

# SPEAKER AND MODERATOR

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### SESSION 1



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His international research is on innovation and industrialisation for the global South. He has represented South Africa internationally on the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). He contributes to policy dialogues and debates under his affiliation appointment as a Senior Research Associate at the South African Research Chair Initiative in Industrial Development, University of Johannesburg. He served on the South African Presidential Commission on 4IR. He is a candidate Certified Director with the Institute of Directors in Southern Africa. He holds a PhD in Innovation Policy and Management from the University of Johannesburg; a Masters of Technology Management from the University of Pretoria; a Postgraduate Diploma in Risk Management from the University of South Africa; a Postgraduate Diploma in Energy from Wits Business School; and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of the Witwatersrand.

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