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# Welcome to Pretoria

Dear Colleagues from near and far thank you all for being here!

We have travelled many a different path from various countries to congregate here in Pretoria, the capital city of beautiful South Africa, to converse, make meaning, and create magic the next two days at the *Next Generation Leadership* conference.



**Lize Booysen**



**Derick de Jongh**

It is with great excitement and pleasure that we as co-chairs welcome you all to this first regional ILA conference in Africa. It is just fitting, that the conference is being held in South Africa, where the complexity of leadership, the practice of leadership, and the evolving theory of leadership is clear, present, and undeniably exciting. South Africa can be seen as a living laboratory — a young, vibrant democracy where experimentation with leadership is seen on a daily basis intentionally and unintentionally. South African society is extremely responsive to leadership success and failures and does not spare anyone (including organized business and government) in a leadership position. For academics, it offers the perfect landscape to debate, investigate, and critique leadership theory and practice. This by no means is a simple task and collaboration on expanding leadership theory is always much welcomed.

You answered the call for action to be part of this conference that focuses on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the importance of developing the leadership capacity of youth across Africa and the rest of the world to engage proactively with pressing challenges in business and society.

We now invite you, in the spirit of *Ubuntu*, to take a deep dive into our collective energy and wisdom, during these two days, and forge new approaches, partnerships, and networks to promote a deeper understanding of leadership knowledge and practice for the greater good of individuals, communities, and societies worldwide — for the next generation!

Allow us to once again, extend a warm, proudly South African word of welcome to all attending the conference. May you not only experience the abundance of South African hospitality but, more importantly, immerse yourselves in the richness of its context.

Last but not least, have fun!

## **Prof. Lize Booysen**

Conference Co-Chair  
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## **Prof. Derick de Jongh**

Conference Co-Chair  
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Leadership, University of Pretoria

# and Welcome to the ILA

On behalf of the International Leadership Association (ILA) and the entire conference organizing committee, we are pleased to welcome you to this topical conference on *Next Generation Leadership*, hosted by The Albert Luthuli Centre for Responsible Leadership (ALCRL) with co-chairs Derick de Jongh, director of ALCRL and ILA Fellow Lize Booysen.



**Katherine Tyler Scott**

**Cynthia Cherrey**

We are enthusiastic about the partnership with ALCRL whose mission is: “To develop the next generation responsible leaders in support of social and environmental justice.” The core mission of the International Leadership Association is “To promote a deeper understanding of leadership knowledge, ideas, and best practices for the greater good of individuals and communities worldwide.” As you can see, the missions align and we share a deep desire to create a better future in which the possibilities for individual, community, and international change exist.

This location is a place of such possibilities and focuses our attention on the importance of developing the next generation of leaders in Africa which has the youngest population in the world. This conference brings together diverse experts and stakeholders from government, industry, business, consultancy, and academia to explore best practices and research and to dialogue about the complexity of leadership challenges on the African continent and beyond. Broader insights and solutions will emerge over the next two days, contributing to the development of the kinds of next generation leadership needed to exert a positive impact in the face of the pressing long-term struggles, wicked problems, and protracted leadership challenges confronting us.

With the conference taking place on the University of Pretoria campus, the context alone should inspire us. Your creativity and belief in our collective work will inspire us to do even more.

We wish you an inspiring conference of promising possibilities.

**Katherine Tyler-Scott**  
ILA Board Chair

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