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ABOUT THE MINARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OVERVIEW

The Minara Chamber of Commerce is a formally constituted organization dedicated to representing and supporting South African businesses and entrepreneurs since its establishment in 2000. The Chamber was created to act as a catalyst for business growth by fostering collaboration among a diverse range of entrepreneurs. Its foundation rests on the principles of inclusivity, integrity, and innovation, with the goal of cultivating an environment where businesses can thrive and contribute positively to society.

The Chamber's operations are guided by the Islamic principle, "Let there be trade amongst you for mutual benefit" (Quran An-Nisa 4:29), which encourages lawful economic activity. This principle promotes transactions based on mutual agreement and goodwill, while emphasizing fairness and equity in business practices.

Throughout its existence, the Minara Chamber of Commerce has played a significant role in strengthening South Africa's business ecosystem. The Chamber accomplishes this by facilitating partnerships, advocating for members' interests, and promoting sustainable economic practices. It has become a trusted forum for dialogue and innovation, helping businesses adapt to changing market conditions while staying true to the Chamber's core values. The Chamber's mission is to provide strategic guidance and to advance and support the business activities of its members.

VISION

The vision of the Minara Chamber of Commerce is to create a dynamic and vibrant business community guided by Islamic values, with the intention of making a meaningful contribution to both the community and the broader socio-economic development of South Africa. Membership is open to all businesses that agree to adhere to the Islamic tenets outlined by the Chamber.

Minara aspires to be a leading force in empowering businesses to achieve sustainable growth and resilience. By nurturing a supportive and dynamic environment, the Chamber aims to foster innovation and entrepreneurship, ensuring that its members are well-equipped to face future challenges and seize emerging opportunities.

In pursuit of this vision, the Chamber engages in a variety of projects and initiatives across economic, political, social, medical, and educational sectors. These efforts have enhanced Minara's profile and earned recognition, acknowledgment, and support from multiple levels of government as well as organized commerce and industry.

SERVICES

The Minara Chamber of Commerce provides a platform that facilitates collaboration, cooperation, and mutual support among businesses. The Chamber's services are structured around five core areas:

Networking and Promotion	Creating business networking opportunities for members to meet, interact with other businesses, and promote their services
Trade Missions	Hosting inbound and outbound trade missions to expand business opportunities
Training Seminars	Organizing seminars, workshops, and mentorship projects focused on legislative changes, regulatory frameworks, compliance, business challenges, emerging trends, and business skills development.
Information and Knowledge Sharing	Providing information on business opportunities, sharing knowledge articles and best practices through the Chamber's website, newsletters, radio programs on community stations, social media, and print media.
Lobbying	Engaging in advocacy, lobbying, and networking with government and organized business structures at national, provincial, and local levels on issues affecting businesses and members.

CHAPTERS

The Minara Chamber of Commerce operates from its head office in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, with additional chapters in Gauteng and the Western Cape. Each provincial chapter is led by a Vice President who is supported by a committee. While all provincial chapters follow the national strategy and vision, they also implement programs tailored to their specific provincial needs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Chamber elect the Board of Directors from among the chapters. All Directors serve voluntarily and receive no remuneration for their services, demonstrating their commitment to the vision of the Minara Chamber of Commerce and to society as a whole.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Chamber actively seeks partnerships with organizations and institutions that possess the resources and expertise necessary to help implement its programs and projects, resulting in more effective and beneficial outcomes. In line with its objectives, the Chamber collaborates with industry bodies, organized business formations, government departments, and foreign missions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information regarding membership, events, or other inquiries about the Chamber, interested parties are encouraged to contact Minara via email at kzn@minara.org.za or visit the website at www.minara.org.za.



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EBRAHIM PATEL

President, Minara Chamber Of Commerce

It is a privilege for the Minara Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the achievements of our business community and the exceptional individuals recognised at the Minara Business Awards 2026. These awards acknowledge more than commercial success. They honour the vision required to pursue opportunity, the courage to invest, the resilience to navigate uncertainty and the leadership needed to build enterprises that create value for the country.

Across our economy, businesses continue to operate in an environment shaped by significant change. Economic growth remains constrained, costs continue to come under pressure, and infrastructure and logistics require sustained attention. At the same time, global geopolitical and trade developments are creating new uncertainties.

We are living through a period of profound global economic and geopolitical change. The continuing conflict involving the United States and Iran has disrupted energy and shipping flows. Restricted traffic through the Strait of Hormuz and higher oil and fuel prices have placed additional pressure on global supply chains and input costs, contributing ultimately to increased inflation. Trade disputes between the United States and other economies have also prompted a rapid realignment of economic and political relationships. Artificial intelligence and technology are rapidly reshaping business models, while markets are becoming increasingly competitive. Against this backdrop, the imperative to create meaningful employment has never been greater.

Across our membership, we have seen businesses recalibrating, tightening operations, diversifying revenue, adopting new technologies and, in many cases, entering markets they had not previously considered. This is the resilience of enterprise in action. South Africa possesses substantial economic potential. We have a sophisticated private sector, strong entrepreneurial capability, abundant natural resources, a strategic geographic location and access to a growing African market. Significant opportunities exist in manufacturing, logistics, infrastructure, tourism, agriculture and agro-processing, technology, energy and export development.

The task before us is to convert that potential into sustained investment, stronger enterprises and broader economic opportunity. Achieving this will depend on businesses continuing to invest, innovate and build capability, while government establishes effective institutions, reliable infrastructure and policy conditions that enable enterprise to flourish. Neither can succeed in isolation.

Minara's role as a business chamber is to help strengthen this ecosystem. The value of Membership of the Chamber lies in access to market, information, relationships, representation and capability—the practical resources that can help a business identify an opportunity and be better prepared to pursue it. Within this mandate, the Chamber has directed its work during the past year. In partnership with the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) and Trade & Investment KwaZulu-Natal (TIKZN), we advanced capability- and capacity-building programmes to prepare smaller manufacturers for export markets. Engagement with trade commissions and diplomatic missions resulted in a number of inbound and outbound trade delegations, extending member businesses' reach beyond the domestic market.

The Chamber convened seminars and workshops on finance, compliance, digital adoption, artificial intelligence, strategy and regulatory changes. These initiatives were designed to strengthen members' awareness of the environment in which they operate.

As part of our advocacy efforts, the Chamber made formal submissions to Government and the relevant Departments on the mandatory VAT registration threshold, electricity tariff increases, regulations affecting SME's and bureaucratic constraints on business growth. These interventions by Minara reflect a simple principle: a stronger business environment benefits not only businesses, but the wider economy.

Over the past year, the Chamber has increased the programs undertaken by the Chapters in KwaZulu Natal, Gauteng and Western Cape to support our members in these three key regions.
The dedication and commitment of the Board of Directors of the Chamber, who give selflessly of their time, together with our partners and stakeholders is deeply appreciated.
The achievements we celebrate tonight demonstrate what is possible when ambition is matched by perseverance and sound leadership. They remind us that economic progress is ultimately built by people who are prepared to take risks, solve problems, create opportunities and continue moving forward.

On behalf of the Chamber, we extend our sincere congratulations to all the nominees and recipients. Your achievements deserve recognition, and your example strengthens the business community that we are privileged to serve.

We appreciate the continued support of Standard Bank, the Diamond Sponsor of the Awards and our other sponsors without whose support the event will not be possible.

Our challenges are real, but so are our opportunities. Our task is to build stronger, more competitive and more outward-looking businesses.

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Vice President : Gauteng Chapter

The **Minara Chamber Gauteng Chapter** continues to strengthen its role as an important platform for business owners, entrepreneurs and professionals across the Gauteng region. Through a growing programme of **business events, networking opportunities, information sessions and member initiatives**, the Chapter aims to connect businesses, encourage collaboration and create opportunities for growth.

Throughout the year, Gauteng members have been presented with opportunities to **network, learn, promote their businesses, build relationships and engage with fellow entrepreneurs and business leaders**. These platforms are designed to ensure that Minara membership provides meaningful and practical value to businesses in the region.

GROWING OUR GAUTENG BUSINESS COMMUNITY

A key priority for the Gauteng Chapter is to **grow membership and strengthen the Minara business network across the province**. We encourage existing members to become ambassadors for the Chamber by introducing fellow entrepreneurs, professionals and businesses to the Minara community.

The strength of any Chapter is reflected in the **involvement and participation of its members**. The more members attend events, engage with one another, share opportunities and support fellow businesses, the greater the value created for the entire business community.

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

The Gauteng Chapter is particularly committed to encouraging **greater youth involvement and participation**. Young entrepreneurs and professionals bring fresh ideas, innovation, energy and new perspectives to the business environment.

We invite the next generation of business leaders to become actively involved in Minara, attend networking events, participate in programmes and make use of the platforms and opportunities available to them.

Today's young entrepreneurs are tomorrow's business leaders, and their involvement is essential to building a strong and sustainable future.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look to the future, the Gauteng Chapter is committed to **building a stronger, more active and connected member community**.

Members across Gauteng are encouraged to look out for invitations and actively participate in the many opportunities offered through the Minara Chamber platform — including **networking events, training and information sessions, business engagements, trade and investment opportunities and initiatives supporting business development and growth**.

Membership is an opportunity — but its value grows through participation.

We encourage members to **attend, engage, connect, collaborate and support fellow members**. By making full use of the Minara brand, network and communication platforms, businesses can increase their visibility, develop valuable relationships and identify opportunities to grow.

BUILDING TOGETHER

The Gauteng Chapter looks forward to building on the foundation established, welcoming new members, increasing participation and creating even more opportunities for businesses across the region.

With the continued support of our members and the wider business community, we can build a Chapter that is **active, relevant, connected and responsive to the needs of businesses in Gauteng**.

Together, we can build a stronger Gauteng business community — one that connects businesses, develops leaders, creates opportunities and supports sustainable growth.

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SHABIR CHOHAN

Vice President : KZN Chapter

It is with great pride that I reflect on another productive and rewarding year for the Minara Chamber of Commerce KwaZulu-Natal Chapter. The past year has been characterised by meaningful engagement, increased visibility and a continued commitment to creating opportunities that benefit our members and the wider business community.

The KZN Chapter has actively participated in and engaged with multiple business forums, platforms and networks throughout the year. These engagements have enabled us to promote our members, showcase their businesses and strengthen relationships across different sectors. Our objective remains clear: to ensure that Minara continues to serve as a platform where businesses can connect, collaborate and access opportunities for growth.

A key focus has been creating awareness around issues that directly impact businesses. Through seminars, information sessions and business engagements, we have highlighted important and relevant topics affecting entrepreneurs, SMMEs, professionals and established businesses. In an increasingly challenging economic environment, access to knowledge, information and meaningful networks is more important than ever.

We have also continued to recognise and promote the valuable contribution of women in business and the professions. Women continue to make an exceptional impact across our economy, leading organisations, building enterprises, creating employment and contributing to their communities. Providing platforms that celebrate their achievements and encourage greater participation and leadership remains an important part of our agenda.

