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Fuad Cassim, Special Advisor, Minister of Finance of South Africa. Dr. Cassim is an economist who currently acts as Special Advisor to the Minister of Finance. He previously was a Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of Witwatersrand. He subsequently spent some time setting up an alternative investment approach at the Public Investment Corporation. He has also been actively involved with numerous research activities with the democratic movement in South Africa.

Brian Levy, Senior Adjunct Professor, International Development, Johns Hopkins University-SAIS. Dr. Levy joined the SAIS faculty in 2012, following a 23-year career at the World Bank, where he was at the forefront of sustained efforts to integrate governance concerns into the theory and practice of economic development. Between 2007 and 2010 he was head of the secretariat responsible for the design and implementation of the World Bank Group's governance and anti-corruption strategy. He worked in the Bank's Africa Vice Presidency from 1991 to 2003, where his role included leadership of a major effort to transform and scale-up the organization's engagement on governance reform. He has worked

in over a dozen countries, spanning four continents. He has published numerous books and articles on the institutional underpinnings of regulation, on capacity development in Africa, on industrial policy, and on the political economy of development strategy. His newest book, *Working With the Grain: Integrating Governance and Growth in Development Strategies*, was recently published by Oxford University Press. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University in 1983.

Steven Friedman, Director of the Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Johannesburg. Dr. Friedman is a political scientist who has researched and written widely on the South African transition to democracy both before and after the elections of 1994 and is the author of *Building Tomorrow Today*, a study of the South African trade union movement and the implications of its growth for democracy, and the editor of *The Long Journey and The Small Miracle* (with Doreen Atkinson), which presented the outcome of two research projects on the South African transition. His current work focuses on the theory and practice of democracy and his study of South African radical thought *Race, Class and Power: Harold Wolpe and the Radical Critique of Apartheid* will be published in 2015. He writes a weekly column in Business Day on current political and economic developments.

Gavin Hartford, CEO, The Esop Shop. Mr. Hartford is an industrial sociologist who has worked as a trade unionist for NUMSA-COSATU and an anti-apartheid activist for the ANC in the eighties and nineties. He was appointed a national senior commissioner of the CCMA after the democratic transition where he mediated industry and companywide industrial conflicts. He then built an empowerment business and successfully established some of the largest Esops in the country. He now writes and consults on socio economic change in the mining and manufacturing industry primarily.

Dr. Marianne S. Ulriksen, Senior Research Fellow, University of Johannesburg. Dr. Ulriksen is a political scientist with a Ph.D. from the University of Aarhus in Denmark. Her primary research fields include: comparative politics, political economy of welfare policy development, social protection, social policy financing & domestic revenue generation, class analysis, and studies on poverty & inequality. Most of her research focuses on South Africa, Botswana, Mauritius, Uganda and Tanzania. Marianne has lived and worked in Africa for close to 15 years. She is a Senior Research Fellow to the Centre for Social Development in Africa, which is based at the University of Johannesburg, although she currently resides in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Peter Leon, Partner, Webber Wentzel. Mr. Leon is a partner and head of Webber Wentzel's mining regulatory group. His areas of expertise include mining, energy, black economic empowerment and international investment law as well as financial services regulation. He has advised on major mine development agreements in Africa, and has consulted on investment and regulatory law issues in Botswana, Ghana, Namibia, Nigeria, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, among others. Peter has received appointments as an independent regulatory expert to the Mining Industry Growth, Development and Employment Task Team, and as an honorary lecturer at the University of Dundee in Scotland. Peter is the past chair of the mining law committee of the International Bar Association (IBA) and led the IBA's award winning Model Mine Development Agreement project for developing countries (www.mmdaproject.org). He was elected to the IBA's Legal Practice Division Council for 2013 to 2016 where he has responsibility for the Africa regional forum, as well as the section

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Mcebisi Ndletyana, Head of the Faculty of Political Economy, Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA). Dr. Ndletyana's academic and research interests includes the history of African intellectualism, memory and identity, nationalism and electoral politics. Before joining MISTRA, Dr. Ndletyana held research positions at various research institutions including the Human Sciences Research Council in Pretoria, the Centre for Policy Studies (CPS) at Doornfontein and at the Steve Biko Foundation in Braamfontein. Dr. Ndletyana has also held lecturing positions at the Marymount Manhattan College (New York) as well as at the City University of New York's Hunter College (New York). He holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

Ralph Mathekga, Founding Partner, Clear Content Research & Consulting. Clear Content is a 100% black owned research and consulting company founded by Ralph Mathekga. The vision of the company is to deliver reflective research aimed at addressing social, political and economic challenges confronted in our societies. Prior to establishing the firm, Ralph worked as a Political Researcher with the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (Idasa), has been a part of the team that drafted South Africa's Self Assessment Report as part of the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), has worked at Economic Development Growth and Equity (EDGE), as well as a Lecturer at University of Western Cape. He has also worked at National Treasury (Ministry of Finance) in the Budget Office. While at Treasury, Ralph was instrumental in drafting and developing Budget formats to ensure efficiency, value for money and proper reporting systems. Mr. Mathekga has published articles in peer-reviewed journals and magazines on public participation and democratisation. He has developed some of the conceptual work on participatory democracy in South Africa and continues to work on the subject. Ralph continues to contribute opinion article to different newspapers in South Africa. He holds a Masters in Political Science from Wits University and is currently studying towards his PhD in Political Science with the New School for Social Research. He also holds a certificate in Project Appraisal and Risk Analysis.

Antoinette Handley, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto. South African born, Prof. Handley's research interests take her back regularly to the sub-continent for her research on state-business relations in Africa. Her book on this subject was published by Cambridge University Press in mid-2008. Prof. Handley's new book project considers how African economic elites respond to social crisis. Her research interests include also the emergence and construction of state capacity, the recent revival of growth in Africa and the implications of a concomitant rise in the continent's middle class. Handley read for her MPhil in International Relations at Oxford University (1995), and received her PhD in Political Science at Princeton University (2003). She has been the recipient of a number of scholarships and research grants including the Rhodes (1993), Fulbright (1998) and a SSHRC (2007). From 1995 to 1998 she served first as Latin America Research Fellow and then the Director of Studies at the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) in Johannesburg, South Africa.

