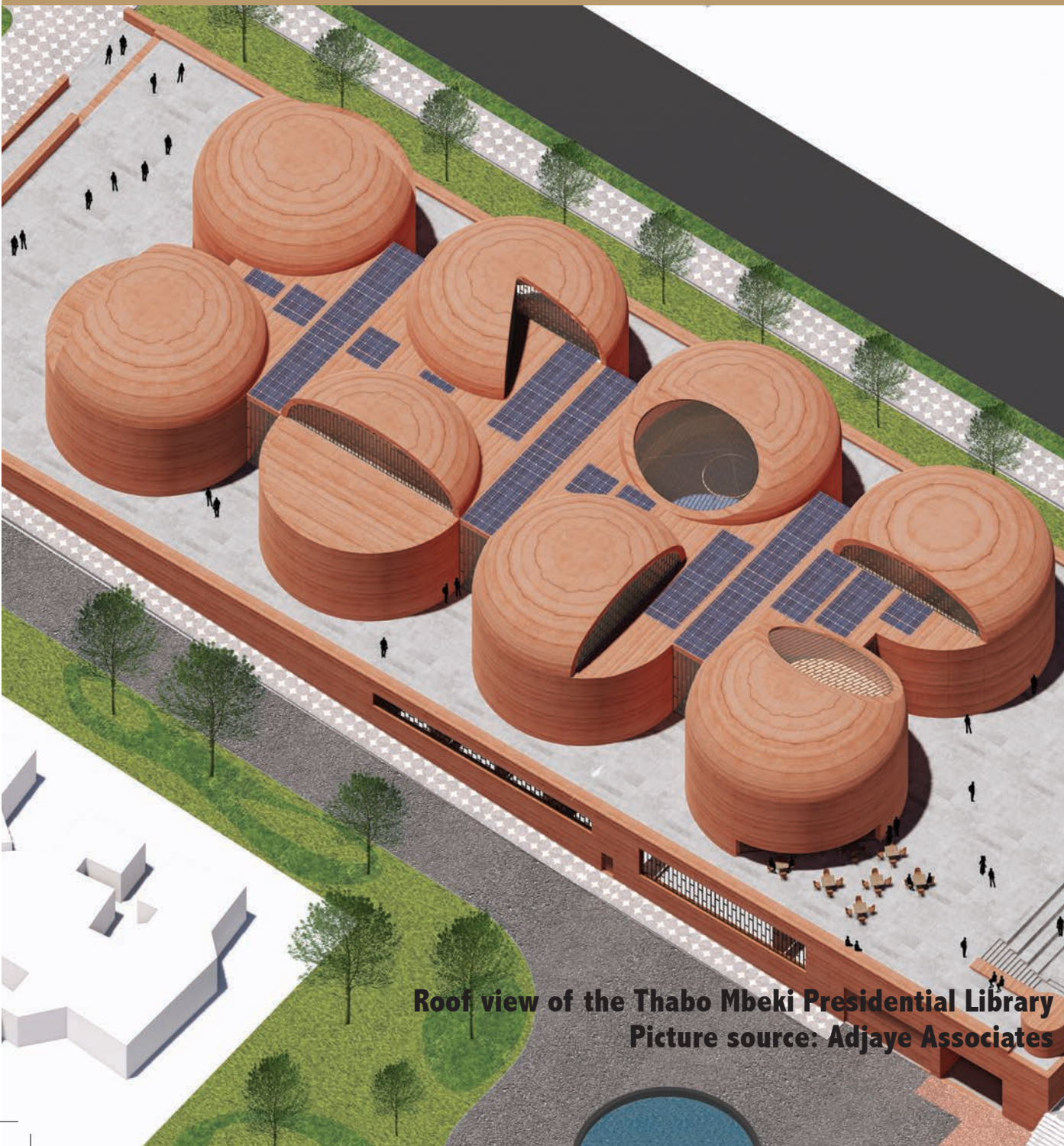


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**Roof view of the Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON



Thabo Mbeki, Patron

“Whatever the setbacks of the moment, nothing can stop us now! Whatever the difficulties, Africa shall be at peace! However improbable it may sound to the sceptics, Africa will prosper!”
(Mbeki, T (2003) Sowetan, 18 June, p17)

When I said these words almost a decade and half ago, we were inspired by the abiding conviction and knowledge that the great masses of Africa viewed the South Africa that was being born as presenting hope of a better tomorrow for the whole continent. It was a crowning victory to their centuries old struggles to reclaim their humanity and determine their destiny.

These struggles not only robbed us of our identity, but torn asunder physical infrastructure and bequeathed to generations conflicts which resulted in many lives lost.

As I write this message, the continent is experiencing relative peace and stability, which has allowed for focus to shift to matters of development and improving the lives of the people. However, the continent still faces great strides, least of which has been

the continued outflow of much needed resources to finance its developmental objectives.

Nowhere has this come into sharper focus than in the continent's struggle to combat the deadly Covid-19 virus. Our continued precarious economic situation has rendered our lives at the mercy of this disease while the powerful countries selfishly hoard much needed financial resources and medical equipment.

In this regard we commend the leadership for responding swiftly to minimise the impact of this pandemic.

We are proud in this regard that our Foundation has been involved in efforts to combat this perverse conduct, which continues to rob what is still considered one of the poorest regions of the world.

As is evident by the activities catalogued in our annual report, our Foundation is on track to achieve its founding vision to be a catalyst for the achievement of an African Renaissance. Our programmes continue to grow in strength, reach and effectiveness. We could not be prouder of all that we have achieved as start the second decade of our establishment.

In this regard, we would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the advances we continue to make towards making the Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library (TMPL) and the efforts of those behind it. As special thanks also to Mr Peter Milne, his late mother June Milne and the Nkrumah family for their confidence in the TMPL as a home for the archives of their beloved father and our dear leader Kwame Nkrumah. We are grateful to Mr Baffour Ankomah and Ambassador Kwame Muzawazi for bringing the matter of these archives to our attention.

We would also like to convey a sincere word of thanks to the International Advisory Board, the Trustees, the CEO and the Staff of the TMF. We would further like to thank those in its various programmes such as the SADET, TMALI and the new Thabo Mbeki School of Public and International Affairs together with their leadership. Their unwavering commitment is the life blood of the Foundation's existence.

In this regard we must humbly thank all our stakeholders within our continent, its Diaspora and beyond for their support and generosity.

Lastly, it is with delight and honoured that I, as Patron of the Thabo Mbeki Foundation, commend this annual report of the TMF's activities for the period 2018 -2019, to all who will have the time to read it.