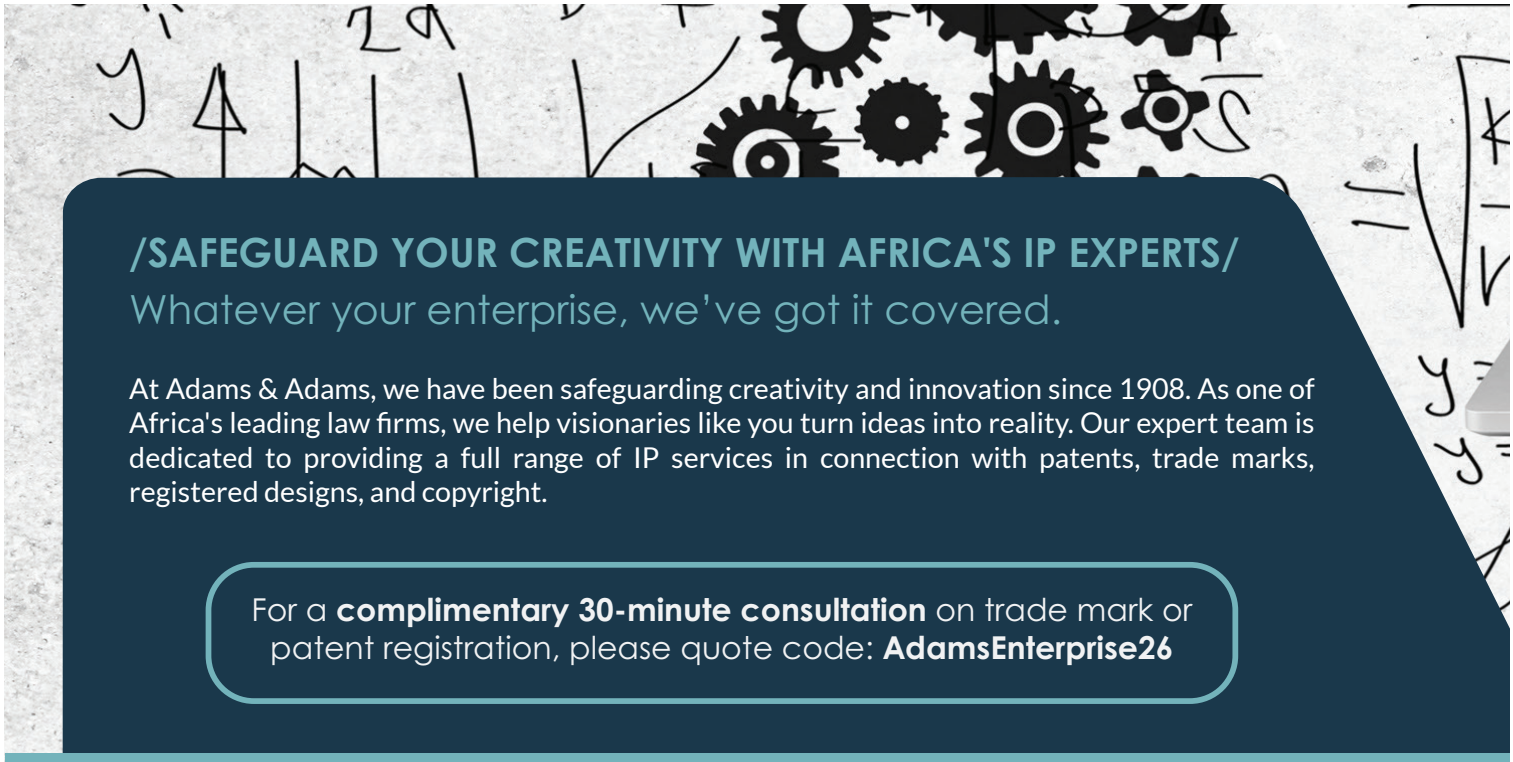
I would like to acknowledge the excellent contribution of our fellow Board members who chair committees and are joined by members in the region. Their dedication, energy and willingness to serve have been instrumental in driving activities and creating meaningful platforms for engagement. The success of the KZN Chapter is a collective effort, and I thank everyone who has contributed their time, expertise and resources during the year.

Looking ahead, we recognise that mentorship must remain a key priority, particularly in supporting our youth. Young people possess tremendous skills, creativity and their own unique mindsets and perspectives. Our responsibility is not to simply tell them what to do, but to guide, mentor and create opportunities for them to develop their potential. By connecting experienced business leaders with emerging talent, we can help build a stronger pipeline of entrepreneurs, professionals and future leaders.

As we move forward, the KZN Chapter looks forward to strengthening our regional presence, expanding our programmes and welcoming new talent, fresh ideas and emerging leadership into the Minara structure. Growth requires continuous renewal, and we are committed to building on the foundations established while creating space for the next generation to contribute and lead.

Finally, I extend my warmest congratulations to all the Minara Business Recognition Awards 2026 finalists and winners. Your achievements represent the resilience, innovation, commitment and excellence that continue to drive our business community forward. Being recognised is a significant accomplishment, and I encourage all finalists and winners to continue inspiring others through your leadership and success.

I look forward to another year of collaboration, stronger partnerships and greater opportunities for our members and the broader KZN business community.



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Vice President : Western Cape Chapter

Connecting, Engaging and Growing Our Business Community

The **Minara Chamber Western Cape Chapter** continues to strengthen its role as a platform for entrepreneurs, business owners and professionals across the province. Through a programme of **networking events, Business Coffee Connections, information sessions, business engagements and member opportunities**, the Chapter is creating spaces where businesses can connect, exchange ideas and explore opportunities for growth.

Our activities throughout the year have focused on bringing members together and creating opportunities to **build relationships, share knowledge, promote businesses and develop meaningful connections**. The success of these engagements reflects the willingness of members to participate and contribute to building a stronger business community.

A CONNECTED MEMBER COMMUNITY

The value of a Chamber is reflected in the strength of its network. The Western Cape Chapter encourages members to make full use of the opportunities available through Minara — whether by attending an event, meeting another member, sharing a business opportunity, participating in a programme or supporting a fellow member.

Membership becomes more valuable when members participate.

By connecting with one another and supporting member businesses, we can create a stronger ecosystem where opportunities are shared, relationships are developed and businesses are able to benefit from the collective strength of the Minara network.

The Chapter also seeks to grow its membership across the Western Cape and encourages existing members to introduce other entrepreneurs, professionals and businesses to the Chamber.

INVESTING IN YOUTH AND FUTURE LEADERS

The involvement of **young entrepreneurs and professionals** remains important to the future of the Western Cape Chapter.

Young business leaders bring new ideas, innovation, technology and fresh perspectives. We encourage them to become active participants in the Minara community, attend events, network with established business leaders, share their ideas and take advantage of the platforms available to support their development.

By creating opportunities for interaction between emerging and established entrepreneurs, we can encourage **mentorship, knowledge-sharing and collaboration**, helping to prepare the next generation of business leaders.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look towards 2027, the Western Cape Chapter is committed to **deepening member engagement, growing our network and creating even more relevant opportunities for businesses across the province**.

Members are encouraged to look out for invitations and actively participate in **networking events, training and information sessions, business engagements, trade and investment opportunities and other initiatives** offered through the Minara Chamber platform.

Our objective is not simply to increase membership numbers, but to build a **vibrant and engaged member community** where businesses support one another and make use of the opportunities available through the Chamber.

BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

The Western Cape Chapter looks forward to welcoming new members, increasing participation and developing platforms that respond to the needs and aspirations of our business community.

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Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition

Congratulations to every recipient of the 2026 Minara Business Recognition Awards.

The businesses in these pages remind us of something South Africa needs to hear more often. That is that excellence is being built here, by South Africans, every day. You have created jobs, taken risks, served your communities and competed with the best. You have shown resilience when conditions were tough, and ambition when they turned. You have earned this recognition.

I also commend the Minara Chamber of Commerce. For many years the Chamber has given entrepreneurs a platform, a network and a voice. Recognising that excellence matters, because it sets the standard others will reach for.

Growth is a shared project

We have made significant strides in addressing the constraints to growth, from energy and logistics to red tape, and in opening a concentrated economy to new players. We must hold hands as we create jobs and grow the economy further.

Many of the award recipients are part of the success of transformation. We have made marked progress in broadening ownership and participation, and your businesses are the proof. But more needs to be done. The opponents of transformation are emboldened, and they are mobilising forces at home and abroad. We must be just as determined to defend and deepen it.

We need business to invest, localise and bring new entrants into supply chains. When government and business pull in the same direction, the economy moves.

Think local, compete global

South African businesses can compete anywhere. The African Continental Free Trade Area opens a market of 1.4 billion people on our doorstep, and we are working to expand access to markets further afield. I urge every business to think deeply about exports. Our push at diversification is opening new markets, new products and new partnerships. Our support programmes for export development, industrial financing and investment facilitation are there to be used. Use them.

At the same time, every rand spent on locally made goods builds our industrial base. Localisation is a smart business strategy, and the right thing to do.

Excellence with purpose

The businesses we celebrate at this awards ceremony do more than make a profit. They train young people, support small suppliers, and run their businesses responsibly and ethically. That kind of excellence builds trust, and an economy needs trust to grow.

To the award recipients, your success shows us what is possible. Keep innovating, keep growing, and bring others along with you. South Africa needs more of what you have built.

I wish the Minara Chamber of Commerce a memorable gala evening in Durban, and every recipient continued success in the year ahead.

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THE HON. REV. MUSA ZONDI

MEC : Economic Development, Tourism And Environmental Affairs, Kwazulu-Natal

It is a great honour to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to the Minara Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of the Minara Business Recognition Awards 2026.

These awards provide an important platform to recognise and celebrate businesses, entrepreneurs and leaders whose dedication, innovation, resilience and contribution continue to strengthen our economy and our communities. I commend the Minara Chamber of Commerce for creating a space that shines a light on business excellence and the important role played by the private sector in advancing economic development.

On behalf of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government, I extend my sincere congratulations to all the nominees and award recipients. Your achievements are a reflection of what is possible when vision, determination and enterprise are combined with a commitment to creating value and opportunities for others.

KwaZulu-Natal has a diverse and dynamic economy, with immense potential across sectors including tourism, manufacturing, agriculture, trade, logistics and the broader township and rural economy. Realising this potential requires a strong partnership between government, business and other stakeholders.

Government has a responsibility to create an enabling environment for businesses to establish, grow and compete, while the private sector remains an important partner in driving investment, innovation, job creation and economic transformation.

We must continue working together to strengthen local businesses, support entrepreneurship and expand opportunities for small, medium and micro enterprises to participate meaningfully in the economy. Equally important is our collective responsibility to promote localisation, develop local value chains, expand export opportunities and position KwaZulu-Natal businesses to compete successfully in both domestic and international markets.

The theme of collaboration is particularly important in an increasingly competitive global economy. Partnerships that connect businesses to markets, investment, skills, technology and new opportunities can unlock sustainable economic growth and contribute to building an inclusive economy that benefits more people.

I therefore encourage businesses and entrepreneurs to continue embracing innovation, responsible business practices and transformation, while remaining responsive to the changing needs and opportunities within our economy. The success of our businesses is closely linked to the prosperity of our province and the wellbeing of our people.

As we celebrate this year's outstanding achievers, let us also recognise the many businesses and entrepreneurs whose perseverance and contribution may not always receive the spotlight, but who continue to create jobs, sustain livelihoods and contribute to the economic fabric of our communities.

I congratulate the Minara Chamber of Commerce for hosting these prestigious awards and for its continued contribution towards strengthening the business community.
To all the award recipients, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. May this recognition inspire you to reach even greater heights and to continue contributing towards a stronger, more inclusive and prosperous KwaZulu-Natal.

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Mayor of eThekwini Municipality

It is an honour and a distinct pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations and goodwill to the Minara Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of the annual Minara Business Recognition Awards 2026.

Tonight, we celebrate not only the outstanding achievements of our business leaders but also the enduring spirit of resilience, innovation, and leadership that defines our local economy. As the leadership of eThekwini Municipality, we view the business community as a vital catalyst for economic growth, job creation, and sustainable development.

Over the years, the Minara Chamber of Commerce has played a pivotal role in fostering entrepreneurship, bridging economic divides, and empowering individuals and organisations to make a meaningful impact within South Africa's dynamic commercial landscape. Platforms like these awards are essential in highlighting excellence and inspiring the next generation of future leaders to reach new heights.

Our city stands open for business and we are actively driving transformative infrastructure and catalytic investments to ensure an environment where enterprises can thrive. The contribution of our entrepreneurs and corporate leaders is central to this vision.

By celebrating your achievements, we reinforce our collective commitment to building a competitive, inclusive, and growing economy.

As a city, we continue to collaborate with all relevant partners – including business and community structures – to build, repair, and modernise the city's vital infrastructure, ensuring a stronger and more resilient community for the future.

By strengthening our civic foundations, we are creating the resilient, business-friendly environment necessary to attract sustainable investment and ensure long-term economic growth. Therefore, we urge you to join us in finding solutions to some of the historical challenges that hinder our developmental goals as a city.

I wish to commend the leadership of the Chamber, its partners, and the Awards Committee for their steadfast dedication to promoting business excellence. To all the nominees and award recipients: your hard work, vision, and determination are a testament to what can be achieved through excellence and dedication.

May the Minara Business Recognition Awards 2026 be a resounding success, and may your enterprises continue to grow and contribute to the prosperity of our city and nation.



