

# LeadSA Changemakers 2018 celebrates positive changemakers

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***"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi***



The 4th Lead SA Changemakers conference took place at GIBS in Illovo, Johannesburg.

The event which celebrates active citizenry was attended by more than one hundred delegates including big business, CSI groups, NGOs and active citizens who left the event being inspired to bring about positive change in their communities.

This year's panel of speakers, who discussed the theme, "Overcoming", included keynote speaker Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo; inventor and Technovera founder, Neo Hutiri; journalist, television presenter and radio personality, Xolani Gwala; author, media personality, motivational speaker, social activist and entrepreneur, Itumeleng Sekhu; Community Chest CEO, Lorenzo Angus Davids; multi-award-winning director, coach and shamanic facilitator, Heinrich Reisenhofer; plus co-founder and CEO of Nova-Pioneer Education Group, Chinezi Chijioke.

Highlights from the day's presentations included the talk by 702 presenter, Xolani Gwala, who discussed his brave battle with cancer. The key note address by Deputy Chief Justice Raymond Zondo left the audience enthralled which resulted in a roaring applause and standing ovation.

"LeadSA Changemakers embodies the LeadSA brand pillars, supporting people who are leading SA, inspiring people to lead SA and enabling more people to lead SA. Every year LeadSA recognises a Changemaker that perfectly demonstrates actively citizenry and courage to affect positive change in South Africa. Previous award recipients included ex-Public Protector Thuli Madonsela and Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng. This year we earmarked the entire Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprises. These Changemakers have been committed to building a society defined by integrity and accountability," said Karl Gostner, Primedia Broadcasting Chief Operating Officer and LeadSA Champion

Gostner added: "We support, inspire and enable leaders who stand for something and were proud to handover the award to Zukiswa Rantho on behalf of the Portfolio Committee on Public Enterprises."

During the proceedings, the National Lead SA Hero of the Year was announced with Isaac Boshomane, owner of Kgabo Cars receiving the accolade. Boshomane turned his township auto mechanic workshop into a training centre and gave students in his community practical skills that allowed them to get national qualifications. Boshomane successfully transferred skills to sixty students who are now fully qualified mechanics. Kgabo Cars received R45,000 from Stratum Cares (a division of Stratum Benefits) to help Isaac continue his work in his community.

For more on LeadSA and the Changemakers event visit: [www.leadsa.co.za](http://www.leadsa.co.za).

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