Thabo Mbeki
Patron

FOREWORD BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As we reflect on the period under review in this report, it is impossible to be oblivious of the dichotomous impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The world henceforth will be viewed with pre- and post-year 2020 lenses, and thus, should the aims and objectives of all efforts geared towards bettering humanity.

Among these aims and objectives should be a reflection on our priorities as humanity as well as charting a new path of proactive policy formulation and implementation. At a time when the world's resources are more abundant than any other time in history, it is inconceivable that the Coronavirus found us so flat footed in every respect. This, worse still, is in a context where not so long ago, humanity was confronted by health warnings occasioned by other epidemics - the N1H1, the Zika and Ebola viruses.

In addition, the Covid-19 pandemic has shown us that the world governing elite has learnt very little from the 2008 Financial and Economic Crises, which brought into sharp relief the inevitable consequences of the current organisation of human socio-economic affairs. This was borne testament by the unconscionable levels of poverty and inequality which were further exposed by the imposition of lockdowns the world over as countries grappled with containing the health crisis.

Inevitably, this among other things, has imposed certain responsibilities on institutions such as the Thabo Mbeki Foundation (TMF) to search for new ways of understanding and responding to our reality.

On that score, we are immensely proud that we have kept and continue to champion the founding vision of the TMF, that of being a catalyst for the achievement of an African Renaissance. We seek to mobilise Africa's progressive forces, support platforms for dialogue and reflection and to promote efforts for Africa's political, social, economic, and cultural development.

As evidenced by the activities and programmes outlined in these annual reports, the TMF consistently seeks to carry out its mission with dedication and vigour.

The vision of the TM-School is to be the premier graduate school on the continent of Africa to advance public sector education. Through using transdisciplinary methodologies in the training of students, it seeks to be a magnet of excellence in education, experiential learning, and Research. The school was launched on 22 September 2020 and will start admitting its first crop of students in the second semester of 2021.

We remain well on course to meet our vision for breaking ground on the building site of the Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library (TMPL) in Quarter 4 of 2021. Following our securing of the world-renowned pan-African architect, Sir David Adjaye, to be the principal architect of the TMPL, numerous other patriotic Africans have come forward to offer their knowledge and expertise to realise the birth of this unique initiative. Amid great fanfare, on 19 November 2020, the TMF unveiled the new design of the TMPL. Necessarily given the unique nature of the very of the TMPL, the design was also of equal match.

We are also extremely proud that our other programmes, such as the South African Democratic Education Trust's (SADET) *The Road to Democracy* project continues publish important records of South African history. Now in its 8th Volume, the SADET enjoys pride of place in the repertoire of the important interventions we make as the TMF.

In the context of the chilling revelations at the Zondo, Mpathi and Nugent Commissions, public trust in public institutions has unfortunately been eroded. This has now been made worse by rampant acts of cor-



Chairperson Dr Brigalia Bam

ruption which have become emblematic of our governing party and the government it leads.

Lastly, whilst South Africa and the rest of the African continent continue to struggle to meaningfully address corruption and other economic, political and social challenges, it has become ever necessary for all stakeholders to step up and contribute their unique expertise and capabilities. Africa's renaissance is of national and strategic importance, and the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as a catalyst for more focused action to address the consequences of Africa's underdevelopment. As responsible stakeholders, we all need to step forward to ensure that Africa's systemic challenges are addressed both holistically and collectively.

As the Thabo Mbeki Foundation we strive to hold ourselves to the highest standards of accountability and transparency. In this regard, we are proud that our name is associated with the caliber of individuals who make up our board of trustees. These annual reports, which we have the honour to commend to you, our stakeholders, are but one way of accounting to the public and keeping its trust.

We sincere thank all individuals and institutions which continue to help us advance our vision through various forms of partnerships and collaborations.

We look forward to strengthening these in the year ahead.

Dr Brigalia Bam
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
Thabo Mbeki Foundation

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PREFACE BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Max Boqwana
TMF – Chief Executive Officer

At the Thabo Mbeki Foundation, we are passionate about the work we do to advance the ideals of African Renaissance. Through our programmes of building a cadre of change agents, African centred scholarship, courageous and thought-provoking dialogues, we seek to promote the political prospects and economic advancement of our Continent and its people.

We are therefore delighted to share with our stakeholders the work of the TMF through this report. This is the window through which our stakeholders and the community can catch a glimpse of the inspirational work done by our team and those who engage with us.

The period under review saw the significant and critical work of the Foundation taking root and having greater influence on the political and economic affairs of South Africa and the rest of the Continent; this was through both our own efforts and in collaboration with our numerous supporters and our partners, in particular the University of South Africa (Unisa) to which we pay special tribute.

Such work includes, but not limited to the following:

- High-level dialogues through such occasions as the Thabo Mbeki Africa Day Lecture, the International Women's Day Commemoration and other seminars and specialised dialogues, and the literature produced from such events.
- The major milestone during this period has been the setting up of the Thabo Mbeki School of Public and International Affairs (TM-School) as a magnet of Excellence in learning, research and teaching in matters of Public and International Affairs.
- The unveiling of the Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library (TMPL) design by the world-acclaimed and award-winning Architect, Sir David Adjaye and the Patron, is the major highlight during this period.
- The ongoing production of scholarly work through Southern African Democracy Education Trust (SADET), the Youth work on Technology, Basic Education and Agriculture ensures that the TMF is firmly entrenched in the practical work of changing the conditions of our communities for the better.

We deliver this detailed report also as a sign of respect and accountability to those who have generously given to our Foundation to ensure that we meet our objectives. We therefore report in some detail as to how these generous investments have been deployed.

"Africa's renewal demands that all of us immerse ourselves in the titanic and all-round struggle to end poverty, ignorance, disease, and backwardness, inspired by the fact that the Africans of Egypt were in some instances, two thousand years ahead of the Europeans of Greece in the mastery of such subjects as geometry, trigonometry, algebra, and chemistry." Thabo Mbeki – 1998.

Inspired by this testament, our Patron, the Advisory Council, the Board of Trustees, the TMF Management and our Partners, continue to believe and to work tirelessly, as evidenced by the work reflected in this Report, for an Africa that is truly free, peaceful and prosperous.

Despite the challenges imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020/21, we chose to see in the horizon, the development of a new socio-economic system to which we must contribute.

We are therefore thrilled to commend this Report to you to rally your continued support to the work of the Thabo Mbeki Foundation, so that we can together face both the challenges and the future opportunities that lie ahead.

O seun pupo – Asante sana !!!

MAX BOQWANA
TMF – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

The Thabo Mbeki Foundation (TMF) is a non-profit organisation established in 2008 upon Mr Mbeki's retirement as President of the Republic of South Africa, to support his continuing engagement with efforts aimed at promoting the achievement of Africa's renaissance.