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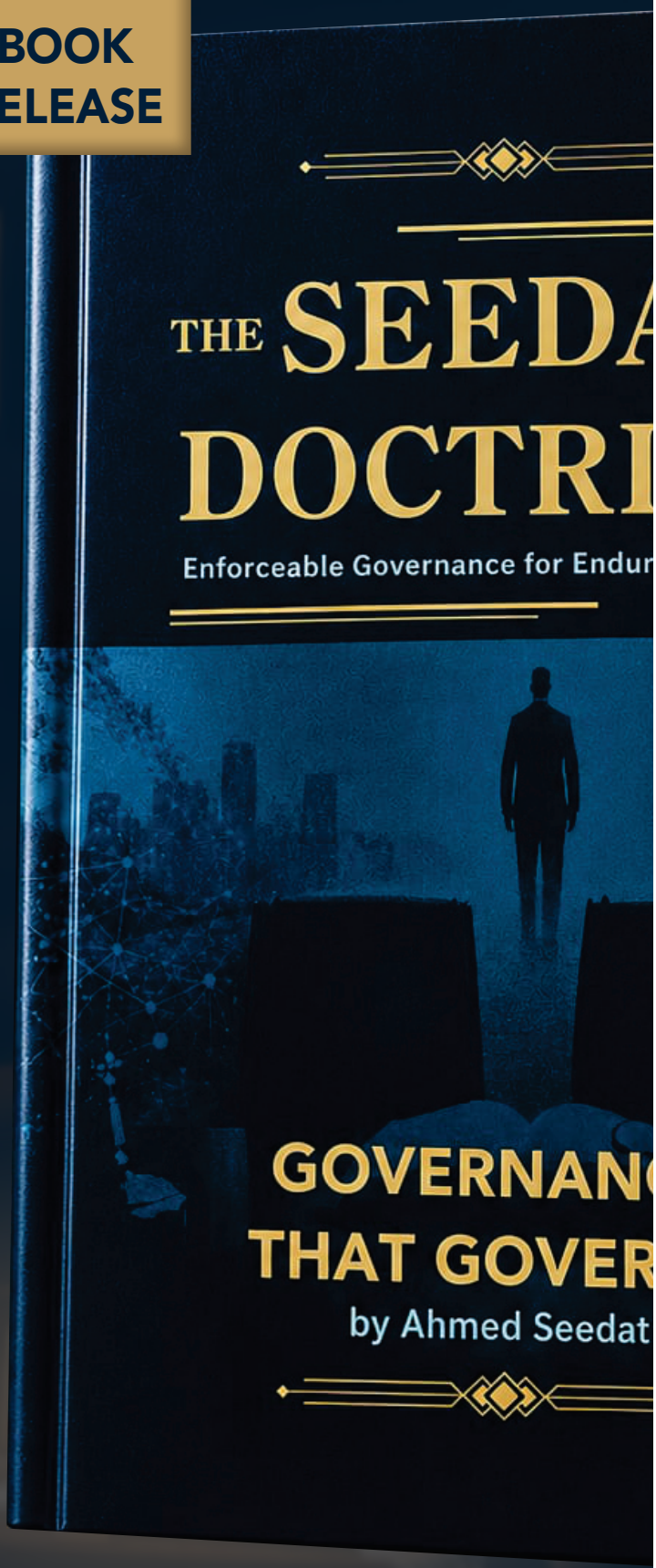
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Message of Congratulations

Warm congratulations to the Minara Chamber of Commerce on this year's Business Recognition Awards.

The Awards are a valuable opportunity to celebrate the achievements of businesses and entrepreneurs. They recognize vision, commitment and enterprise, and highlight the contribution of South Africa's business community to the country's economic and social development.

The Minara Chamber of Commerce plays an important role in bringing the business community together. It creates space for dialogue, exchange and networking, and helps build connections among local and international businesses. This is a valuable mission particularly in a rapidly changing global economic environment.

There is growing interest among Turkish businesses in the South African market. This can be seen in increasing participation in trade fairs, business delegations and company visits, as well as in new investment projects and partnerships. These developments are encouraging. They show that businesses on both sides are looking beyond established links and exploring new possibilities.

This business outreach is reciprocal and supported by a sound political and institutional basis. At the inaugural South Africa–Türkiye Bi-National Commission in October 2025, the two sides agreed to establish the Joint Economic and Trade Commission (JETCO) and signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of Special Economic Zones and Free Zones. The outcome of the Commission also underlined the importance attached to economic and commercial relations and to taking practical steps to deepen them. These decisions provide a stronger framework for business engagement and cooperation.

Türkiye and South Africa have economic complementarities and well-established commercial ties. Yet, there is considerable scope to take this relationship further.

Trade and manufacturing, agriculture, logistics and infrastructure, energy and digital technologies are among the areas where there is potential for closer cooperation. Businesses on both sides can build on existing partnerships while also looking for new ones.

Closer links between the private sectors of Türkiye and South Africa can help create new opportunities and support greater economic cooperation. There is much that the two countries can learn from each other, and much to gain from working together.

Strong partnerships do not always begin with large projects or major investments. They often start with a meeting, a visit or an exchange of ideas. Getting to know each other's markets and identifying common interests can be the first step towards lasting cooperation. My Embassy is prepared to work closely with the Minara Chamber of Commerce to create many more such opportunities.

I once again congratulate the Minara Chamber of Commerce and all the recipients of this year's Business Recognition Awards. Their achievements reflect the energy and commitment of South Africa's business community and its contribution to the country's future.

I wish the Minara Chamber of Commerce continued success in the years ahead. I look forward to seeing the economic relationship between Türkiye and South Africa grow even stronger.

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In the spirit of partnership and shared purpose, I extend my greetings.

While every Muslim business community carries its own aspirations, these aspirations are increasingly connected by a common ambition: to transform connection into partnership and potential into lasting economic progress. As the Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD), I am privileged to be part of that journey.

At the heart of this journey are the businesses and leaders whose impact extends far beyond commercial success. They create opportunities, open new markets and generate lasting value for their communities, helping shape resilient and sustainable economies. Recognizing such achievements is therefore not simply a celebration of success; it is an acknowledgement of the vital role responsible enterprise plays in building resilient communities and driving sustainable growth.

The Minara Business Recognition Awards embody this principle. By honouring entrepreneurs and leaders who demonstrate excellence, innovation, and resilience, the Awards highlight the power of business to create job opportunities, open new markets, and contribute to wider socio-economic development.

Today, the global business landscape is increasingly defined by connectivity. Markets are becoming more closely linked, investment opportunities are crossing borders, and businesses are looking beyond their traditional markets to forge partnerships and unlock avenues for growth. For the Muslim business community, this presents significant potential to translate the potential of Islamic markets into stronger commercial ties, greater investment flows and deeper economic integration.

At ICCD, we're committed to strengthening these connections, bringing business communities closer together, facilitating dialogue and cooperation, and opening new pathways for investment and partnership. Our priority is a more connected Muslim private sector capable of driving sustainable and inclusive economic growth worldwide.

Our cooperation with Minara Chamber of Commerce reflects this vision. South Africa's strategic position within the African market offers significant potential for deeper engagement with OIC markets and the wider Global South. Strengthening these links can open new pathways for partnerships, propel trade, mobilize investment across borders and unlock unprecedented opportunities for prosperity.

It is therefore with great pleasure that I extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to the distinguished recipients of the Minara Business Recognition Awards 2026. Your achievements represent the entrepreneurial strength and determination that transforms the future of our economies.

May this recognition inspire you to reach further, forge new partnerships and create greater impact. I look forward to seeing the achievements celebrated today contribute to a resilient and prosperous global Muslim business community.

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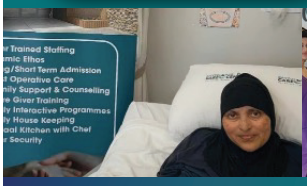


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Competing in a Changing World: Trade, Investment and the Rise of the AI Economy .

The global economy is changing in ways that are reshaping how businesses trade, invest and compete. Geopolitical tensions are influencing supply chains and investment decisions, while governments are placing greater emphasis on economic security and strategic industries. At the same time, technology, particularly artificial intelligence, is changing the economics of business itself.

For South African businesses, the implication is clear: access to markets remains important, but access alone is no longer sufficient. Competitiveness increasingly depends on relationships, information, productivity, regional reach and the ability to adapt.

The IMF's July update projects global growth of 3.0% in 2026 and 3.4% in 2027, a modest slowdown reflecting the US war in the Middle East. Growth is also uneven: the war is weighing on energy importers, while AI-driven demand is lifting countries integrated into the global technology value chain.

Inflation is proving stubborn, driven largely by the US conflict with Iran. The IMF has revised global headline inflation up to 4.7% this year, and trade growth is slowing too, with global trade expansion expected to drop to 3.5% in 2026, down from 5% in 2025.

A Fragmented Global Economy

Globalisation is becoming more complex as commercial decisions are increasingly influenced by geopolitical relationships, tariffs, industrial policy, supply-chain resilience and national economic priorities.

Volatility, whether geopolitical, technological or economic, is now the operating environment. Businesses that understand changing markets, build strong relationships and diversify their exposure can be better positioned to respond to disruption

Businesses need to consider not only where they can source inputs most efficiently, but also the reliability of those sources. They need to consider not only where they can sell, but whether they are overly dependent on one market. Supply chains, logistics, currency exposure, regulatory conditions and geopolitical risk are increasingly part of commercial decision-making.

This creates an opportunity for businesses that are prepared to look beyond traditional markets.

South Africa: A Strategic Position, a Competitiveness Challenge

South Africa remains an important participant in global trade, exporting approximately US$122.5 billion in goods in 2025 against imports of US$110.9 billion, with strong commercial links across Europe, Asia, North America, China and India.

South Africa has real strengths: an established industrial base, sophisticated financial and professional services, natural resources, agricultural capability and a strategic position on the continent. The challenge is converting these advantages into greater productivity, investment and value-added exports.

Recent economic data underline the challenge. South Africa's economy contracted by 0.2% in the Q2 2026 after six consecutive quarters of growth, with mining, trade and manufacturing among the sectors impacted hardest by the US-Iran conflict.

Elevated energy and logistics costs, infrastructure weakness, expensive credit and regulatory friction are squeezing margins, particularly in manufacturing and trade. Tariff regimes, shifting alliances and US Trade restrictions have left exporters, including agricultural producers, planning around policy rather than markets.

South Africa's unemployment level of 33.6% adds another challenge: the economy needs stronger growth, but growth must increasingly come from productive, competitive enterprises capable of creating sustainable employment.

The issue, therefore, is not simply whether South Africa has access to markets. It is whether South African businesses have the competitiveness to succeed in them.

BRICS and a More Multipolar Trading System

The expansion of BRICS has added an important dimension to South Africa's international economic positioning. The grouping now brings together major emerging economies across Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.

China accounted for 11.1% of South African exports and 22.5% of imports in 2025, while India accounted for 4.1% of exports and 7.3% of imports. The UAE represented a further 2.5% of imports.

BRICS provides a platform for SA to pursue trade, investment, infrastructure cooperation, technology partnerships and alternative sources of finance. More importantly, it reflects a broader shift towards a more multipolar global economy.

The opportunity for South African companies is to use these relationships to develop new customers, suppliers, investors, technology partnerships and value chains—while continuing to strengthen existing international markets.

SADC: From Regional Proximity to Commercial Opportunity

In August 2026, South Africa assumed the SADC Chair, leading a bloc of 16 states, with a population of 441 million people, a collective GDP of US$1.08 Trillion and a 4% growth forecast. South Africa remains the regions economic engine contributing US$ 479.8 Billion or 44.4% of SADC's total GDP.

SADC offers a potential for regional supply chains, manufacturing partnerships and logistics networks, with agro-processing, mineral beneficiation and pharmaceuticals among the priority value chains of the SADC Industrialisation agenda

For many South African businesses, particularly SMEs, regional expansion can provide the scale necessary to grow beyond the limitations of the domestic market. In time, they will think of themselves as regional enterprises operating across a Southern African value chain

AI Is Changing the Economics of Business

Of all the forces reshaping commerce, AI is the most consequential. It is already redirecting global capital, with the IMF crediting AI-driven demand with partly offsetting the drag from the Middle East war. For business, the question is no longer whether to engage with AI but how quickly and how well.

AI can compress the cost of routine cognitive work, sharpen forecasting in volatile markets, improve decision making and shorten product development cycles. In a low-growth economy, where revenue is hard to find, productivity becomes the most reliable lever available.

This matters especially for SMEs, where AI can narrow the scale disadvantage against larger international competitors.

But the risks are real. Poorly governed AI invites data breaches and reputational damage, and automation without redesigned processes captures little value. The advantage will go to those who move from using AI as a tool to embedding it in how the business operates.

From Market Access to Business Capability

Over the past year, the Minara hosted inbound trade delegations from Indonesia, Malaysia, Mauritius, Pakistan, Türkiye and Uzbekistan. The Chamber participated in the Turkish Multisectoral Trade Mission, the China–South Africa Economic and Trade Exchange, the Malaysia Business Forum and the Mauritius Investment Conference.

MOUs were signed with Trade & Investment KwaZulu-Natal (TIKZN) and the International Trade Council (ITC) while the relationship with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce was strengthened.

Minara engaged on the KZN Integrated Trade and Investment Strategy 2025–2030, Red tape reduction with Department of Small Business Development and Voluntary VAT registration threshold with the Minister of Finance .

