

# Afro-optimism in focus at BizTrendsLIVE!2020

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Bizcommunity, the continent's largest multi-industry news website, in association with Ster-Kinekor and Kantar are honoured to announce the line-up of published and awarded trend analysts from London, Lagos, Senegal and SA, to share their vision of intra-African tech, trade and trends at BizTrendsLIVE!2020 on Thursday, 30 January 2020, at Mall of Africa, IMAX theatre, Midrand.



We are thrilled to announce that Kantar has come on board as a sponsor and will be flying in MD Kantar Francophone Africa, Ndeye Diagne, from Senegal to share a Sub-Saharan perspective on Afro-disrupting, how an 'irreversible explosion of African culture and creativity' will help us #WininAfrica.

In addition we are honoured to have Wamkele Mene former Chief negotiator of the African Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) on the future of African trade policy and strategy.

Providing further essential perspectives on pan-African business trends are London- and Lagos-based Tosin Lanipekun, Executive director of Advertising Week Africa speaking on "The Future is African", from a 360 global perspective of how the world sees African influence; Odette van der Haar, CEO, Publicis Groupe Africa; multi-awarded business and media personality Sylvester Chauke, featured on 100 most influential young Africans, 2018 list, All Africa Young Business Leader of the Year, 2017, TV personality on SABC *The Next Brand Ambassador*; Heidi Brauer, CMO Hollard Insurance; and acclaimed trend analyst and future finance specialist, Bronwyn Williams of Flux Trends with a wild card trend analysis - Unreal Estate - the Future of finding and creating Value.

Bizcommunity is honoured to be able to provide this platform for trends shaping our region, with a curated programme of essential Afro-optimism to start the new decade.

We invite you to join our vision for Africa with a popcorn-fuelled, thought-leadership afternoon intensive at IMAX scale, followed by trendsetting cocktails, mocktails and canapés. The perfect wrap-up to the January 2020 season.

**BOOK NOW ▶**

**Event:** BizTrendsLIVE!

**Time:** Registration from 1pm. Presentation: 2pm - 5:30pm. Networking cocktails and snacks: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Date:** Thursday, 30 January 2020

**Location:** Ster-Kinekor IMAX Theatre, Mall of Africa, Midrand

**Price:** R250-00 per head, 15% discount for bookings of 5 or more.

**Join us - book seats for your team now!**

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## **BOOK NOW TO HEAR:**



### **Opening address by Wamkele Mene**

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- Former Chief Negotiator African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AFCFTA)
- MHM Consulting; (JHB and NYC)



### **Ndeye Diagne - Kantar**

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- MD Kantar Francophone Africa & Ghana
- Afro-Centrist, Afro-Enthusiast, Afro-Disruptor
- Content Creator & Speaker
- Consumer Insights specialist, data storyteller and guru with a knack for trends and disruptive innovation
- Award Winner, Africa Market Research Association, 2019
- Post graduate degree in marketing & communication from French business School ISC, Paris
- Master's degree in English literature



### **Sylvester Chauke - Founder DNA Brand Architects**

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- Founder DNA Brand Architects, 2018 Agency of the Year, one of the most innovative agencies in South Africa, working with some of the most revered brands on the continent
- 100 most influential young Africans, 2018 list
- The All Africa Young Business Leader of the Year, 2017
- TV personality on SABC The Next Brand Ambassador
- NBC Africa All Africa Young Business Leader of the Year
- BBQ Young Leader of the Year
- European Business Assembly Best Enterprise and CEO Award
- Oliver Empowerment Top Empowered Young Entrepreneur
- World Confederation of Businesses Business Leader Award
- Falcon Award for Excellence in Leadership
- Golden European Award for Quality and Commercial Prestige



### **Odette van der Haar - MD of Publicis Africa**

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- MD of Publicis Africa
- Consummate marketer, visionary leader, entrepreneur and innovator
- Former CEO, JWT Johannesburg
- Former CEO of the Association for Communication & Advertising (ACA)
- The Next Brand Ambassador, SABC 3 reality television show judge
- Legends of APEX award recipient, 2019



### **Bronwyn Williams - Flux Trends contributor, author and speaker**

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- Flux Trends contributor, author and speaker
- Bizcommunity trend contributor
- Part economist, part marketer, with particular areas of expertise in Blockchain, technology, artificial intelligence, scientific marketing and the future of finance
- Degree in commerce and marketing management from University of Johannesburg
- Degree in Fintech from the University of Oxford
- Degree in Digital Branding from Vega Brand School
- Post-Graduate qualification in Economics, through the University of London, with a focus on post-cash markets
- Future Studies, University of Stellenbosch



**Tosin Lanipekun - Executive director of Advertising Week Africa**

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- Executive director of Advertising Week Africa
- Co-founder and Managing Partner Image & Time, a creative and advertising agency with offices in Lagos and London with a global and pan-African scope, client brands such as JP Morgan, HSBC and Xerox
- Bachelors and Masters degrees in Architecture from Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria
- Masters degree in Digital Media from London Metropolitan University
- D&AD member
- Member of the Institute of Leadership & Management
- Member of the Chartered Society of Design, UK



**Heidi Brauer - Chief Marketing Officer, Hollard Insurance**

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- Chief Marketing Officer, Hollard Insurance
- Chartered Marketer (SA)
- PRISM and Loeries Grand Prix award-winning marketer
- Former Executive Manager of Comair taking care of kulula.com, British Airways, SLOW lounges, Daddy's Deals, kulula credit card, jetsetters and Executive Club brands
- PRISA's Lifetime Achievement Award finalist 2017



## Motheo Matsau - Deputy CEO, Ster-Kinekor Theatres

- Sales Strategy and new channel development Ster-Kinekor
- Former SuperSport Head of Marketing (SA/ROA)
- Former MultiChoice\_DStv SA Head of Acquisition Marketing
- Launched DStv Walka in SA and Sub Saharan Africa
- GIBS MBA

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