Our Vision

To be the catalyst for the achievement of an African Renaissance.

Our Mission

Our mission is to mobilise Africa's progressive forces, support platforms for dialogue and reflection and to promote efforts for Africa's political, social, economic and cultural development.

Objectives

- Serve as one of the intellectual hubs of the African Renaissance Movement.
- Contribute to the training of especially the African youth to become change agents, consistent with the interests of the peoples of Africa and humanity as a whole.
- Establish itself as one of the premier African centres for dialogue, research and publications focused on promoting the African Renaissance.
- Strive to provide a credible platform to help ensure that the African voice is heard and respected throughout the world.
- Facilitate interaction and co-operation among progressive formations in Africa and the African Diaspora.

PROGRAMMES

The Foundation has both *Core-Programmes* which are ongoing and *ad hoc* programmes that are time-bound.

1. Core-Programmes

(i) Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute

The Institute is an expression of partnership between the TMF and UNISA. It was launched in 2010 as a response to Africa's need for thought leadership and change agents. This programme has grown since its launch and has attracted students from all over the Continent and abroad. To date, over 2000 students have graduated through TMALI and went on to make important contributions in the private, public sectors and civil society.

Its vision is to build the centre of excellence for Africa thought leadership for Africa's renewal.

TMALI enjoys a growing number of students from various parts of the Continent with its academic and research programmes being its cornerstone.



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THABO MBEKI AFRICAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



TMALI has in the past nine years offered the following comprehensive short-learning courses, which programmes are currently undergoing review to assess their relevance and impact to Africa's current challenges and search for own solutions:

- Thought Leadership for Africa's renewal;
- African Political Economy. The African Economic Challenge;
- Africa and International Trade – Building an African Developmental State;
- Democracy and Governance in Africa;
- African Feminist and Gender Studies;

- Public Policy and analysis for Africa's Development.

As part of its community engagements, TMALI fulfils these through Colloquia, Seminars, Roundtables and Conference tackling various scholarly topics.

During 2018 and 2019, as part of its mandatory review process, an internal and external review process was commissioned to look at the performance of the institute over the initial half a decade of its establishment. The Review process was led by the renowned scholars, Professor Sibusiso Vil-Nkomo and Dr Tania Abrahams

The Panel recommended the establishment of a Comprehensive Graduate School, which indeed established on the 1st May 2020 and Launched formally to the public on the 22nd September 2020, under the name Thabo Mbeki School of Public And International Affairs (The TM School).

The TM School incorporates Thabo Mbeki Leadership Institute (TMALI), Institute for Dispute Resolution (IDRA), Institute for African Renaissance Studies (IARS), South African Democracy Education Trust (SADET), and Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library (TMPL).

The School is an expression of Partnership between the Foundation and the University of South Africa. It is established to be a magnet of excellence in Teaching, Learning and Research on the matters of Public and International Affairs.

Professor Vil-Nkomo is the first Head of the TM School, tasked with curriculum development, recruitment of the Academic core, establishment of partnerships and the development of the site where the physical structure of the School is to be built at the identified site at Irene.

The School is governed by the TMF and UNISA Board which is co-chaired by Dr Brigalia Bam and Professor Makhanya, the Chair and Vice-Chancellor of the Foundation and Unisa respectively.



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Working Paper

Examining the African Continental Free Trade Area in the Context of a Political Federation for Africa – Towards a United African States

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Abstract

This paper deals with the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which was founded on 21 March 2018, and the creation of an African Economic Community (AEC) as envisaged in the 1991 Abuja Treaty. The AfCFTA and the AEC are potential steps towards the political federation of African countries into a single African nation. The paper highlights critical issues pertaining to the AfCFTA and proposes an effective implementation plan, including options for dealing with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the customs unions, the monetary communities and the Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA). Overall, the AfCFTA does not have a good chance of success because – among other reasons – political commitment is not always firm in similar initiatives and also the TFTA has gained a lot more traction to a point that it is highly likely to be better implemented than the AfCFTA. The AfCFTA is, as is the TFTA, a critical step towards the creation of an AEC and in turn a potential stage towards a political federation of African countries into a single African nation. The paper makes a case for a United African States (UAS), that is, a political federation of African and Caribbean countries into a single African nation. The UAS is the answer to the many problems that African (and Caribbean) countries face, largely because these countries were wrongly carved up into “nations” when in fact there can only be one African nation rather than many so-called nations in Africa. Indeed, there can be many cultural groups as has always been the case, prior to the 1884/5 Berlin Conference which created countries and micro-states that cannot advance development for their countries/peoples.

Keywords: free trade area; Regional Economic Communities; regional integration; African Economic Community; United African States; African nation

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THABO MBEKI PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

A first of its kind of the African continent, the Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library (TMPL) is another expression of partnership between the University of South Africa (UNISA) and the Thabo Mbeki Foundation. It aims to be an African Centre of Excellence in learning, research, and discourse for the transformation of Africa.

It will connect to similar centres on the globe, whose aim is to drive advances towards the Renaissance and unity of Africa. It will be a repository of former President Thabo Mbeki's documents, papers, artefacts, and all materials.

TMPL is intended to become a "living library and museum", which will not only focus on the life and times of former President Mbeki, but also on the larger context in which President Mbeki's activities took place.

The life and times of President Mbeki represent one of the unique opportunities to examine the history of the liberation of Africa. The Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library would therefore be:

- a centre of excellence in African knowledge;
- a place for African scholarship;
- an interactive space for reflection;
- an accessible centre of knowledge;
- a place where Africans get to know and write their own history;
- a place to learn what shaped the society that we currently live in;
- a centre for inter-generational engagement;
- a place where the world and African diaspora will better understand Africa;
- a place where people get to understand President Mbeki and the ideas that shaped his thinking; and
- a place for personal reflection and connecting with self through cultural and other activities.



Artifacts

More importantly the TMPL will provide a place for experiential learning as part of the TM School.

The TMF and UNISA has, while awaiting the building of a permanent home for the TMPL, created a prototype of the Library. The prototype, which houses some of President Mbeki's material, is hosted at the UNISA main campus in Pretoria.

Since its launch, the TMPL has a high number of visitors on a regular basis, consisting of journalists, policy makers, publishers, researchers, and students, local and abroad. To date, over 18 000 visitors have been logged onto the TMPL database.

The TMF is currently in a resource mobilisation drive to ensure launching of the virtual phase of the Library and Museum and the commencement of construction by 4th quarter of 2021 and eventual completion by 2024.

There has been tremendous support for this Project, especially from among young people who identify the TMPL as the repository of their history and heritage. In aid of the ongoing efforts to ensure the success of resource mobilisation efforts towards the building of the library, young people from various parts of South Africa, in 2019, took it upon themselves to host fundraising dinners in Johannesburg and Cape Town.

