

Switzerland, India

Solar entrepreneur and founder of swissmango, a pioneer in rural electrification. He is a staunch advocate of the 'UN Sustainable Energy for All' initiative to ensure universal access to modern energy services.

Solar energy makes this possible. After all, everyone is connected to the sun!

**Georgette M. Norman, USA, Director, 'Rosa Parks Museum'**

Rosa Parks triggered the Civil Rights Movement under the lead of Martin Luther King. How can we make decisions and look at the moral choices we confront in our daily lives in order to empower ourselves and others?

**College for Vocational Education, Switzerland, 'Vocational Education – Benefit for Economy and Society'**

The value of vocational education is acknowledged worldwide. How to implement such a system?

**James Lado Olimpio Mali, South Sudan, 'Healing of the traumatized Hearts through Reconciliation'**

As infant severely injured by freedom fighters, he nowadays he is teaching their children in his village.

We are happy to welcome him as a 'Future Leader' at our Conference.

**Ray Minniecon, Australia, John Bond, UK, 'Australia's Sorry Day and Journey of Healing'**

Truth, healing and justice for the Stolen Generations to heal the wounds of the past.

**Joss Brooks, India, Australia 'Turning Waste Land into a City Park with clean Water'**

Joss Brooks applies architecture, design, technologies and conservation practices. Each project is connected with the others in symbiotic ways. He discovered his love for protecting Nature and learned skills for wasteland restoration.

### Endorsements for the Conference

**Rajmohan Gandhi**, University Professor, grandson and author of the biography of Mahatma Gandhi

**David R. Williams**, Professor of Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health & Professor of African and African American Studies and of Sociology at Harvard University

**Cornelio Sommaruga**, longstanding President of the International Committee of the Red Cross

**Africa Forum & ISCM** Foundation collectively encourages to visit this very important & meaningful conference

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