Minara partnered with Regent Business School to deliver an AI in Business Workshop for SMEs and Cyber Security Workshop for Business.

This is ultimately the value of Chamber membership: **access, information, relationships, representation and capability**.

Building Businesses That Can Compete

Business cannot control geopolitical developments, international trade tensions or the pace of technological change. It can, however, improve its ability to understand markets, build relationships, adopt technology and respond to changing conditions.

In a changing global economy, the question is not whether opportunities exist. It is whether businesses are sufficiently connected, informed and prepared to capture them.

The companies that emerge strongest will be those that move early on productivity, invest in people, and think regionally. The window for deliberate, well-planned adaptation is open now. It will not stay open indefinitely.









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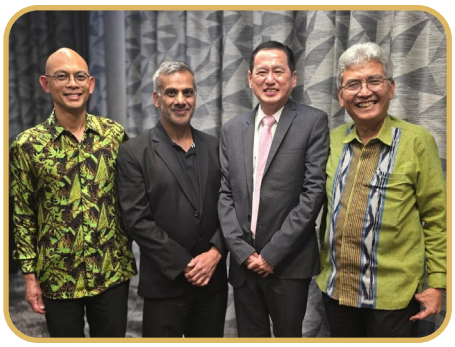



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SMME COMMITTEE

Naim Kadwa
Chair: SMME Committee

The **Minara Chamber SMME Committee** is committed to supporting, empowering and developing Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) as a vital component of South Africa's economic growth and future.

SMMEs are a key driver of **entrepreneurship, job creation, innovation and community development**. By supporting entrepreneurs and business owners at every stage of their journey, we can help build sustainable businesses that create opportunities for individuals, employees, families and communities.

2026 SMME PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

During 2026, the Committee facilitated **training programmes, information sessions, workshops, business development initiatives and networking opportunities** aimed at equipping entrepreneurs with practical knowledge, skills and tools to grow their businesses.

Key areas of focus included:

- Developing essential **business and entrepreneurial skills**
- Financial and business management
- Understanding changing **consumer needs and market demands**
- **Innovation, technology and digital transformation**
- Identifying new markets and business opportunities
- Building sustainable and resilient businesses
- Access to relevant business information and support
- Networking with entrepreneurs, corporates and industry stakeholders
- Developing strategic **business networks and partnerships**
- Enhancing competitiveness and opportunities for growth
- **Women's development** and addressing important issues affecting entrepreneurs

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The business environment is constantly evolving. Changing consumer expectations, technology and increased competition require entrepreneurs to **adapt, innovate and continuously develop their skills**.

The SMME Committee provides a platform where business owners can **learn, share, connect and grow**, turning challenges into opportunities and ideas into sustainable businesses.

WHY SMMEs MATTER

A strong SMME sector is essential to a strong economy. **Entrepreneurship creates livelihoods, reduces unemployment, drives innovation and creates employment opportunities.** When entrepreneurs build successful businesses, they create jobs; when businesses innovate, they create new solutions; and when SMMEs grow, communities and the economy benefit.

LOOKING AHEAD

In **2027**, the Minara Chamber SMME Committee will continue to create platforms for **knowledge-sharing, skills development, collaboration, networking and business growth**.

We encourage SMMEs, entrepreneurs, aspiring business owners and innovators to participate, connect and make use of opportunities that can help take their businesses to the next level.

Invest in yourself. Build your business. Create opportunities. Contribute to a stronger economy.







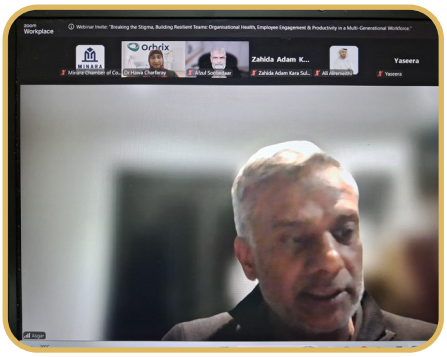


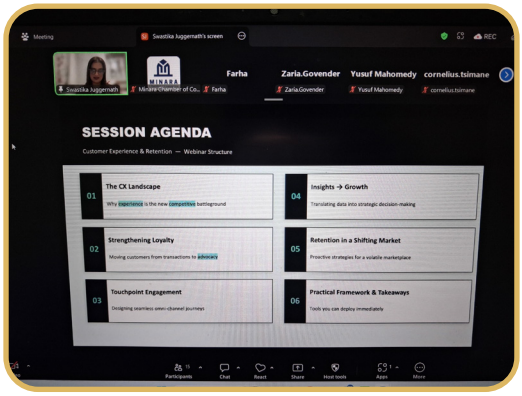


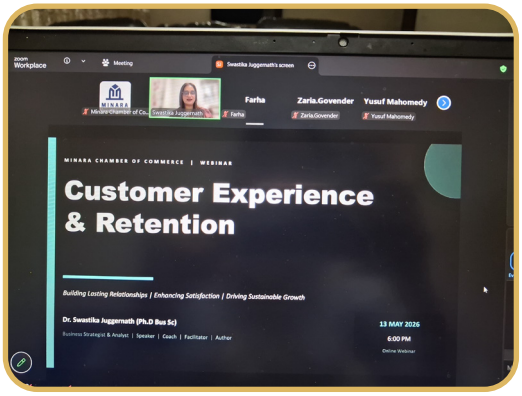












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MEMBERSHIP

Sumaya Suliman : Building Membership. Creating Value. Connecting Business.

The **Minara Chamber Membership Committee** is focused on strengthening the value of membership by creating opportunities for members to **connect, participate, access benefits and grow their businesses**.

MEMBERSHIP LOYALTY PROGRAMME

A key highlight was the introduction of the **Minara Chamber Loyalty Programme**, designed to add tangible value to membership by providing members with access to a growing network of participating businesses and exclusive benefits. The programme encourages members to **support fellow Minara members**, creating a stronger member-to-member business ecosystem where businesses can benefit from one another while building lasting relationships.

NETWORKING & MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the year, Minara hosted a range of **member networking events, Business Coffee Connections, business engagements and opportunities to connect with fellow entrepreneurs and business leaders**.

These events have proved to be a valuable platform for members to:

- Build meaningful **business relationships and networks**
- Promote their businesses and services
- Identify new opportunities and potential partnerships
- Learn from fellow entrepreneurs and industry leaders
- Support and do business with fellow Minara members
- Gain greater visibility within the Minara business community

The success of these engagements demonstrates that **membership value is not only what the Chamber provides — it is also what members choose to access, participate in and contribute to.**

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027

In 2027, the Membership Committee looks forward to **building even greater membership value and strengthening the Minara member business community**. Our focus will be on encouraging greater **member-to-member support, participation, networking and utilisation of member benefits**.

Membership creates value when members **show up, connect, participate and make use of the platforms and opportunities available to them**. By benefiting from the strength of the Minara brand, its network, events, communication channels and business platforms, members can increase their visibility, build relationships and **capitalise on opportunities that can benefit their businesses**.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP. YOUR NETWORK. YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

















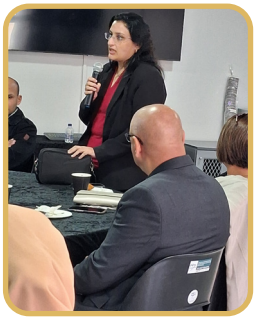





















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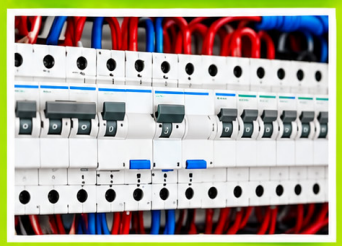
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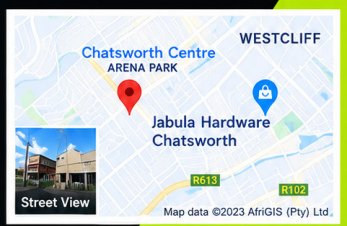
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The **Minara Chamber Business Recognition Awards 2026** marks a significant milestone as the Awards enter their **15th year of celebrating excellence, leadership and achievement** within the business and professional community.

For fifteen years, the Minara Chamber Business Recognition Awards have provided a platform to acknowledge individuals and organisations that have demonstrated outstanding commitment, resilience, innovation, leadership and contribution to society. More than simply recognising success, the Awards celebrate the values, determination and vision that lie behind it.

In a rapidly changing economic environment, where businesses and professionals face new challenges every day, it is important to pause and recognise those who continue to make a difference. The Awards shine a spotlight on individuals and businesses whose achievements demonstrate what is possible through **hard work, perseverance, integrity, innovation and an unwavering commitment to excellence**.

RECOGNISING OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

The 2026 Awards celebrate an exceptional range of talent across the business and professional landscape. They recognise **outstanding businesses, entrepreneurs, leaders, young business leaders, women in business and professionals** who have distinguished themselves through their achievements and contributions.

Each recipient represents a story of ambition, dedication and determination. Behind every successful business or career are challenges overcome, opportunities created and important lessons learned. Recognition provides an opportunity to celebrate these journeys while encouraging others to pursue their own aspirations.

The Awards also acknowledge that success is not measured solely by financial performance. True leadership is reflected in the ability to **create opportunities, develop people, innovate, serve communities and contribute positively to the broader economy and society**.

RECOGNISING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

The Awards also provide an opportunity to reflect on the **significant contribution of South Africa's Muslim community** to the economic and social fabric of our country. The achievements recognised through the Awards represent only a fraction of the contribution made by Muslim individuals, families, entrepreneurs, professionals, organisations and community institutions over many decades.

Across sectors and communities, South African Muslims have contributed through **entrepreneurship, business development, employment creation, professional excellence, charitable initiatives, education, healthcare, social welfare and community support**.

This contribution has always been part of a broader South African story. The Muslim community has worked **alongside fellow South Africans of all backgrounds**, building businesses, creating opportunities and supporting communities where assistance is needed.

From small businesses and family enterprises to established companies and professional practices, Muslim South Africans continue to play a role in creating employment, developing skills, supporting livelihoods and contributing to the country's economic growth.

Equally important is the community's contribution to **social welfare and humanitarian support**. Through charitable organisations, community initiatives and individual acts of generosity, assistance is provided to people and communities during times of hardship and need.

The Minara Chamber celebrates this spirit of **enterprise, service, partnership and nation-building**, recognising that a stronger South Africa is built when communities work together and create opportunities for all.

CELEBRATING WOMEN AND YOUNG LEADERS

An important part of the Awards is recognising the growing contribution of **women and young leaders** to business and the economy.

Women entrepreneurs and business leaders continue to demonstrate remarkable resilience, innovation and leadership across diverse sectors. Their achievements provide inspiration to other women considering entrepreneurship, leadership and professional advancement.

Similarly, recognising **young business leaders and emerging entrepreneurs** is an investment in the future. Young people bring fresh ideas, new perspectives, technology-driven solutions and an entrepreneurial spirit that can help shape the economy of tomorrow.

By celebrating their achievements today, we send a powerful message to the next generation: **your ideas matter, your ambitions matter and your contribution can make a difference.**

ROLE MODELS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The importance of recognition extends far beyond the Awards evening itself. Those being honoured become **examples and role models for future generations**.

Their stories demonstrate that success requires vision, courage, discipline, continuous learning and the willingness to adapt. For aspiring entrepreneurs and young professionals, seeing people who have built successful businesses, created employment, overcome adversity and contributed to their communities can provide the motivation to believe in their own potential.

The Minara Chamber believes that recognition creates a **culture of aspiration** — encouraging people not only to succeed, but to use their success to create opportunities for others.

15 YEARS OF INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

Reaching the 15th year is a testament to the enduring importance of recognising business and professional excellence. The Awards have evolved alongside the business community, continuing to provide a platform for celebrating achievement, leadership and contribution.

The 2026 Awards are therefore not only a celebration of this year's recipients, but also a celebration of **fifteen years of vision, commitment and belief in the power of business and entrepreneurship to create positive change**.

As Minara Chamber looks to the future, the Awards will continue to encourage businesses and individuals to strive for excellence, embrace innovation, develop future leaders and contribute meaningfully to the economy and society.

CELEBRATING TODAY. INSPIRING TOMORROW.

The **Minara Chamber Business Recognition Awards 2026** celebrate those who have set high standards and shown what can be achieved through determination, leadership and service.

Their success belongs not only to them — it becomes part of a legacy that can inspire others.

As we celebrate 15 years, we honour the achievements of our nominees, finalists and recipients, while recognising the **broader contribution of the Muslim business and professional community to South Africa** and its continued commitment to working alongside all South Africans to build a stronger, more inclusive and prosperous nation.