The year 2019 was closed with a generous show of support by the legendary jazz musician and activist, Abdullah Ibrahim, through



**Musician Abdullah Ibrahim and
former President Thabo Mbeki**

a two city TMPL Benefit Concert. The benefit concerts took place in Johannesburg, at the Lyric Theatre and Cape Town, at the Life Church Seapoint.

To ensure the success of this effort, the Foundation has been joined by the world-renowned African Architect, Sir David Adjaye as the leader of the architectural design process. He will be working the South African based architects, MMA Design Studio. This creative duo will be complimented by a construction team comprised of highly knowledgeable young professionals who bring with them many years of experience and skills in the construction sector.

The TMPL designs were unveiled by the Patron and Sir David Adjaye on the Event hosted by the Foundation in Houghton on the 19 November 2020. There has been a positive response to this Project since then and the Foundation is co-ordinating various resources mobilisation efforts including collection of material relevant to the Library.

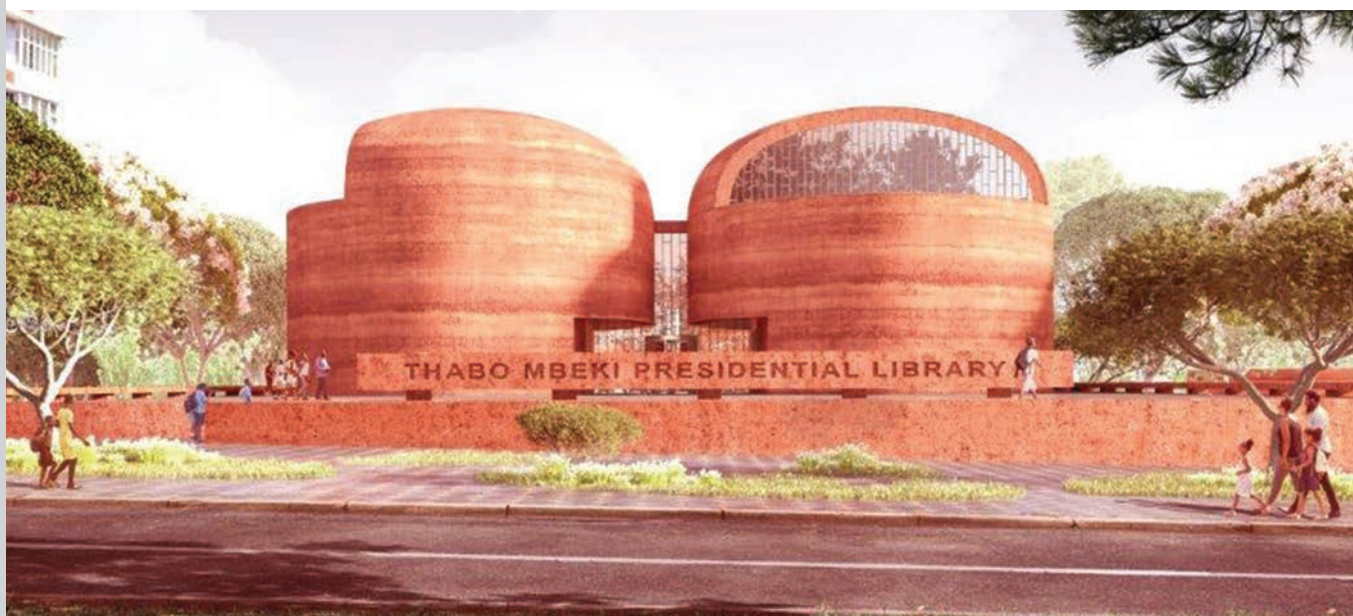
The South African Government is fully supportive of the Project and President Ramaphosa has designated Hon Minister Nathi Mthethwa to provide the necessary support to the Project including the material support. The City of Johannesburg also sees the Project as an important Heritage and Tourism initiative within its jurisdiction and therefore committed to Partner with the Foundation to realise this Project.



**Mrs Zanele Mbeki and
former President Thabo Mbeki
at his 77th birthday**

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THABO MBEKI PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY



Design picture of the Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library

The TMPL Project is under the guidance of the Joint Steering Committee and that of UNISA, which comprises Prof Daisy Selematsela, Mrs Zanele Mbeki, Ms Dudu Nkosi, Prof Barney Pitso, Dr Mongane Serote, Judy Henning, and Max Boqwana



Minister Nathi Mthethwa, Sir David Adjaye and former President Thabo Mbeki

SOUTH AFRICAN DEMOCRACY EDUCATION TRUST

The South African Democracy Education Trust SADET was established as a project Trust after President Thabo Mbeki indicated his concern about the paucity of historical material on the arduous and complex road to South Africa's peaceful political settlement after decades of violent conflict.

SADET's mission is to examine and analyse events leading to the negotiated settlement and democracy in South Africa with a focus on:

- The events leading to the banning of the liberation movements.
- The various strategies and tactics adopted in pursuit of the democratic struggle.
- The events leading to the adoption of the negotiation strategy.
- The dynamics underpinning the negotiations process between 1990 and 1994.

