



### Meet the judges for 'The Crucible'

**Mr Lundi Njomane**, Principal: WZ Capital



Lundi is the investment principal at WZ Capital, an early-stage VC investing in high growth tech startups, and director at Jozi Angels, an angel investor network investing in and supporting innovative early-stage startups. As an entrepreneur at heart, he seeks to support the development and growth of entrepreneurs who are passionate about the problems they solve.

**Mr Van-Lee Gunyere**, Principal: ANZA Capital

Van-Lee has over 15 years' experience in private equity, corporate finance, M&As, business turnaround and restructuring in Spain, South Africa, and the rest of the SADC region. He worked as an investment officer at ASOCapital and Sovereignty Capital, leading fundraising, deal sourcing, investments analysis, due diligence, portfolio companies monitoring, and exits for deals ranging between R50 million and R1 billion.



He successfully worked on over 15 deals and exited three investments, achieving the funds' target return of 2x – 4x ROI. He also led M&As for mining and general industrial companies valued over R2 billion and advised executives and board of directors for a property fund with over R3 billion assets. He holds an International MBA from IE Business School and Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Finance from National University of Science and Technology.

**Mr Zolani Madikazi, General Partner: IsimoVest**



Zolani is a relentless entrepreneur, who has burned his fingers so many times in starting up businesses. With more than ten years' experience of being involved in entrepreneurial startups, he has paid some school fees and has gotten a well-rounded skill set working in a venture capital environment. The experience he gained at Knife Capital as an Investment Banker from RMB has given him the real-world financial skills, extra confidence, and eradicated potential blind spots.

**Mr Vusi Skosana, Acting Executive: Innovation Enabling Division**

Vusi has accumulated over 15 years of combined skills and experiences in areas of technology transfer and innovation within the SME-related industries. He has been involved in the National System of Innovation (NSI) in the implementation and establishment of the Institute for Advanced Tooling's (IAT) hosted at higher education institutions (HEIs)



across the country to provide high-end infrastructure and innovative Science Engineering and Technology (SET) services to small enterprises for socioeconomic impact.

He is the head of the Technology Stations Programme (TSP) mandated to be a catalyst and enabler for innovations and transfer technology solutions to start-ups, researchers, enterprises (especially small and emerging enterprises) to ensure their competitiveness in the local and global environment. He is a proud co-author of various academic journals, publications and strategic plans in topics of technology transfer, SMEs competitiveness and incubation. He also has international exposure on innovative policies management and incubator development programmes. He served as a jury member for adjudicating and judging in the BRICS Young Scientist Forum for the Innovators Competitions for four consecutive years.

He currently serves in management structures, evaluation panels and advisory committees at HEI's Research & Innovation within Technology Transfer Offices (TTO) that also administer the TIA Programme and various national incubator`s in South Africa.

**Ruse Moleshe**, Managing Director: RUBK (Pty) Ltd.



Ruse is an energy and infrastructure finance specialist with 24-years' experience across Sub Saharan Africa. She is a founder and Managing Director of RUBK Pty Ltd, an energy and infrastructure consulting, advisory and accredited training company. Ruse has held leadership positions at the Department of Minerals and Energy, Development Bank of Southern Africa, Basil Read Limited (Engineering, Procurement and Construction contractor), Standard Bank, and Industrial Development Corporation (IDC). As Head of Industrial Infrastructure at the IDC, she structured and financed transactions in renewable energy, water, information and telecommunications technology, and transport sectors.

Ruse successfully completed work on the “regulatory review of the electricity market in South Africa – towards crowding in private sector investment” as a lead consultant with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. She is a Non-Executive Director of Revego Africa Energy Limited (REVEGO), the first Sub-Saharan African YieldCo which targets the renewable energy sector. She is an Independent Investment Advisory Panel member of Cennergi (Pty) Ltd., a subsidiary of Exxaro Resources Limited and a renewable energy power producer.

Ruse is an Innovation Hub (Green Economy) and 22 On Sloane mentor, who provides support to start-up and innovative Small and Medium Enterprises, from an idea to commercialization, identifying funding and access to market opportunities.