Congratulations to all the 2026 nominees, finalists and award recipients. Your achievements inspire us, your leadership sets an example, and your success helps pave the way for the generations that follow.



MINARA
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FINALISTS
BUSINESS ENTITY OF THE YEAR

Large Category

ROSHGOLD
INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LIMITED



Founded in 1984, Roshgold Investment Holdings has grown from a community-based investment initiative into an established Shariah-compliant investment group. For over four decades, Roshgold has remained committed to responsible wealth creation, financial stability and sustainable long-term value for its shareholders. Its diversified investment portfolio is anchored in commercial property, complemented by strategic investments aligned with prudent growth and responsible stewardship. In 2025, the Group's total assets reached approximately R648 million, reflecting the strength and continued growth of its investment base.
Integrity, accountability, sound governance and ethical investment principles remain central to the organisation's approach. Beyond investment, Roshgold supports entrepreneurship, education, mentorship and initiatives that empower communities and encourage broader participation in wealth creation. As Roshgold moves towards five decades of service, the organisation continues to build on a legacy of shared prosperity while creating sustainable opportunities for generations to come.

ROYAL TRAVEL



Established in Durban in 1994, Royal Travel has grown from a small three-person travel agency into an established South African travel business with more than 30 years of industry experience. The company provides a comprehensive range of travel services, catering to both leisure and corporate clients, as well as groups, incentives and MICE travel. Royal Travel also offers carefully curated outbound holidays and tailor-made packages, giving clients access to destinations and experiences around the world. Over the years, the business has built lasting relationships with clients, airlines, hotels, tour operators and other industry partners, many of which span decades. This depth of experience, together with a knowledgeable and dedicated team, allows Royal Travel to provide practical, personalised travel solutions across a wide range of requirements. While the travel industry has changed considerably since 1994, Royal Travel has continued to evolve with it, expanding its services and embracing new ways of doing business. At its core, however, the company remains focused on the fundamentals that have sustained it for more than three decades: service, relationships, industry knowledge and delivering value to its clients.

WOODFORD GROUP



DELIVERING EXCELLENCE IN EVERY JOURNEY

The Woodford Group continues to grow as a South African mobility company shaped by customer needs and innovation. Established three decades ago, as a Durban-based car rental business, we're proud to have expanded into a broader mobility offering serving individuals, businesses and commercial customers all over SA with over 6,000 vehicles in our extensive fleet. Today, our focus extends beyond traditional rentals, with solutions designed to provide greater flexibility across different stages of the customer journey. Our businesses are united by a commitment to putting customers first and continually finding ways to improve their experience. Technology, innovation and a personalised approach remain important to how we respond to an evolving market. As we look ahead, we remain focused on expanding our offering and creating greater value through innovative mobility solutions and exceptional service.

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FINALISTS
BUSINESS ENTITY OF THE YEAR

Meduim Category

ETHICORE GROUP



ETHICORE Group is a **pan-African international government affairs firm** specialising in strategic advisory, government relations, lobbying, advocacy, political communication, public policy and geopolitical intelligence. Operating at the intersection of **business, government, investment, regulation and society**, ETHICORE helps organisations navigate complex operating environments, manage risk, unlock opportunities and build sustainable growth.

With a trusted presence across **29 African markets**, as well as key international jurisdictions including the **GCC and Near East**, the Group combines local market insight with international strategic expertise.

ETHICORE Group delivers its expertise through five specialised divisions:

- **ETHICORE East** – Market, policy and regulatory advisory across Africa, the GCC and Near East.
- **ETHICORE Lobbying** – Government affairs, lobbying and advocacy services across Africa.
- **ETHICORE Counsel** – Strategic counsel and advisory for decision-makers and institutions.
- **ETHICORE Rhetoric** – Political communication, stakeholder engagement and narrative strategy.
- **ETHICORE Theorem** – Public policy, regulatory and geopolitical intelligence.

Creating Strategic Advantage

ETHICORE Group works with organisations seeking to understand and influence complex policy, regulatory and stakeholder environments. Its multidisciplinary approach brings together **strategic insight, government engagement, policy expertise and communication** to support informed decision-making and long-term impact.

Minnies
Thinking out of the Pot



Minnies Food Enterprise is honoured to be recognised as a finalist in the Minara Chamber of Commerce Awards, celebrating a journey defined by family, resilience, passion and perseverance. Established in Durban in 1993, Minnies has evolved from humble beginnings into a proudly South African food manufacturing enterprise with an expanding global presence.

Today, the company is recognised for its diverse portfolio spanning sauces, spices, marinades, dressings and syrups. With products reaching more than 36 countries, Minnies continues to demonstrate the global appeal of South African excellence. At the heart of the business lies an unwavering commitment to quality, innovation and food safety. Supported by FSSC 22000 and SANHA Halal certification, Minnies upholds rigorous standards across its operations and products.

The dedication and expertise of its team remain fundamental to the company's continued growth, innovation and development. Proudly owned and operated by Ibrahim and Shaazia Kolia. Minnies reflects a powerful story of entrepreneurship, empowerment and enduring excellence.

Being named a finalist marks a significant milestone and a proud affirmation of the values that have shaped the business for more than three decades. With ambition firmly set on new markets and greater opportunities, Minnies looks ahead with confidence, determined to build an even more remarkable legacy of South African excellence. The company also provides customised products, specifications and private-label solutions to meet diverse market requirements.

Proudly owned and operated by Ibrahim and Shaazia Kolia, Minnies is 100% black-owned and 33% female-owned, reflecting its commitment to empowerment and inclusive enterprise. Through sustained innovation, quality and customer excellence, Minnies has established a distinctive position within the food manufacturing sector.

Minnies Food Enterprise represents the strength of South African entrepreneurship: a home-grown enterprise with proven expertise, global reach and an enduring commitment to excellence.

MINARA
Chamber of Commerce

FINALISTS
BUSINESS ENTITY OF THE YEAR

Small Business Category

Daily DIPPERS®
Handmade
Home-made Butter Goodness



Daily Dippers is a proudly South African biscuit brand built on a simple passion for quality, craftsmanship and great taste. What began in 2019 as a small home-based enterprise has grown into an established retail supplier, while staying true to its handmade roots.

Our signature range of all-butter biscuits is crafted with care, using quality ingredients and traditional techniques to create a genuinely indulgent experience.
From delicate shortbreads to distinctive almond and chocolate varieties, every biscuit is made with a focus on flavour, texture and consistency. As the business has grown, so has our commitment to professional standards, with Daily Dippers proudly SANHA Halaal Certified and subject to annual GFSI-aligned food safety audits.
Our journey has been one of steady, sustainable growth, driven by a commitment to quality, innovation and customer satisfaction.
Today, Daily Dippers supplies more than 30 Checkers stores across KwaZulu-Natal as well as many independant stores in Durban and Gauteng, a significant milestone from our humble beginnings in a home kitchen.
In 2026, we reached another milestone by expanding into the Western Cape, now supplying more than 10 Checkers stores in the province.

This growth represents the evolution of a small local enterprise into an established retail brand, while retaining the care and craftsmanship at the heart of every product. From humble home-industry beginnings to an expanding retail footprint, Daily Dippers continues to turn handmade passion into quality biscuits enjoyed by customers across South Africa

Wonder Snacks



Wonder Snacks is a family-owned, Cape Town-based snack manufacturer producing premium ready-to-eat popcorn for the South African retail market. Its flagship Wonder Pop range combines great taste with better-for-you credentials, using air-popped, non-GMO kernels with no artificial ingredients. From its fully automated, GFSI-certified manufacturing facility, Wonder Snacks produces its own brands as well as private-label ranges for some of South Africa's leading retailers.

What began as a small business with a handful of employees and a presence in just a few independent stores has grown into an established FMCG manufacturer supplying more than 1,500 stores across South Africa, with the business now also expanding into export markets.

Built through persistence, strong partnerships and a commitment to quality, Wonder Snacks continues to grow its team, expand its manufacturing capabilities and create opportunities within its local community and value chain. As the business looks to the future, its focus remains on sustainable growth, creating employment and building a proudly South African business that can compete on a global stage.

FINALISTS
BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR





Riaz Cotwal is a respected South African retail executive and Divisional Manager for Checkers KwaZulu-Natal, with more than 30 years of progressive leadership within the Shoprite Group. Today he leads a network of 159 stores and over 11,000 employees, driving growth, innovation and operational excellence across the region.

Under his leadership, more than 105 stores have been opened or expanded, creating over 4,000 employment opportunities. He is widely recognised for developing pioneering retail concepts, including South Africa's largest fully Halaal-certified Checkers store. His leadership has been instrumental in navigating periods of unprecedented disruption, including the COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest and severe flooding.

Passionate about mentorship and talent development, he has helped shape the careers of numerous retail leaders. He is committed to empowering local suppliers, supporting community initiatives and creating sustainable opportunities for growth.
His leadership philosophy is simple: build businesses that perform, develop people who thrive, and leave communities stronger than before





Munir Jeeva is the Director and CEO of Afri-Save Group, with more than 21 years of leadership experience in the retail and wholesale industry. He has helped build Afri-Save into a leading independent business serving Nelson Mandela Bay, with an extensive range of over 42,000 products.

Under his leadership, the company has achieved sustained growth while remaining committed to affordability and its promise of "Saving you the most." Renowned for strategic buying and negotiation, Munir has developed trusted relationships with leading suppliers, executives and stakeholders across South Africa.

His forward-thinking approach has driven new ventures, including Afri-Save's digital retail platform and free door-to-door delivery service throughout Nelson Mandela Bay. Beyond business, he champions community upliftment through feeding initiatives, blood drives, school support programmes and assistance to families in need.

He is also the founder of MJ Growth Group, helping entrepreneurs strengthen their brands, accelerate sales growth and build sustainable businesses.
Munir's vision, resilience and people-first leadership continue to create opportunities and distinguish him as a worthy Businessperson of the Year 2026 finalist.





Osman Suluman Arbee is a Chartered Accountant (CA(SA)) with a B.Acc and Diploma in Taxation.
He began his professional career at Deloitte & Touche, where he spent 23 years and became a Partner.
He gained extensive experience in audit, advisory services, corporate finance and business strategy.
He worked with major listed companies, multinational corporations and private equity funds.

He joined Imperial Holdings in 2004 and held several senior executive and board leadership positions.
His roles included CFO of Imperial Group, CEO of the Car Rental Division and Chairman of multiple divisions.

He subsequently served as CEO of Motus Holdings Limited from 2017 until his retirement in October 2024.

As CEO, he led major operations across South Africa, the UK, Australia and other international markets.
His leadership portfolio included transformation, risk management, financial performance, strategy and international expansion.
His career reflects more than four decades of senior business, financial and corporate leadership experience.

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FINALISTS
BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR





Yasmin Essop is a finance executive, entrepreneur and owner of Toptots Westville, passionate about developing people and creating opportunities for growth.

She is Chief Financial Officer and Board Director of Tropic Plastic & Packaging, one of Southern Africa's leading flexible packaging manufacturers, where she contributes to financial strategy, governance and sustainable growth.

Her Toptots journey began as a new mother attending classes with her infant son and experiencing first-hand the programme's impact on children and parents. Years later, she acquired Toptots Westville with no registered children and built the business from the ground up. From initially managing and teaching the classes herself, she has grown the business across multiple venues with an expanding teaching team. Yasmin remains personally involved and passionate about creating meaningful early-learning experiences and supportive parent communities.

Her vision is to extend Toptots' reach while supporting educators and collaborating with fellow franchise owners to strengthen the wider network. Across corporate leadership and entrepreneurship, she believes in investing in people, creating opportunities and building businesses that make a meaningful impact.





Bint Nur Ebrahim Executive Director, Oasis Group Holdings Bint Nur Ebrahim is an Executive Director of Oasis Group Holdings and serves as a director across several Group entities in South Africa and the United Kingdom.

Her multidisciplinary leadership spans investments, wealth management and advisory, property, marketing and brand, technology, people development and social-impact initiatives. Bint Nur pioneered Oasis' digital transformation and social media presence and has subsequently led the evolution of the Group's brand as Director of Marketing and Brand. Bint Nur holds a Bachelor of Business Science in Finance and Accounting and a Master's in Financial Management from the University of Cape Town, with her research focused on Islamic finance. A mother of two, she believes in creating opportunities for people to realise their potential and in building a positive, enduring impact across generations.





Mariam Galant-Diedericks

Co-Founder & CEO, Coalition Energy Projects

| Finalist: Minara Businesswoman of the Year

Mariam Galant-Diedericks is a strategic builder whose career has kept pace with South Africa's changing infrastructure needs. In 2003 she co-founded Coalition Energy Projects as an ICT infrastructure business, then expanded it into construction and electrical contracting.