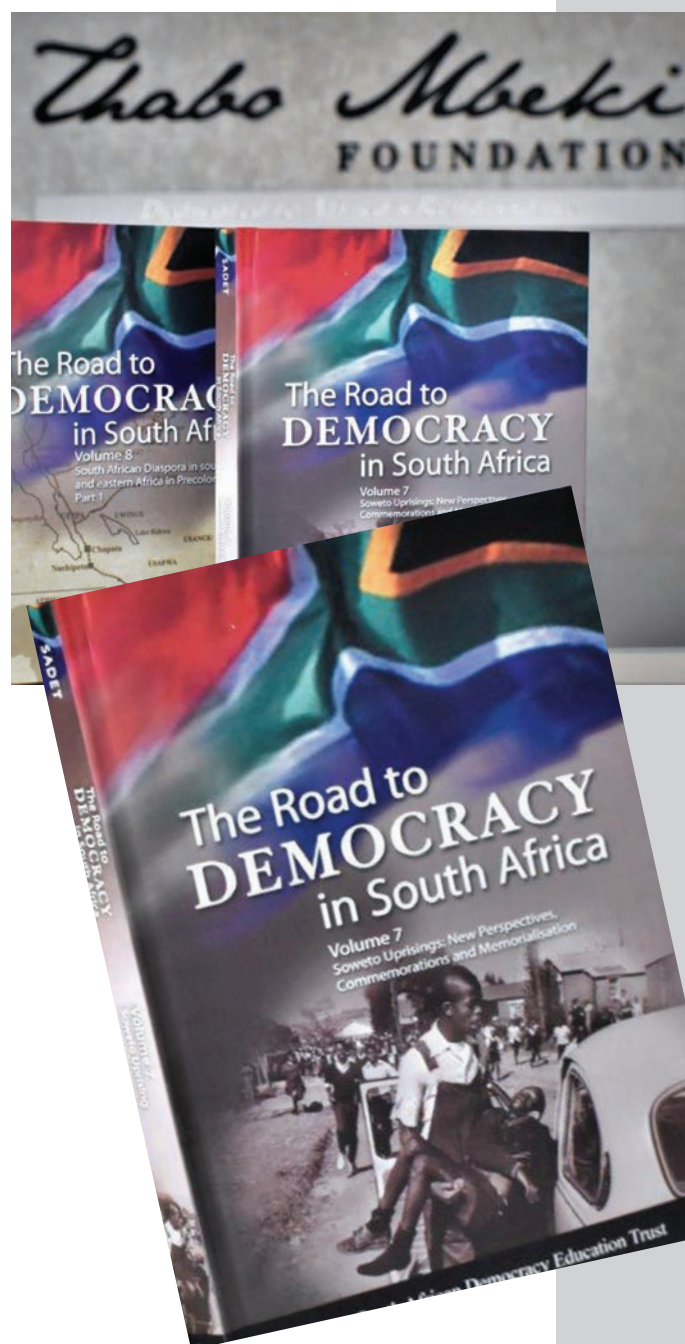
The study resulted in, amongst others, the publication of 5 volumes of research covering the successive decades in the run up to the first democratic elections, including an overview volume.

Publications to date:

- The Road to Democracy in South Africa, Volume 1, 1960 – 1970;
- The Road to Democracy: South Africans telling their stories, Volume 1, 1950 – 1970;
- The Road to Democracy in South Africa, Volume 2, 1970 – 1980;
- The Road to Democracy in South Africa, Volume 3, International Solidarity (Part 1, 2 and 3);
- The Road to Democracy in South Africa, Volume 4, 1980 – 1990 (Part 1, 2 and 3*);
- The Road to Democracy in South Africa, Volume 5, African Solidarity;
- The Road to Democracy in South Africa, Volume 6, 1990 to 1996 (Part 1 and 2);
- The Road to Democracy in South Africa, Volume 7, commemorates the 40th; and
- The Road to Democracy Volume 8, Explores the movements of Peoples in the Sub-Sahara and the extent of the interrelationships.

The Foundation is exploring the relations with the Departments

of Arts and Culture and that of Basic Education to turn these Volumes into School textbooks, the basis upon which History will be taught. The SADET Project now forms an integral and necessary part of the TM School Research Unit.



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THABO MBEKI ANNUAL AFRICA DAY LECTURE

On the 25th of May each year, the TMF and UNISA host the Thabo Mbeki Africa Day Lecture to reflect on various challenges facing the African continent and the world. This platform also provides an opportunity for South Africans to interact with other Africans from beyond South Africa's borders, to share and shape ideas about shared challenges and prospect of our future as Africans.

2018

Since the Patron, President Thabo Mbeki, delivered the inaugural lecture 10 years ago, the Thabo Mbeki Africa Day Lecture has become the premier event on the African calendar marking the birth of the OAU/AU. Each year, the lecture is delivered by distinguished African, and is meant to focus on the state of the African Continent, its challenges, and the practical steps to respond to these.

In the year 2018, the Lecture was delivered by



Former Deputy President of South Africa and current Executive Director of UN Women, Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

the distinguished former Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa and current Executive Director of UN Women, Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka.

The theme of her address was on *“Gender Equality and Women Empowerment: A Nec-*

essary Paradigm Shift in Africa's Quest for Development and Poverty Eradication”. The lecture located the confluence of factors impeding the African countries' advance towards gender equality within the global context.

While recognising the numerous advances in the form of policy legislation passed at various multilateral, both at regional and continental level, it was agreed that these have scantily been translated to actionable programmes at member states level. Thus, the need for regeneration of a vigilant civil society movement on the Continent to provide the necessary oversight and promote the gender mainstreaming – should undergird these efforts.

2019

To mark the 10th anniversary of the Thabo Mbeki Annual Africa Day, we had the honour of hosting the former Prime Minister of Ethiopia, HE Hailemariam Desalegn. The Lecture was held under theme *“The National Question, Peace and Democracy”*.

The lecture explored the unresolved challenge of managing diversity, which remains a defining feature of the process of state formation and nation building in post-colonial Africa, even as countries insist on their national unity and territorial integrity.



Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia, HE Hailemariam and former President Thabo Mbeki

It was generally agreed that many countries on the continent, including South Africa, face the challenge to respond to the task of ensuring unity in diversity, thus, to guarantee equality among all national, ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and religious groups, which in turn, underwrites the achievement of social cohesion, peace, and democracy in our respective countries.

Due to challenges relating to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and related uncertainties the 2020 Africa Day Lecture was postponed to 2021, due to be delivered by the Patron.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The TMF's Annual International Women's Day (IWD) Dialogue draws its inspiration from the globally recognised 1909 and 1911 women's protests in the United States and Europe respectively. The purpose of the IWD Dialogue is to locate contemporary struggles faced by women, especially in Africa, in a merged past, present and future context, which undergirds proffered practical solutions.

2019

In the year 2018, the IWD Dialogue hosted Dr Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, the former and first female President of Mauritius. Dr Gurib-Fakim was joined in a panel by then South African Minister of Science and Technology, Mrs Khensani Kubayi-Ngubane and Ms Lerato Motsamai, the Chief Executive Officer of Petrolink. However, there were still many challenges that militate against the achievement of gender equality, including the quality and continent of education.



In the year 2018, the IWD Dialogue hosted Dr Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, the former and first female President of Mauritius. Dr Gurib-Fakim was joined in a panel by then South African Minister of Science and Technology, Mrs Khensani Kubayi-Ngubane and Ms Lerato Motsamai, the Chief Executive Officer of Petrolink.

The discussants argued for a gendered approach to investment in research and harnessing of the opportunities presented by the 4th Industrial Revolution to further bridge the gender gap. It is thus important that both government and the private should implement a coordinated gender mainstreaming approach to policy formulation and implementation.



Guest Lecturer was Dr Samar Jabr from Jerusalem

2020

The International Women's Day Event was held at the Turffontein Racecourse, attended by at least 750 guests.

The Guest Lecturer was Dr Samar Jabr from Jerusalem. Her presentation focused on the theme, "*Rewriting of Women back into History*", using the impact of violence on the generations of Women in Palestine.

