

## OUR SPEAKER:

# Babalwa Fatyi

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Babalwa is a founder and an executive director at Myezo Environmental Management Services (Pty) Ltd since 2005. She is an international registered auditor, with a Master of Science (Cum Laude) (1999, University of the Witwatersrand), for which she was honoured with the SA Association for Advancement of Science Award for an outstanding MSc degree in the Faculty of Science, across all South African Universities in that year.

She also holds a BA in Arts, Global School of Theology, USA. This has balanced and sharpened her leadership view and principles on Environment, Social, and Governance, especially pertaining to climate, biodiversity, and pollution world emergencies, and is as such inspired by United Nations Environment Programme on Making Peace with Nature as captured in their scientific blueprint report. She is a member of the Institute of Directors South Africa. She has been recognised as a philanthropist and was honoured with Doctor of Humanitarianism, *honoris causa* by the Global International Alliance, USA.

Her ESG experience covers non-profit organisations, and private and government sectors. Driven to impart environmental stewardship at personal, societal, and corporate levels she has acquired the diverse skill set that enables her to assess materiality and those aspects that might lead to significant impacts in various development contexts while being able to assess risks and design mitigation measures and reporting protocols. She supports organisations to build their sustainability profiles and reduce their carbon footprints.

She has shared her sustainability insights at various scientific knowledge-sharing national and international platforms and published them in scientific journals.

She is also spearheading industry succession planning and unlocking human capital value through mentoring, as a founding director of Myezo Growth and Development Institute, a non-profit organisation dedicated to this conviction.



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Her vision has supported several scientists to attain their core competencies required for professional scientific registration in terms of South Africa's Natural Scientific Professions Act (No.27 of 2003). She was a vice-chairperson for Ladies of all Nations International, South Africa (2021), along with other business and scientific accreditations and affiliations.

In addition, she is an author of poetry books, which promote sustainable means of unlocking the natural resource capital while upholding coexistence principles. She has authored poetry books, which address themes of sustainability, heritage and legacy, social cohesion, and economic emancipation. She uses poetry as a voice to challenge certain stereotypes, unjust practices, or norms such as gender inequality and advocate for a paradigm shift within various socio-economic development thematic areas as such she plays: an advocacy role; cultural role through expressing and advocating for recognition of indigenous knowledge in scientific settings, along with preservation of universal values, which influence ethical behaviours; civic role by empowering, capacitating and, fostering civic engagements through her work as an environmental advisor and stakeholder engagement strategist. She opened at the International Association of Impact Assessment, 2018, where there were about 900 delegates from 93 countries.

She is a multi-award winner from various highly esteemed organisations such as

- Celebrating Excellence in Organisations Global Pan African Awards (2019 ): Regional Winner in the SME sector of CEO's Most Influential Women in Business & Government. The awards are the leading African recognition program honouring excellence in the private and public sectors.
- Standard Bank: Top women Leaders (certified in 2021)
- South African Literacy Awards, Winner of Poetry Award (202)
- Hanell International Environmental Network, Recognised for environmental leadership for contribution to environmental management (2021).