She saw early where the market was heading and led a decisive move into renewable energy, putting the company at the forefront of the energy transition. Today, Coalition delivers solar PV, electrical infrastructure, and operations and maintenance for commercial, industrial, corporate and public sector clients. Because she anticipates change and reinvents the business, Coalition has stayed relevant, resilient and growing for more than two decades.

Her focus on innovation earned national recognition in the 2024 Standard Bank Supplier Development Programme, where Coalition won awards for Innovation and for Environmental & Social Impact. Mariam treats empowerment as a business strategy and puts women, young people and local talent at the centre of South Africa's growing green economy. As Director of the SLG Foundation, she takes that mission further through economic and social development programmes for young people and women. Looking ahead, she is building the next generation of leadership and working towards a clean, inclusive energy economy powered by South African expertise.

FINALISTS PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR





Professor Yahya Choonara

"Prof Yahya Choonara is the first pharmacist in South Africa to achieve a National Research Foundation (NRF) A-rating (2026), placing him in the top 1% of researchers and elevating South Africa's global standing in pharmaceutical innovation. As Director of the Wits Advanced Drug Delivery Platform (WADDP) and NRF SARChI Chair, he holds Africa's largest pharmaceutical patent portfolio with 51 patents (38 internationally granted) and 454+ publications.

He pioneered first-in-the-world drug delivery and nanomedicine technologies, translating lab science into commercial, patient-centric solutions for cancers, infectious diseases and neurotherapeutics. As an elected Fellow of the Controlled Release Society, USA (2026) and recipient of global FIP awards, he positions South African IP as exportable and investable. Central to his impact is mentorship: Over two decades he has trained 143+ postgraduates and postdocs from 9 countries, with many now employed as pharmaceutical scientists and researchers within WADDP and other pharmaceutical research and innovation institutions globally.

This model intentionally builds careers for pharmaceutical scientists who co-invent and lead, creating a sustainable pipeline of future industry leaders. His leadership thus converts academic excellence into human capital, enterprise creation and community upliftment."





Dr Zakia Salod is a Health Data Scientist at the Provincial Health Data Centre, Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness, working on one of Africa's largest linked health data platforms. She holds four degrees from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) spanning computer science, information systems, medical informatics and public health, culminating in a PhD in artificial intelligence (AI)-driven reverse vaccinology, a sub-branch of bioinformatics with public health potential, through which she created Africa's first reverse vaccinology tool.

Her decade-long career has moved from industry to academia to government, including software development on the Momentum medical aid platform, AI research at UKZN and CAPRISA, and lecturing AI at Varsity College. A previous Minara Professional Achiever of the Year (2019), Mail & Guardian Power of Women in STEMI honouree (2024), and one of Inside Education's Top 100 Shining Stars in Science and Technology (2024), she is also a collage artist and a philanthropist. Inspired by the verse that whoever saves one life, it is as if they have saved all of mankind (Surah Al-Ma'idah, 5:32), she strives to contribute towards helping save patients' lives globally for the pleasure of Allah.

Following in the footsteps of her lifelong role model, our beloved Prophet Muhammad (Sal Allahu Alaihi Wasallam), she seeks to benefit humanity, with her life devoted to Allah (Surah Al-An'am, 6:162).

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FINALISTS
YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR





Muhammad Yusuf Goga is the Founder of Little Dinos Softplay, a growing toddler softplay and jumping castle business dedicated to creating joyful experiences for young children.

With a passion for family entertainment and entrepreneurship, Muhammad transformed his vision into a business that brings fun, creativity and memorable moments to children and families. Little Dinos Softplay provides safe, engaging and colourful play experiences designed especially for toddlers and young children.

Through his commitment to quality service and customer satisfaction, Muhammad continues to build a brand that families can trust and enjoy. His entrepreneurial journey reflects determination, innovation and a genuine passion for making a positive difference in the community.

Muhammad believes that every child deserves a space where they can play, explore, laugh and create lasting memories. As Founder, he continues to pursue new opportunities to grow Little Dinos Softplay and expand its reach.

He is honoured to be recognised at the Business Recognition Awards and looks forward to an exciting future of growth, service and impact.





Muhammad Paruk CA (SA) is a Chartered Accountant by profession, having completed his degree and Honours at the University of Cape Town (UCT). He completed his articles at PwC Johannesburg, where he gained extensive experience across a number of JSE Top 40 companies. He subsequently moved to PwC Australia through a two-year global mobility programme, gaining further exposure to ASX 200 companies.

Muhammad returned to South Africa and Durban in 2024, where he co-founded Wealthvest Investment Management, an asset manager with offices in Cape Town and Durban and approximately R600 million in assets under management. Wealthvest focuses primarily on listed equities and manages local, global and Shariah-compliant investment portfolios for clients. Beyond his professional career, Muhammad is actively involved in various community, youth and charitable initiatives. He also has a passion for running and has completed several marathons.

At the age of 30, Muhammad is honoured to be nominated for the Minara Young Achiever of the Year Award and looks forward to continuing to contribute to society and support meaningful initiatives in the years ahead, Insha Allah.





Waheed Amanjee is an emerging clinician-scientist-entrepreneur and co-founder of WiZmed, a medical equipment startup launched in his first year of university with zero seed capital.

Initially funded through student crowdfunding and run from a bedroom, WiZmed has grown into South Africa's largest online distributor of stethoscopes. He is completing his final year of the MBChB at the University of Cape Town alongside an MSc in Neurogenomics, after completing an intercalated BMedSci (Hons) in Bioinformatics.

Waheed is a Mandela Rhodes Scholar and recognised among the Mail & Guardian's Top 200 Young South Africans. As Chief Operating Officer of the African Research Society, he has helped develop platforms that hosted five Nobel Laureates, secured over R600,000 in grants and engaged more than 2,000 students in research and scientific training.

As he approaches qualification as a medical doctor, his work brings together entrepreneurship, medicine, genomics and to build African-led businesses, technologies and institutions with global reach.

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FINALISTS COMMUNITY BUILDER OF THE YEAR





Yusuf Abramjee is an award-winning South African journalist, broadcaster, activist and community leader with over three decades of experience.He is a respected voice on crime, policing, organised crime, corruption, illicit trade and community safety.

Abramjee has served as Station Manager of 702 and Group Head of News and Talk Programming at Primedia Broadcasting. He is best known as the former presenter of Crime Watch on eNCA and e.tv, which he hosted for eight years.

He is the founder of Crime Line and Tax Justice South Africa, and has led campaigns against illicit trade and organised crime. He also played a key role in developing Lead SA, promoting active citizenship and community involvement. His contribution to journalism and public service has earned numerous honours, including the Order of the Baobab in Silver

In 2026, he was recognised as Community Leader of the Year at the Future of Leadership Awards and NPC/UNISA TV Journalist of the Year.

His community work includes leading a major COVID-19 vaccination site, the Save Water campaign, humanitarian fundraising and disaster-relief initiatives.

Abramjee continues to champion public-interest journalism, accountability, safer communities and positive social change.





Haseena Azmuth – Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister. A human who goes above and beyond to bring people together. Founder of Women Without Limits & RunXtreme AC – turning compassion into action, humanitarian trailblazer.

Events Director at Laudium Parkrun, Deputy Chairperson Laudium Care Services for the Aged, Deputy Chair Pretoria Women United & Laudium Women's Network Anti-GBV Committee – leading with love and compassion. She restores dignity through food, education & outreach for women, children, families & our beloved elderly.

Pretoria to Welbedacht KZN road trip – empowering young girls on menstrual health & self-worth. From Laudium to Gaza – Marching for justice & raising hope for genocide victims in Egypt.

Runner, mountaineer, cyclist and motivator – giving wings to development runners from informal settlements. She believes change starts when we see a need and stand together with courage, community & heart.





Sheikh Bilal Ismail is a Durban-born scholar who memorised the Qur'aan at school and later earned a bachelor's degree in Islamic law from the Islamic University of Madinah. He's taught over 100 courses in more than 20 cities with Deenclass and the AlKauthar Institute.

In 2014 he founded the Imam Development Program (IDP). What began with just four imams in Durban has become a program that supports over 900+ Imams across 18 African countries. The IDP equips Imams with everything they need to become better leaders who uplift the communities they serve. Sheikh Bilal Ismail is the program's CEO and continue to work in the field alongside his team.

LIFETIME ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

Late Ebrahim Carrim

Entrepreneur • Community Builder • Philanthropist • Advocate for Education

Born March 1940 • Passed Away 1 December 2010

The life of **Ebrahim Carrim** was defined by humble beginnings, extraordinary perseverance, entrepreneurial vision and a lifelong commitment to serving others.

Born in March 1940, Ebrahim entered the world under difficult circumstances. His father passed away just three weeks before his birth, leaving his widowed mother to raise her family. At only **12 years of age**, Ebrahim left school and began working, assuming responsibilities far beyond his years while helping to support his mother and elderly sister.

From Labourer to Entrepreneur

Ebrahim worked as a labourer in various farm shops and supermarkets, undertaking whatever work was available to support his family.

While working in rural farm shops, he recognised that local residents struggled to obtain certain goods. Whenever he found transport into the city, he purchased items on their behalf, including paint, building materials and other necessities. Without a vehicle, he carried these goods considerable distances while seeking a lift back.

This early initiative revealed the qualities that would define his business life: **recognising a need, finding a solution, working tirelessly and earning trust.**

The Beginning of a Business Legacy

In 1963, Ebrahim met the woman who would become his wife, and they married in 1964.

Around this time, he had the opportunity to take over a small shop in **Marabastad, Pretoria**. Despite having very limited financial resources and only a few pounds in savings, he pursued the opportunity. He had little capital and limited formal education, but he possessed a reputation for honesty, an exceptional work ethic and the trust of his community.

As the business developed and he acquired a truck, Ebrahim personally delivered goods to customers, often working late into the night. For him, a sale was not complete until the customer had received what had been promised.

These principles of **integrity, reliability, hard work and personal service** became the foundation of the Carrim family business.

The small shop grew into the **K. Carrim Group**, which remains in existence today. From its modest beginnings, the Group developed into a diversified enterprise with building material stores, property development companies and a substantial commercial and residential property portfolio.

This enduring business reflects Ebrahim's entrepreneurial vision, responsible stewardship, long-term thinking and commitment to serving customers and communities.

Creating Opportunities for Others

Ebrahim's limited access to education shaped his commitment to helping others obtain opportunities that had not been available to him.

The boy who left school at 12 would spend much of his adult life helping others receive an education.

He served numerous organisations as a **founder, co-founder, trustee and board member**, contributing not only financial support but also his time, experience, judgement and leadership. Among the institutions and initiatives with which he was associated were **Darul Uloom Pretoria** and the **Pretoria Muslim Trust**, together with other educational, religious and community organisations.

His contribution also extended to establishing and supporting **prayer facilities and mosques in communities nationally and internationally**.

Ebrahim believed that meaningful upliftment should help people build the means to improve their own circumstances. His philosophy was captured in the principle of **giving a person a fishing rod rather than simply giving them a fish**. Education, skills, opportunity and dignity were central to this approach.

A Lasting Legacy

Ebrahim Carrim passed away on **1 December 2010**. The extraordinary size of his funeral reflected the breadth of his relationships and the many lives he had touched as a businessman, community leader, philanthropist, mentor, friend and benefactor.

His legacy cannot be measured solely by the businesses he established. It is also found in the institutions he supported, the educational opportunities he helped create, the places of worship to which he contributed and the values he passed on to future generations.

The continued existence and growth of the **K. Carrim Group**, with its building material stores, property development companies and extensive property portfolio, stands as a lasting testament to the foundation he laid.

Yet his most enduring legacy lives in the people he helped and the opportunities he created. His journey from a fatherless child who

left school at 12 to a respected entrepreneur, community leader and philanthropist demonstrates what can be achieved through determination, integrity and faith.

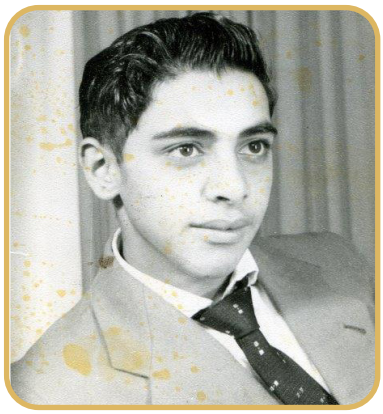
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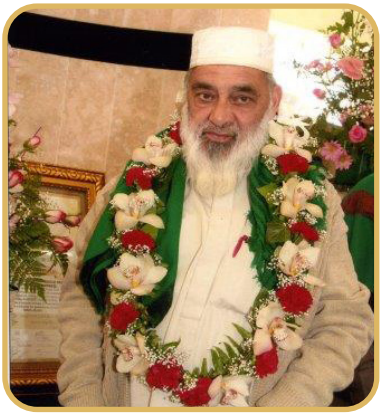
Work hard. Deal honestly. Serve people. Create opportunities. And leave the community stronger than you found it.