A panel discussion, which included Ms Beneke-Thomas (UNDP) and Ms. Linet Muriti-Otieno (AFDB), elicited an intense discussion from the audience.

The Foundation has hosted the Dialogues for the past 10 years and is now producing a Commemoration Book of the past 10 years to influence scholarship, policy, pragmatic programmes, and Advocacy on gender discourse. The book will be launched in March 2021 to coincide with the International Women's Day Commemoration.

CONCERNED AFRICANS FORUM

The TMF recognises the need for a think tank and intervention vehicle to respond to challenges facing the African Continent. The idea culminated in the setting up of a Forum, referred to as Concerned Africans Forum, drawing experience from various progressive Africans around the Continent, united by their common concern about the Continent *vis-à-vis* its position in the World as both the Think-Tank and also interventionist forum on African Affairs.

CAF has held Dialogues and hosted Speakers on wide-ranging matters relating to Nigeria, Liberia, Zimbabwe, the DRC, and South Africa.

National Foundations Dialogue Initiative

The National Foundations Dialogue Initiative (NFDI) is an initiative of Chief Albert Lutuli Foundation, Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe Foundation, Desmond & Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation, Thabo Mbeki Foundation, F W de Klerk Foundation, Helen Suzman Foundation, Umlambo Foundation and the Jakes Gerwel Foundation, born out of a common grave concern shared by all South Africans that there is much that is going wrong in our country which must be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Thus, the afore-mentioned Foundations came to the firm conclusion that it is necessary and urgent that South Africans should engage one another in a National Dialogue exactly to arrive at a new national consensus to address this new National General Crisis.

On October 2019, the NFDI in partnership with the Human Science Research Council and the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation hosted a Constitutional Dialogue at the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa.



Prof
Barney Pitso Rantso

It sought to bring together members of the Executive, the Legislature, the Judiciary, religious bodies, and other members of civil society to engage in constructive conversation around their responsibilities, jointly and severally, under the Constitution.

The NFDI continues to explore such difficult areas that confronts our country be it corruption, service delivery failures and now the impact of Covid-19 pandemic through the process of courageous dialogues.



Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi

YOUTH PROJECTS AND THE YOUTH HUB



The TMF recognises that Africa is a youthful Continent, with over 40% of its working age population between ages 15 and 24. Africa's future therefore depends on the direction that its youth follow today.

In 2016, the TMF established the Thabo Mbeki Youth Hub, as a consolidation of all Youth formations who are committed practically and concretely to advance Africa's renewal. The thrust of the Youth Hub, among other things, is to harness the energies of young people on the African Continent for progressive change.

On September 14, 2018, the TMF in partnership with Heavy Chef, hosted a youth dialogue on the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR) and its impact on education and the world of work. At the end of the dialogue, the Patron issued a challenge to the youth to conduct a study of the 4IR, its attendant consequences for South Africa and proposals to improve training of educators, the better to transform teaching and learning in our schools.

Accordingly, a Working Group tackling the complex question of what practical steps South Africa needs to take to lay the foundation for the future of education in the 21st Century, comprising of experts drawn from various fields related to education, was established to respond to the challenge issued by the Patron. The

working group presented its Research Report (*Working Paper on the 21st Education*) a year later, in September 2019, at the President Hotel in Cape Town

Public Dialogues/ Seminars

Seminars

Following the publication of the TMF's paper in September 2018, titled, *What the about Land Expropriation without Compensation? The National Democratic Revolution Must Resolve the Intimately Inter-Connected Land and National Questions*, the paper redirected and broadened the debate on the Land and National Questions and the urgency for South Africans to resolves these challenges.

To further sustain, deepen and broaden the debate, the Foundation hosted a seminar at Wits University in partnership with

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the Southern Center for Inequality Studies. The seminar explored the political history overview of South Africa's land debate, interrogated the structural barriers to equitably distributing the land and engaged feasible solutions under the current South African Constitution.

The discussions were led by a panel comprised of ANC Veteran, Mr Mavuso Msimang, Dr Aninka Claassens, Director of the Land & Accountability Research Centre (LARC), Faculty of Law at the University of Cape Town and Adv Tembeka Ngcukaitobi, a lawyer and a member of the South African Law Reform Commission (SALRC).

Driven by a genuine concern engendered by various threats to our human rights system on the African continent, the TMF in partnership with the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), the Center for Human Rights and the University of Pretoria, hosted a two-day seminar to interrogate the status of the African Court on Human and People's Rights, as well as the Independence of the African Commission. The seminar series took place on September 11 – 12, 2019 at Protea Fire and Ice Hotel in Pretoria.

Aptly titled, *Global and Regional Accountability Mechanisms: Focusing on the as well as the African Commission*, the first of the two days' seminar series reviewed Africa's human rights record, the African Union and its member states' relationship with the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the efforts made thus far to affect the Malabo Protocol and whether the African Court can provide an alternative to the ICC.

The second day discussed the independence of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, the attendant challenges and the to strengthen strengthen dialogue, cooperation and collaboration between the

African Union organs and the African Commission as well as ensuring that state parties submit their periodic reports and participate actively in sessions of the African Commission.

Book Launches.

The Foundation, in a partnership with the *University of Johannesburg's (UJ) Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation (IPATC) and the UJ Library* hosted a launch of its book titled *"Building Blocks Towards an African Century: Essays in Honour of Thabo Mbeki Former President of South Africa"* (edited by Barney Pitso).



The book is a product of presentations to a colloquium titled, *Mbeki@70*, hosted by the TMF and UNISA in 2012. The colloquium sought to address the matter of Afrocentricity in the process of knowledge production as a means of responding to Africa's challenges instead of positioning Africans as consumers of pre-packaged information from elsewhere.

PATRON'S ENGAGEMENTS

One of the TMF's central tasks, in addition to running our core and non-core programmes, is to provide administrative and other related support to our Patron, President Thabo Mbeki, on the various tasks he is expected to undertake on behalf of various parties, Countries, the African Union and other Multilateral Institutions.

Foremost among the work the AU has charged the Patron, is as the Chairperson of the High-Level Panel tasked with the resolution of security matters related to the Horn of Africa, the AU High Level Implementation Panel on Sudan/South Sudan and as member of the High-Level Mediation team to resolve the Lake Nyasa Border Dispute between Tanzania and Malawi.

In addition, the Patron continues to Chair the UNECA's High Level Panel, which is now tasked with the implementation of the Illicit Financial outflows from Africa Panel Recommendations on behalf of the AU/UNECA. The Patron also Chairs the Board of the South Center, an intergovernmental organization and Think Tank of developing countries, based in Geneva. The organization helps developing countries to combine their efforts and expertise to promote their common interests in the United Nations.

