

# SPEAKER PROFILES

## Executive Women's Leadership event

Resilient, Courageous and Transcendent Leadership



**Wrenelle Stander**



**Nosipho Damasane**

**Previous Positions held include: CEO Comair Limited, Managing Director: Sasol Gas Limited; Managing Director: Air Traffic and Navigation Services Company (ATNS); Deputy Chief Executive Officer: South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) and Chief Director: Aviation and Maritime Regulation, National Department of Transport (NDOT).**

Wrenelle who has over 28 years of work experience is seen as a leader in the Energy and Aviation industries. She has extensive experience both as an Executive and as a non-Executive Director having served on the Comair Limited Board, a JSE listed Board for 8 years and various Sasol Limited Boards, including international Joint Venture Boards. Currently, Wrenelle serves as a Director on the Sishen Iron Ore (SIOC) Board, as well as the Aviation Coordination Services (ACS) Board.

She has led multiple enterprises and has built up a unique set of leadership skills. She is seen as a dynamic, resilient and progressive leader who has the tenacity, integrity and strength to lead organisations in crises.

She will share with us her experience of managing Comair Limited through a period of intense crisis which required a sensitivity to multiple stakeholders including the media as well as employees. Following multiple black swan events (including the COVID 19 pandemic) which negatively impacted cash reserves, she recommended to the board of Comair Limited that the company be placed into business rescue in an effort to preserve the core elements of the business. She subsequently worked with the Business Rescue Practitioners and investors to save the business from liquidation.

**Previous positions held include: CEO Prasa Rail, CEO Richards Bay Coal Terminal, CEO Gautrain, COO Transnet Port Terminals, Senior Vice President Sasol: Global Supply Chain**

Nosipho is a highly experienced and seasoned dynamic Chief Executive Officer with a career spanning over 25 years in executive roles. She has a proven track record in mining and transport logistics through ports and railway transport of goods and passengers. She is a turnaround strategist who is a change agent and a transformational leader. She is passionate about people development especially young women leaders and the youth. She is a mentor and a coach, trained by Les Brown in public and motivational speaking, as well as John C Maxwell in mentoring and coaching. Her legacy projects can be witnessed in her two published leadership books which are available in shelves across the continent and on Amazon.

She has studied and worked abroad in France, Belgium, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Doha and Rotterdam in the field of public transport, ports and rail operations, in both the private and public sector. She has written and presented papers on port and rail operations, port management and infrastructure development globally.

She has been awarded several times for exemplary leadership in South Africa and the continent and she has been inducted in the Hall of Fame for Women in Logistics in Asia, the Middle East and Africa. She is a Bain Fellow of Board members and is the current Chairman of the Richards Bay Coal Terminal and a non-executive board member at The Performance Agency.

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**Jenitha John**

**Global Chairman - The Institute of Internal Auditors (USA)**

**Previous positions held include: CEO - IRBA, Chief Audit Executive - FirstRand, Discovery, Telkom**

**Former Non-Executive Director Adcock Ingram, Tongaat Hulett, Nampak, Business Connexion, SAMSA, City of Joburg, Umgeni Water, Department of Defence etc**

Jenitha is a seasoned executive with more than 28 years of corporate experience in diverse industries traversing the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. For the past 17 years, she paralleled her executive role by having served as a non-executive director of both public and private sector entities.

She is currently the Chairman of the Global Board of Directors of the Institute of Internal Auditors (head office based in Florida, USA) servicing over 200000 members in over 170 countries.

She has addressed multinational conferences across the world (23 countries) on varied topics ranging from corporate governance, risk management, compliance, women in leadership, the impact of AI and robotics on industries, emerging issues in the financial services industry, the value of key performance indicators etc.

She is a Chartered accountant, a Chartered Director, a Certified Internal Auditor, holds a QIAL and is a Harvard business school Alumni.

She is happily married and has two daughters aged 21 and 15 and a Maltese poodle - "all of which are her tension breakers"

## Strong women

aren't born,  
they're forged  
in the fires  
they've had to  
walk through.  
They're warriors  
with hearts of gold.

Silver Ravenwolf