It is for this combination of **entrepreneurship, integrity, community leadership, educational upliftment and business leadership** that the legacy of **Ebrahim Carrim** continues to be remembered and honoured.

Although Ebrahim Carrim passed away on 1 December 2010, his legacy continues through his family, the businesses he founded, the institutions he supported, the communities he served and the many lives he touched .



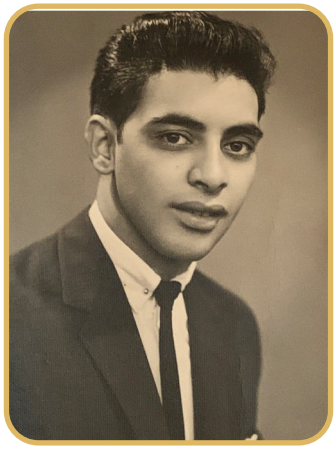














TROPIC
PLASTIC & PACKAGING

CEO AWARDED
KZN TOP BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR 2026



Print Excellence.
It's in our DNA.

Tropic Plastic & Packaging has been providing customers with the best in packaging solutions for over 50 years.

Our core business is manufacturing polyethylene films and their derivatives, printing and converting flexible packaging in its various forms and lamination. Today, Tropic Plastic & Packaging has grown to be one of the most modern and well-equipped plastic packaging converters in Southern Africa.

Tropic Plastic & Packaging is home to the largest flexible printing, extrusion and wicket capacity under one roof in South Africa.

Tropic Plastic & Packaging is committed to offering its blue chip customers the highest quality packaging and service, underpinned by the **FSSC 22000** Food Safety Management System.



PREMIUM QUALITY
Advanced technology and strict quality standards ensure superior packaging you can trust.

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS
We continuously innovate to deliver custom packaging solutions that meet your unique needs.

SUSTAINABLE FOCUS
Committed to sustainability through responsible practices and eco-friendly packaging options.

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PLASTIC FILM ROLLS


PRINTED SHRINK FILM


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1000+
PROUD EMPLOYEES
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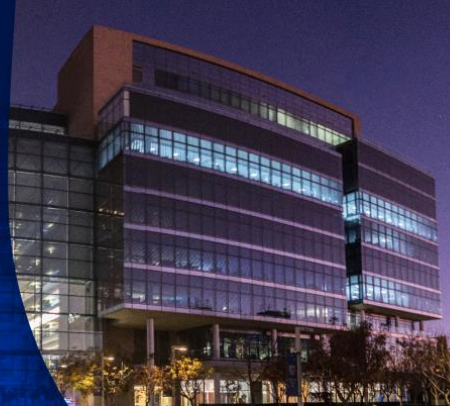


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FROM PARTNERSHIP TO PROGRESS: STANDARD BANK AND MINARA AMPLIFY BUSINESS GROWTH

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Sustainable business growth is about more than access to finance. It starts with understanding entrepreneurs, the communities in which they operate and the opportunities and challenges that shape their ambitions.

That principle has increasingly defined Standard Bank's relationship with the Minara Chamber of Commerce.

Over 13 years, the relationship has evolved from a financial partnership into a broader platform for engaging with South Africa's Muslim business community — connecting entrepreneurs, recognising achievement, sharing knowledge and better understanding what businesses need to grow. In 2026, Standard Bank continues this relationship as Diamond Partner of the Minara Business Recognition Awards.

"Our partnership with Minara is built on listening, understanding and creating opportunity. By combining relevant financial solutions with access to networks, knowledge and connections, we can help entrepreneurs turn ambition into sustainable growth," says Fikile Msiza, Regional Head Business Banking: KwaZulu-Natal, Standard Bank Group

Building relevance through engagement

The Minara Chamber of Commerce provides a platform through which entrepreneurs, professionals and business leaders can connect, collaborate and contribute to economic growth.

The Minara Business Recognition Awards are an important part of that relationship, recognising entrepreneurs, businesses and community leaders for achievement, innovation and leadership. Standard Bank's involvement has, however, increasingly extended beyond the awards to initiatives such as Women's Day events and other business engagements.

These platforms create opportunities to engage directly with entrepreneurs, celebrate their achievements and gain a deeper understanding of their needs.

The growth of the relationship has therefore been less about a single client journey and more about strengthening Standard Bank's presence and relevance within the community.

Through ongoing engagement with Minara, the bank has been able to deepen its understanding of the entrepreneurs it serves, broaden its conversations with businesses and continue evolving its Business Banking offering around their needs.

What began as a financial relationship has developed into a broader platform for engagement, education and collaboration — enabling Standard Bank to support businesses not only through their banking requirements, but through the wider ecosystem in which they operate.

From understanding to relevant solutions

Businesses do not all operate in the same way, and their financial needs are equally diverse.

For many Muslim entrepreneurs, how a financial solution is structured is an important consideration. Banking therefore needs to respond not only to commercial requirements, but also to the principles according to which customers choose to conduct their businesses.

Standard Bank has continued to develop Shari'ah-compliant business solutions across areas including transactional banking, working capital, savings and investments, commercial property and asset finance, fleet management and foreign exchange risk management.

The significance goes beyond individual products. It reflects a broader approach: listening to customers, understanding how they want to do business and developing solutions that are relevant to their needs.

Long-term relationships with organisations such as Minara help strengthen that understanding and allow the bank to continue evolving alongside the businesses and communities it serves.

Creating more pathways to growth

Access to finance remains critical, but entrepreneurs increasingly need more than capital.

They need access to markets, knowledge, networks, customers and trusted partners. They need opportunities to learn, collaborate and build relationships that can unlock their next stage of growth. This creates significant scope to deepen the Standard Bank-Minara relationship through more platforms for business education, networking, access to finance and collaboration.

There is also an opportunity to continue developing and enhancing solutions that respond to the needs of Muslim entrepreneurs, including Shari'ah-compliant financial solutions.

For Standard Bank, the opportunity is to keep listening to the community and use its financial capabilities, expertise and networks to help businesses pursue growth.

For Minara and its members, it creates access to a wider ecosystem of support, partnerships and connections that can contribute to sustainable business growth.

Amplifying growth together

The evolution of the Standard Bank-Minara relationship demonstrates the value of partnerships that extend beyond sponsorship.

Recognition remains important, but much of the value is created through the conversations, connections, education and collaboration that happen around it.

For Standard Bank, Amplifying Growth means helping businesses move from ambition to opportunity by combining finance with relevance, expertise and connection. That is why partnerships such as Minara matter. They bring the bank closer to the communities it serves, help shape more relevant solutions and create opportunities for entrepreneurs to connect with the support they need to grow.

Because real growth does not begin with a transaction. It begins with understanding an ambition and helping connect it to opportunity.

That is where real growth begins.

ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT

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Connecting Entrepreneurs, Markets and Opportunities across the Islamic World and beyond

Economic potential is everywhere. The real challenge lies in connecting it.

Across OIC markets, entrepreneurs are building enterprises, investors are seeking new frontiers, and economies are developing new areas of growth. Transforming these possibilities into shared economic value requires robust integration between businesses, markets and the visionaries who drive them.

This is where entrepreneurship becomes particularly significant. Entrepreneurs do not simply respond to economic shifts; they help shape them. However, potential cannot travel on ambition alone; it requires access to capital, knowledge and trusted networks.

For five decades, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD) has worked to build these connections, serving as the voice of the Muslim private sector and uniting Chambers of Commerce, business federations and professional associations globally. This unity is our greatest strategic asset; it provides a foundation for business communities to exchange knowledge, build relationships and pursue opportunities across borders.

Today, this role extends beyond representation to building an enabling business ecosystem. Through international investment forums and high-impact platforms, ICCD brings investors, entrepreneurs, business leaders and institutions closer to emerging opportunities across markets and sectors. Platforms like the Invest in Digital Economy Forum, Sustainable Tourism Forum, London Halal Forum and Makkah Halal Forum create spaces for meaningful business engagement.

Entrepreneurship is a particularly significant part of this work. Through the Best of Entrepreneurship (BOE) Series, ICCD creates platforms that connect entrepreneurs with business leaders, industry experts and wider international opportunities. Since its launch with BOE Pakistan in 2021, the Series has scaled to the regional stage with BOE Asia and expanded into Egypt and Africa, reflecting a broader ambition to take entrepreneurial potential beyond local markets and connect it with new networks, knowledge and opportunities.

The importance of this approach is particularly evident in Africa. More than 60% of the continent's population is under the age of 25, while more than one in five working-age Africans is actively building a new business. The investment landscape is responding as well: in 2025 alone, African ventures secured 3.9 billion USD across 506 transactions. This momentum highlights the need to connect this energy with wider markets and capital.This is where BOE Africa, launching in November 2026, can play a pivotal role. By bringing entrepreneurs and business stakeholders into closer engagement with the wider OIC business community, the platform can create pathways for businesses to exchange ideas, identify partners and explore opportunities for trade and investment.

Yet meaningful connectivity cannot depend on events alone. Businesses also need an enabling environment that allows them to operate, expand and engage across borders with greater confidence.

This is why ICCD's mandate extends to initiatives and projects that strengthen the wider business ecosystem. ICCD's Digital Transformation Program, Green Waqf initiative, Arbitration Centre, Accreditation Program, and Business Connect platform collectively address this, strengthening institutional capacity, sustainability, and cross-border dispute resolution to ensure businesses can scale with confidence.

To make these connections more sustained and strategic, we have launched the B57+ Business Leaders Network and its flagship B57+ Business Leaders' Summit. This permanent platform bridges policymakers and the private sector, transforming high-level dialogue into actionable frameworks for policy harmonization and cross-border investment across the Islamic world and beyond.

The value of this approach can also be seen through ICCD's engagement with the Minara Chamber of Commerce. The "Country Focus: South Africa" webinar, held in 2025, brought together high-level government and business representatives from more than 25 countries to explore South Africa's economic potential.

South Africa's strategic position within the African economy gives these connections particular importance. Stronger links with OIC markets and the wider Global South can create new opportunities for trade, investment, knowledge exchange and long-term business partnerships.

The opportunity before OIC markets is not simply to create more businesses, but to connect the potential that already exists.

As ICCD approaches its Golden Jubilee, the direction for its next chapter is clear: to connect potential with opportunity, strengthen the bridges between business communities and transform entrepreneurial ambition into sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

The opportunity is already here. What matters now is creating the connections that can turn potential into lasting economic value.

From where I stand, I see a business community full of ambition, talent and resilience, ready not only to participate in the global economy, but to help shape its next chapter.

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PRINCIPLE OVER PRESSURE: WHY INDEPENDENCE MATTERS IN HALAAL CERTIFICATIONER

There are moments in history when institutions are tested, not by technical challenges, but by public expectation.

The ongoing conflict and genocide in the Middle East have evoked profound grief and concern across the world. Muslims, in particular, have watched the unfolding humanitarian tragedy with anguish, compassion and an earnest desire to stand in solidarity with those who are suffering immeasurable and unimaginable horror. Calls for boycotts and other forms of economic activism have naturally become part of that response.

Against this backdrop, questions have occasionally been raised as to why SANHA does not alter its certification decisions in response to this and other catastrophic geopolitical events. **The answer lies not in indifference, but in principle.**

The purpose of Halaal certification is clear and specific: to determine whether products, manufacturing processes and management systems comply with established Halaal requirements. It is a technical and religious assessment governed by defined standards that are applied consistently to every applicant, irrespective of nationality, ownership, gender, race, religion or political affiliation. These are not merely administrative procedures. They are the very safeguards that give Halaal certification its credibility.

Imagine a judge who changed legal decisions according to public sentiment, or an auditor who issued reports based on political developments rather than objective evidence. Confidence in those professions would quickly disappear. Their value lies precisely in their independence and impartiality.

The same applies to Halaal certification.

A certification body cannot modify its standards according to current events, however compelling they may be or fuelled by gaslighting and guilt tripping. If compliance today is determined by political considerations rather than objective criteria, tomorrow the same standards could be influenced by commercial interests, public campaigns or ideological pressure. Once consistency is compromised, confidence in the certification system begins to erode.

This principle has guided SANHA since its establishment more than thirty years ago.