The Patron has made ad hoc interventions in such countries as, Kenya, Ghana, Malawi as Leader of the Observer Missions of the Commonwealth, and Zimbabwe, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Patron also continues to be a valued and well sought-after speaker and advisor on various platforms and topics in South Africa, Africa and around the world and a critical player within the African Forum of Former Heads of States. Below is a list of his public engagements for the years 2018 – 2020.

2018

- *Address of the Patron of the TMF, Thabo Mbeki, at the EFCC-hosted 8th Conference of the Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Commonwealth Africa: Abuja, Nigeria: 14 May, 2018.*
- *Address of the Patron of the TMF, Thabo Mbeki, on Leadership for Domestic Resource Mobilisation at the Conference on Capacity Building Concerning Taxation: Sweden, Stockholm: 30 May, 2018.*
- *Address of the Patron of the TMF, Thabo Mbeki, at the Funeral of Ambassador Billy Modise: Johannesburg, 28 June, 2018.*
- *Address of the Chancellor of UNISA, Thabo Mbeki, at the Celebration of the 145 Anniversary of UNISA: UNISA Pretoria/Tshwane Campus, 4 July, 2018.*
- *Address of the Patron of the TMF, Thabo Mbeki, at the 15th General Assembly of CODESRIA: Cheikh Anta Diop Lecture: Dakar, Senegal: 19 December, 2018*

2019

- *Address of the Patron of the TMF, Thabo Mbeki, at the Funeral of Ambassador Dumisani Kumalo: Johannesburg, 26 January, 2019*
- *Address of the Patron of the TMF, Thabo Mbeki, at the conference in Ethiopia: "Challenges of transition, Ethiopia's reform process: Current dynamics, future opportunities and risks": Addis Ababa, August 22, 2019.*

- *Notes for Comments at the Annual Banquet of the Association of Mine Managers South Africa: Sun City, 14 September, 2019.*
- *Address of the Patron of the TMF, Thabo Mbeki, at the memorial service for former of Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe: Durban City Hall, September 17, 2019.*
- *Address of the Patron of the TMF, Thabo Mbeki, at the "International Conference on Governance and Service Delivery in Developing Economies": Uganda Management Institute, Kampala, Uganda. 22 October, 2019.*
- *Address of the Chancellor of the University of South Africa, Thabo Mbeki: Chancellor's Dinner and Calabash Awards: Democratic Education at 25: Houghton Hotel, Houghton, Johannesburg. 1 November 2019.*
- *Address of the Patron of the TMF, Thabo Mbeki, at the POLICY DAY for the "Rights of Future Generations" Working Group: Sharjah, UAE: 12 November, 2019.*
- *Address of the Patron of the TMF, Thabo Mbeki, at the funeral of His Majesty King Mpendulo Zwelonke Sigcawu: Ngqadu Great Place, Eastern Cape. 29 November 2019.*

2020

- *Remarks at African National Congress KZN PEC Renewal Dialogue. 15 February 2020*
- *Remarks at the Interactive Session with TMALI 1st Semester Students. 19 March 2020*
- *Remarks at the Africa-African Diaspora Conference Launch: 25 May 2020*
- *Remarks at the funeral of Andrew Mlangeni: 29 July 2020*
- *Remarks at the Launch of the Thabo Mbeki School for Public and International Affairs. 23 September 2020*
- *Remarks at the Interactive Session of TMALI 2ND Semester Students. 06 November 2020*
- *Remarks at the Unveiling of the TMPL Design. 19 November 2020*
- *Remarks at the National Union of Mine Workers National Executive Committee. 03 December 2020*

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COMMUNICATION

The TMF places great value in interacting with its stakeholders, thought leaders, the youth, policy makers, media, and community members.

Our communication strategy is designed to support the Foundation's vision of Africa's Renaissance and to further increase our reach and effectiveness of the impact of our programmes.

In addition to continuous public dialogues which ensure more intimate engagement between our stakeholders and the Foundation, we have adopted digital strategies to maintain existing audience and increase the reach and impact of our programmes.

TMF-TV

The TMF has taken a leap into digital television by establishing its own online TV, the TMFTV. The channel broadcasts interview with various change agents, profiles the content and archived material in possession of the TMF and features dialogues and seminars held under the auspices of the TMF. The TMF sees this platform as an important tool for political and history education.

The TMF Newsletter

The TMF continues to publish a digital monthly newsletter which features updates on the activities of the Foundation and the engagements of the Patron, in depth thought leadership contributions from African scholars and activists.

Media Interaction,

The TMF maintains good relationships with individual journalists and media outlets in South Africa and beyond. Through interviews, press statements which are regularly

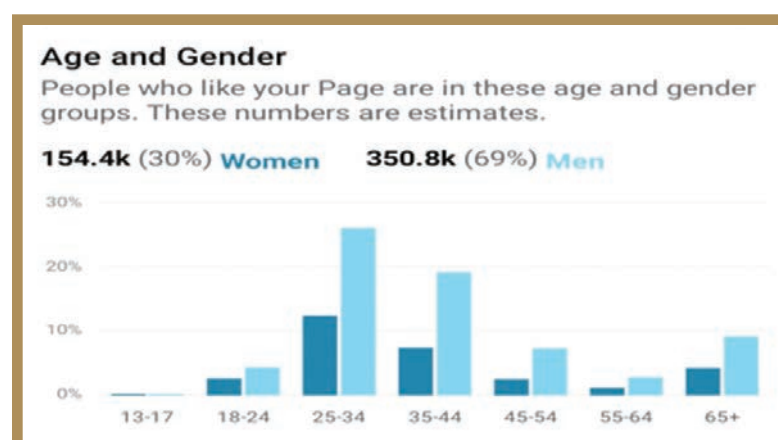
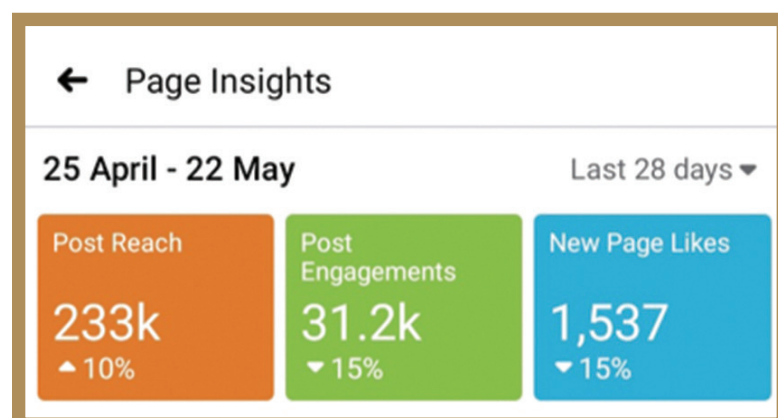
covered in popular press, and able to reach even bigger segments of society on TMF activities. This relationship has been strength

Social Media Platforms.

