



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Abey Kgotle is an accomplished Human Resources and Corporate Affairs professional with experience in the private and public sectors. His extensive experience spanning over 20 years includes strategic Human Resources management, labour relations, advanced negotiations, community investment, corporate communication and stakeholder relations. Abey currently serves as the Executive Director of Human Resources and Corporate Affairs at Mercedes-Benz South Africa Limited (MBSA). Since the start of his tenure at MBSA Ltd in 2017, Abey has been appointed to the boards of Daimler Trucks and Buses Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd and Mercedes Benz Financial Services as Chairman and Director, respectively and also serves as deputy Chairperson of AMEO (Automobile Manufacturers Employers Organisation (South Africa)). During this time, he has overseen the cost-effective implementation of the digitalisation of the HR function, introduced an innovative corporate culture, known as Leadership 2020, which was crucial for preparing the workforce for the next phase of the automotive industry and played an important role in the successful automotive sector wage negotiations of 2019. Abey has held executive roles at a number of blue chip companies across the mining and manufacturing industries including Lonmin Plc and GrafTech South Africa. His public sector experience includes Senior HR Management roles at local government at the City of Johannesburg and Naschem, a division of state owned enterprise Denel. A graduate of North-West University and University of Johannesburg. He is completing an M.Phil. in International Business at the Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS).