



FSIC

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INVESTMENT CONFERENCE



FSIC 2024

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 27 FEB 2024

**VENUE: CENTENARY COMPLEX,
UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE,
BLOEMFONTEIN**

TIME: 18:00



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PART A

- 07H00** **Accreditations and Refreshments**
- Programme Director – MEC K. Makume - Member of Executive: Cooperative Governance, Traditional Affairs, and Human Settlements**
- 08H45** **Welcome: Councillor. Gregory Nthatisi – Executive Mayor of Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality**
- 08H55** **Purpose of the Conference: MEC Thabo Meeko - Member of the Executive Council: DESTEA**
- 09H05** **Free State Investment Video**
- 09H10** **Message of Support: Deputy Minister Nomalungelo Gina – Department of Trade, Industry and Competition**
- 09H20** **Message of Support: Deputy Minister Alvin Botes – Department of International Relations and Cooperations**
- 09H30** **Keynote Address: Mr. Mxolisi Dukwana – Premier of the Free State**

PART B

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Mr Nqaba Songezo Mabece

Creating an Enabling Environment for Investment Attraction

- 10H00** **Progress on the Energy Action Plan to ensure energy security: Minister Kgosientsho Ramokgopa - Minister of Electricity**
- 10H15** **Agriculture as a frontier for economic Growth: A Free State perspective: MEC T Mokoena**
- 10H30** **Infrastructure investment opportunities in the Free State: Dr Hubert Joynt - Infrastructure South Africa**
- 10H45** **Modernisation of rail infrastructure to enable economic development and growth: Ms Michelle Phillips - Transnet**
- 11H00** **Break**

PART C: PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- 11H30** **Engagement on Property, Real Estate, and Infrastructure Development**
- Moderator: Songezo Mabece**

ORGANISATION	SPEAKER	SUB-TOPIC
New Development Bank (BRICS Bank)	Mr Thabo Rakoloti	Infrastructure Development Funding
Motseng Investment Holdings	Ms Ipeleng Mkhari	Infrastructure development through private and public sector collaborations
Broll	Mr Mitesh Bhawan	Sustainable solutions – effective packaging private sector packages for energy, water and waste solutions
Maswana Group of Companies	Mr Casper Badenhorst	Free State’s broad spatial planning development/priorities

12H15

Advancing Industrialization in the Free State:
Manufacturing and Agro-processing

Moderator: Brian Soldaat (DTIC)

ORGANISATION	SPEAKER	SUB-TOPIC
DTIC	Ambassador Sadick Jaffer	Reindustrialisation through SEZ and industrial development – opportunities and benefits
Afri-Expo Textiles	Mr Teboho Kobeli	Harnessing the opportunities of continental integration in the context of AfCFTA (African Continental Free Trade Area)
VKB	Dr Kholofelo Thobejane	Agro-processing prospects in the Free State

13H15

LUNCH

14H00

Future of Mining: the Role and Opportunities Presented by Technology and 4IR

Moderator: Dr Paul Lourens

ORGANISATION	SPEAKER	SUB-TOPIC
Council for Geo-Science	Mr. Sibongiseni Hlatshwayo	Mineral and natural gas investment opportunities in the Free State
Department of Science and Technology	Dr Mmboneni Muofhe	Technological Developments in the mining sector

Mineral Council of SA	Mr Mzila Mthenjane	The role and opportunities 4IR within the mining sector
Harmony Mine	Dr Mashego Mashego	Harmony Free State operations and future plans.

15H00

Driving Inclusive Growth and Food Security: Agriculture

Moderator: Standard Bank

ORGANISATION	SPEAKER	SUB-TOPIC
University of Free State	Dr Lindie von Maltitz	Required investment to improve performance of the agricultural sector in the Free State
Agri-SA CEO	Dr Jack Armour	Investment in agricultural infrastructure and technology to improve competitiveness
Agrico Pty Ltd	Mr Phineas Mogapi	Investment in smart agriculture for improved productivity and reduction of carbon footprint

16H00

Summary and Closing Remarks: Mr. Mxolisi Dukwana – Free State Premier

16H45

Networking

**HARNESSING PARTNERSHIPS
AND STIMULATING GROWTH AND
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH
INVESTMENT.**

