



ABBREVIATED BIOGRAPHY: DR YVONNE MUTHIEN

Dr Yvonne Muthien currently serves as Chairperson of the Rhodes Food Group, the Thebe Resource Incubator; as well as the Sasol Inzalo Foundation. She is also on the boards of Thebe Investment Corporation, Bankserv and the Council of Sol Plaatje University in Kimberley, South Africa.

Yvonne previously served as Chief Executive: Group Services at Sanlam and Executive Director of Sanlam Ltd as well as Non-Executive Director of Santam, Sanlam Investments and Sanlam Investment Management. Preceding that she was Vice President of Public Affairs & Communications for Coca-Cola Africa based in London and Group Executive Corporate Affairs for the MTN Group Ltd. She also formerly served as a Non-Executive Director for Aurecon, Sentech, MTN Nigeria, Mossgas, the SABC and Transnet.

Yvonne was the founding Executive Director of Democracy & Governance at the HSRC and Public Service Commissioner in President Mandela's government. She also worked as a business strategy and scenarios consultant on the Dinokeng Scenario project, with 35 top South African leaders exploring the possible futures, risks and opportunities that the country faces in the next stage of its fledgling democracy.

Yvonne completed her *D.Phil.* degree in Sociology and Politics at *Oxford University* (UK) and holds a *MA* from *Northwestern University* (USA) as well as a *BA* and a *BA (Hons) cum laude* from the *University of the Western Cape* in South Africa. She completed the first course on '*Leadership in Financial Organisations*' at *Harvard Business School*. She previously held the position of Associate Professor in Sociology at the University of Natal, Durban. She is widely published and has written and edited a number of books, articles and international conference papers. She has also completed executive management courses on '*Strategic Finance*' and '*Finance for Non-Financial Managers*' at the *Wits Business School*; '*Revenue Growth Management*', '*Financial Integrity*', '*Incidence Management & Crisis Resolution*' and the '*Senior Executive Leadership*' program of Coca-Cola in Atlanta, as well as the '*Executive Leadership*' program at MTN.

Yvonne until recently served as Chairperson of the President's Advisory Council on National Orders under Presidents Mandela, Mbeki, Motlanthe & Zuma, 1998-2014. In Dec 2002, Yvonne was bestowed with a Presidential Award as *Grand Counsellor of the Order of Baobab*, by President Mbeki, for her singular contribution to the '*Building of National Identity through the Development of National Symbols*'.