The TMF has maintained a very active, interactive, and vibrant social media presence. This is done through the Foundation's regularly updated Website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. The Foundations reach and engagements on social media pages have thus far attracted followers, reach and interactions in excess of two million followers, who regularly interact with various subjects raised.

As evidenced by the social media insights below, the message of the Foundation continues to resonate with the younger population of the continent, between the ages of 25 – 45.

FACEBOOK PAGE



← Audience Insights

Top Locations

People who like your Page are in these locations. These numbers are estimates.

CITIES	COUNTRIES
South Africa	413.6K
Botswana	9.7K
Kenya	6.2K
Zimbabwe	6.1K
United States of America	5.1K
Nigeria	5K
Tanzania	4K
Lesotho	3.9K
Zambia	3.8K
Namibia	3.3K

The TMF is committed to continuous improvement of its communication with its stakeholders. This includes involving them in the evolution of its programmes to advance the ideals of Africa's Renaissance.

Publications

In keeping and achieving our key objectives, the TMF produces different forms of publications each year. We are immensely proud that we were able to publish two volumes in the years 2018-2020

Our publications allow us to ensure continuous engagements with our stage holders and fulfil the Foundation's objective of establishing "...itself as one of the premier African centres for dialogue, research and publications focused on promoting the African Renaissance."

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GOVERNANCE

The Foundation takes very seriously the importance of its role fostering high standards of governance and accountability. This is reflected in its two governance structures – Advisory Council and Board of Trustees – which are constituted of highly skills individuals of unquestionable moral and ethical rectitude.

Advisory Council

The Advisory Council acts an advisory reference group on the broad direction of the Institute's work and, individually and collectively, contribute to the Foundation's broad strategic programmes and promote the profile of the Foundation domestically and internationally.



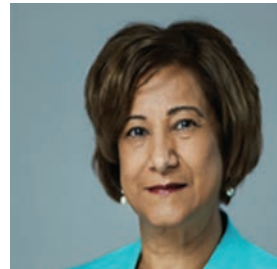
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The Board exercises fiduciary responsibility by ensuring that the Institute operates in accordance with relevant laws, regulations, and corporate governance principles. Through its various sub and scientific committees, it ensures the effective implementation and achievement of the Foundation's mission through its core and non-core programmes. The Board is also actively involved in assisting the Foundation's resource mobilisation efforts and building partnerships.



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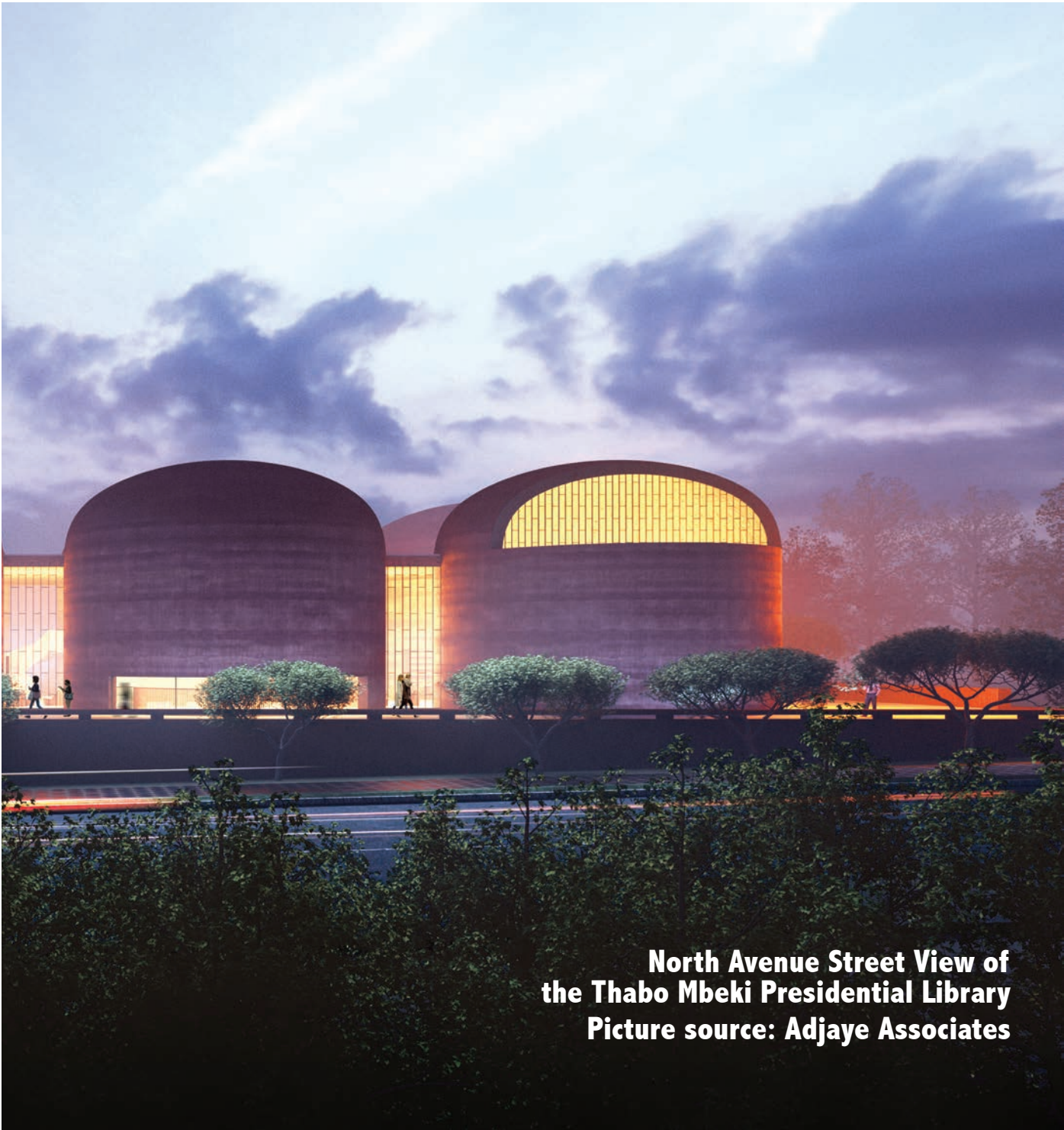
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The TMF actively seeks support from individuals and institutions who share our values and objectives of an Africa that is truly free, prosperous, at peace with itself and the World. Support is sought from individuals and institutions.

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