

Panelists



Bridget Fury – Moderator

Bridget Fury is a social impact strategist with over 25 years of experience at the intersection of philanthropy, business, and civil society. As Founding Director of the Oppenheimer Generations Foundation and former South Africa Director for the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs, she has advised governments, donors, NGOs, corporations, and high-net-worth individuals on social and impact investment strategies. Bridget's career bridges the private and nonprofit sectors, bringing strategic insight into how catalytic capital and cross-sector partnerships can drive economic development. Her advisory work focuses on mobilizing resources, building organizational capacity, and creating systems that connect business performance with measurable social impact—making her uniquely positioned to facilitate discussions on NPOs as economic contributors and partners in building Cape Town's economy.



Basie van Wyk - CEO, BADISA

Basie van Wyk is a Chartered Accountant (CA(SA)) and Chief Executive Officer of BADISA, one of the Western Cape's largest social service organizations. With over 30 years of leadership experience spanning the private sector and nonprofit space, he has held senior executive roles including Group CEO, Managing Director, and Financial Director in FMCG and waste management industries. Basie brings commercial discipline, governance expertise, and strategic management to nonprofit leadership, demonstrating how NPOs can operate with financial sustainability while delivering community impact. He holds honours degrees in accountancy and tax, has completed an Executive Development Programme, and runs a consultancy advising both business and nonprofit sectors on governance and sustainable impact. His work exemplifies the integration of business rigour with social purpose—critical to recognizing NPOs as viable economic actors



Clara Kwizera - Country Manager, iZinga Assist

Clara Kwizera is the South African Country Manager at iZinga Assist, a verification and governance platform strengthening trust and sustainability in the nonprofit sector across sub-Saharan Africa. A Certified Financial Planner with over a decade of experience advising high-net-worth individuals on wealth management and strategic philanthropy, Clara previously served as Philanthropy Specialist at Nedbank Private Wealth, bridging corporate finance expertise with nonprofit funding strategies. She holds multiple qualifications in economics, financial management, and financial planning law, and is completing her Master's in African Philanthropy. Clara serves on nonprofit boards and chairs the Steering Committee of Women in Philanthropy South Africa (WiPSA). Her work positions NPOs as credible economic partners by strengthening governance, transparency, and impact readiness—essential for demonstrating the sector's contribution to Cape Town's economic ecosystem.



Joy Lange - General Manager, Woolworths Community Inclusive Justice Institute

Joy Lange is General Manager of the Woolworths Community Inclusive Justice Institute NPC, leading the organization's overall community strategy. With two decades of corporate leadership at Woolworths across multiple departments, followed by 14 years heading South Africa's oldest women's shelter, Joy bridges business operations with social justice advocacy. She holds a master's degree in Child and Family Studies and has served as an executive member of the National Shelter Movement of South Africa and a 13-year board member of the Global Network of Women's Shelters. Her experience includes advisory roles in renewable energy community trusts and international advocacy at UN platforms. Joy's career demonstrates how corporate expertise translates into nonprofit leadership and strategic community impact—positioning NPOs as vital partners in both business and government efforts to address social challenges while contributing to economic resilience.



Nadia Rinqest - Manager: Organisational Performance Management, Future Planning & Resilience, City of Cape Town

Nadia Rinqest is an economist and public policy expert currently serving as Manager of City Performance Management at the City of Cape Town. She previously served as Director of the Local Government Budget Office for the Western Cape Government for nine years, where she developed economic intelligence and coordinated integrated planning and budget assessments for 30 municipalities across the province. Nadia holds a Master of International Development Policy from Duke University (Ford Foundation Fellow), specializing in economics, policy analysis, and strategic management, as well as BA Honours from the University of the Western Cape. Her career spans government, economic research, and nonprofit board memberships, bringing critical insight into how NPOs intersect with municipal planning, economic development frameworks, and governance structures. Her expertise positions her to speak to the policy and budgetary implications of recognizing NPOs as economic contributors within government planning.



Tracey Chambers - CEO, Taking Care of Business

Tracey Chambers is a Chartered Accountant (CA(SA)) and internationally recognized social entrepreneur with over 15 years building scalable, market-based solutions to social challenges. She is Co-founder and CEO of Taking Care of Business (TCB) and Grow ECD, two social enterprises operating at the intersection of business, circular economy principles, and social impact. Before founding TCB, Tracey held senior leadership roles in finance and supply chain management, including nine years at Woolworths South Africa as Head of Finance. Since 2010, TCB has scaled nationally, demonstrating how commercial rigor and circular economy approaches drive inclusive economic participation and poverty alleviation. An Ashoka Fellow and Schwab Social Entrepreneur Fellow (World Economic Forum), Tracey has received multiple awards including the City of Cape Town Mayor's Medal for Community Service (2024). Her work exemplifies how NPOs with business discipline and sound financial systems create sustainable economic pathways and contribute measurably to local economic development.



Chantel Cooper - CEO, Children's Hospital Trust

Chantel Cooper is Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Hospital Trust, leading an organization that has contributed over R1 billion to child healthcare since 1994. With a background in political science and public administration, Chantel's career spans nonprofit leadership, corporate partnerships, and public sector engagement. She became Director of Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust at age 27 and later served as Resource Development Manager at St Joseph's Home for Chronically Ill Children before joining the Children's Hospital Trust in 2013. Appointed CEO in 2019, she now leads fundraising, marketing, and communications strategies that ensure equitable access to high-quality healthcare for children across the Western Cape. Chantel's expertise in resource mobilization, stakeholder engagement, and strategic nonprofit management demonstrates how NPOs function as significant economic actors—raising and deploying substantial capital while delivering essential services in partnership with government healthcare systems.