Throughout that period, thousands of businesses, from family-owned enterprises to multinational manufacturers, have entrusted SANHA with the responsibility of independently assessing their Halaal compliance. That confidence has not been built on expediency or popularity. It has been earned through the consistent application of internationally recognised standards, professional integrity and impartiality.

It is equally important to distinguish between personal conviction and institutional responsibility. Compassion for those affected by war, injustice and human suffering is a deeply rooted Islamic value. It is indeed expected for individuals to express that compassion in many lawful and constructive ways. However, the responsibility entrusted to a Halaal certification body is fundamentally different. Its mandate is to protect the integrity of Halaal certification through objective, evidence-based assessment. That mandate cannot fluctuate with changing political circumstances.

Far from weakening ethical responsibility, this disciplined approach strengthens public trust. Every certified company is entitled to know that certification is granted or maintained solely on the basis of Halaal compliance. Every consumer is entitled to know that the Halaal mark represents consistent standards rather than changing external influences.

The principles that govern credible certification are often tested during difficult times. Independence is meaningful only when it withstands pressure. Impartiality has value only when it is applied consistently. Integrity is demonstrated not by doing what is easy, but by remaining faithful to established principles when doing so may be unpopular.

For more than three decades, SANHA has remained committed to these values. They have enabled us to build enduring confidence among consumers, industry and international stakeholders alike. While global events will continue to change, the principles upon which credible Halaal certification is founded must remain steadfast. Trust, once earned, is preserved not by yielding to pressure, but by remaining true to principle.

The true measure of impartiality is not how it behaves when everyone agrees, but how steadfastly it endures when everyone demands an exception.

The 5 Pillars of Credible Certification

- **Impartiality** – Every applicant is assessed against the same Halaal standard.
- **Independence** – Certification decisions are free from political and commercial influence.
- **Consistency** – Standards do not change with current events.
- **Transparency** – Decisions are evidence-based and auditable.
- **Integrity** – Trust is earned through principled, consistent conduct.

The history of credible certification is the history of unwavering adherence to consistent standards.

The Family Business has already struck it's Iceberg

Most owner-managed businesses do not collapse in a single moment. They sink slowly, often long after the first warning sign was dismissed. Those that endure are the ones willing to admit, early enough, that the water is already below deck.

By Ahmed Seedat, Governance Strategist & Forensic Analyst, Vector Consulting

Passengers aboard the Titanic did not rush for the lifeboats when the ship struck the iceberg.

For nearly two hours, many trusted the Titanic's reputation over the warning signs. Lifeboats left half-empty because they believed there was still time to act.

Then came the final thirty minutes. Panic replaced confidence. People searched for lifeboats that no longer existed. There was nowhere to hide.

The tragedy was not simply that the Titanic struck an iceberg. It was that so few recognised the significance of the collision while there was still time to act.

In family and owner-managed businesses, failure rarely happens suddenly. It begins years earlier and is often noticed only when a sibling sues or a successor walks out.

After two decades in governance, I have rarely seen a family business fail without warning. More often, the real impact occurred years earlier and was only acknowledged when a sibling sued, a successor walked away, or the trust finally gave way under the weight of unresolved decisions.

The business continued to trade. Meetings were held. Traditions were honoured. Familiar decisions were repeated. Yet beneath that appearance of continuity, complacency was doing its quiet damage.

Where the Water Actually Gets In

These businesses seldom fail because of one dramatic mistake. They fail because small choices are repeated until they harden into patterns, and those patterns eventually become crisis.

- A successor is promoted by birth order, not by readiness.
- Disagreements are managed by avoidance rather than resolution.
- Roles blur between "family members," so accountability becomes negotiable.
- Compensation is set emotionally rather than commercially.
- Policies exist in memory, not in writing, so they change depending on who is asking.

Each may look manageable in isolation. Together, they are the equivalent of a hull breach: largely invisible from the deck and often discovered only as the crisis unfolds.

The Frog Who Had Already Seen Everything

The frog in the well rejected the ocean because it exceeded his experience. Many founders, understandably, do the same. “We have always done it this way.” “Our children will take over.” “We do not need outside directors.” These beliefs may feel protective, even loyal, until markets shift, successors choose differently, or conflict replaces trust.

Governance does not reject tradition. It protects it. Succession planning does not weaken the founder. It honours the founder's life's work.

The ocean frog does not reject the well; he simply sees beyond it. In the same way, governance need not diminish family identity. When done well, it protects tradition, preserves the founder's work, and brings an independent perspective to the blind spots that every family, however capable, inevitably carries.

What Endurance Actually Requires

Enduring family businesses understand that legacy is not inherited automatically. It must be deliberately governed before a crisis forces the conversation.
That requires four essentials:

- A family constitution to resolve disputes.
- A board with independent voices.
- Written rules on roles, pay, and family entry.
- Accountability for family and non-family employees alike.

Without these disciplines, even strong businesses can lose decades of value in a single contested succession.

The Real Risk Isn't the Economy

“Markets evolve. Customers evolve. Technology evolves. Leadership mechanisms must evolve with them, or the market will eventually impose the change the family refused to make voluntarily.”

Governance is not bureaucracy. It is a survival strategy. Succession, accountability, and difficult conversations must begin while leadership is still respected, relationships are still intact, and choices can still be made without panic.

The Lesson

The Titanic became a tragedy not simply because it struck an iceberg, but because too many people believed there was still time to act.

The Question for Family Businesses

Every family business will, at some point, meet its iceberg. The question is whether it will be recognised early enough to respond to, preferably with independent eyes in the room and the courage to name what others avoid.

The choice is clear: remain the frog in the well, protected by familiar assumptions, or become the frog of the ocean, willing to challenge what is comfortable, formalise what has been informal, and protect the business for generations not yet in the room.

The Call to Act

The future belongs to families that see beyond the walls of the well before the water reaches the top.



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WHEN THE STORM MOVES CLOSER

Why Insurance Can No Longer Be an Afterthought

Preparedness in uncertain times

If you grew up in a South African household, you probably heard phrases like: "We'll deal with it when the time comes" or "Nothing will happen to us." For many families and businesses, insurance often lived in that category being important, but postponed.

Something for tomorrow

Wars that once seemed geographically distant now influence what South Africans pay for fuel, food, imported goods and transport. Global conflicts disrupt supply chains. Shipping routes become expensive. Exchange rates fluctuate. Electricity infrastructure remains under pressure. Climate events increase in severity.

In this environment, the question is no longer whether you can afford insurance. The question is whether you can afford not to have it. A conflict thousands of kilometres away now affects the price of bread in Durban, vehicle parts in Johannesburg, and building materials in Cape Town.

When shipping costs rise, repair costs rise. When inflation rises, replacement costs rise. When replacement costs rise, underinsurance becomes dangerous.

A burst geyser, stolen vehicle, business interruption event or warehouse fire that may have been manageable five years ago can now create financial devastation because the cost to replace assets has accelerated faster than many households and businesses realise. Many people still insure based on what something cost yesterday, while claims are settled at what it costs today. That gap is becoming expensive.

Why families and businesses are feeling exposed

Families are making difficult decisions daily. School fees compete with groceries. Bond repayments compete with fuel costs. Businesses face increasing operating costs, shrinking margins and uncertain demand. When finances tighten, insurance is often one of the first expenses questioned. Ironically, this is usually when protection matters most. A small retailer operating on thin margins may survive slower sales but struggle to survive a burglary.

A family may manage rising food prices but not absorb the sudden loss of a vehicle or household contents after a fire. Risk does not become smaller during difficult times. Exposure often becomes greater.

The Takaful perspective: protection through collective responsibility

Within Islamic principles, wealth preservation is not simply encouraged; it is part of responsible stewardship. The concept of Takaful offers an important lens through which protection should be viewed.

Unlike conventional thinking that sometimes views insurance only as an expense, Takaful emphasises mutual assistance, shared responsibility and community protection. Participants contribute toward helping one another during times of hardship. It shifts the mindset from individual protection to collective resilience.

Islamic teachings encourage preparedness while placing trust in Allah. There is a well-known principle: tie your camel, then place your trust in God. Preparation and faith are not opposites. They work together. In a world of increasing uncertainty, structured protection aligns closely with the objectives of preserving wealth, protecting families and ensuring business continuity.

A simple reality check

Ask yourself;

If your vehicle had to be replaced tomorrow, could you absorb the cost?

If your business closed for three months after a major event, what happens to salaries and expenses?
Have rising prices made your current sums insured outdated?
Does your protection reflect today's reality or yesterday's prices?
Many people conduct annual financial reviews. Few conduct annual risk reviews.

The bottom line

Global instability has changed the rules. The world is more connected, more volatile and more expensive than before. Preparedness is no longer a luxury for large corporates or wealthy households. It is a necessity.

Insurance, and particularly Takaful-based protection should not be viewed only as a policy document sitting in a drawer. It is financial resilience. Because when uncertainty arrives, the difference between recovery and crisis is often determined long before the event itself.

The storm may be global. But the consequences are always personal.



THE NEW RACE FOR INTELLIGENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND POWER

Nazareen Ebrahim

First there was AI. Then there were agents. Then came agentic AI. Somewhere ahead sits AGI — artificial general intelligence — and beyond it, depending on whom you believe, something even more powerful.

But beneath this rapidly changing terminology, a much bigger transformation is taking place. Intelligence itself is becoming an instrument of national power.

As we move towards 2027 and beyond, the race will no longer simply be about which technology company has the smartest model. It will increasingly be about who controls the infrastructure beneath it: the chips, compute, energy, data centres, cloud environments, datasets, models, agents, robotics, talent and standards that constitute the AI value chain.

Countries have noticed.

The Center for a New American Security tracked just one government-backed sovereign AI project in January 2023. By mid-2026, its Sovereign AI Index counted 184 projects spanning 67 countries. Infrastructure projects — including data centres, supercomputers and access to compute — dominate these investments. Sovereign AI is no longer merely a technology ambition. It is becoming an economic, strategic and geopolitical one.

For Africa, this raises uncomfortable but necessary questions.

Who owns our data? Where is it stored? Whose infrastructure processes it? Whose models are trained on it? Who ultimately derives the economic value?

Burkina Faso offers an interesting case study. In January 2026, the country inaugurated two government data centres as part of an explicit strategy of "zero data outside", aimed at keeping national government data within its own borders. Its government describes this as part of a broader pursuit of digital sovereignty.

The scale may be different, but the underlying concern is increasingly global: technological dependence can become strategic dependence.

The same anxiety looks very different in Washington.

In September 2026, US President Donald Trump announced plans for a new AI adviser and an "AI force". Days later, his administration began formally using the term "Super Intelligence" in connection with its new America.gov digital government platform. The language may be unusual, but the signalling is unmistakable. AI capability is increasingly being framed not only as commercial innovation, but as national capacity and power.

Meanwhile, China, India, the Gulf states, Europe and others are building their own infrastructure, models and ecosystems.

This is becoming the race of all races.

And then come the agents.

Generative AI largely taught us to ask machines for answers. Agentic AI represents the transition towards allowing machines to take actions.

An AI agent might research, book, buy, negotiate, analyse, monitor systems, write software or coordinate workflows with decreasing levels of human intervention. Some will remain invisible, operating entirely in the cloud. Others will acquire physical form through robotics.

The agent could increasingly become a new unit of labour — sometimes software, sometimes embodied in a machine.

That shift matters because the debate is no longer simply about what AI knows. It becomes about what AI is authorised to do, on whose behalf, within which boundaries and under whose accountability.

Perhaps this is why our present moment feels larger than another technological revolution.

Fire extended human energy. The wheel extended mobility. Industrial machinery extended physical strength. Computers extended calculation. Networks extended communication.

Artificial intelligence attempts to extend — and increasingly automate — cognition and agency themselves.

Human ingenuity has reached the extraordinary point at which we are attempting to manufacture intelligence outside ourselves.

That does not make AGI inevitable, nor does it mean machines have

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somehow become human. But it does suggest that the next chapter of technological development will reach deeply into economics, politics, labour, sovereignty and our understanding of human capability.

AGI may or may not arrive in the form many people currently imagine. What is already clear is that humanity is building systems with growing levels of autonomy and influence. We will have to decide how much agency we hand over to those systems, how much control nations retain over their own digital infrastructure, and how the benefits of this new industrial age are shared.

At the same time, we should be wary of the increasingly apocalyptic language coming from some of the very people building these systems. Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei, for example, has estimated a 10 to 25 percent chance of catastrophic AI outcomes, potentially including the destruction of humanity. Warnings of serious risk deserve attention, but constant predictions of extinction can also elevate the perceived power, inevitability and importance of the companies developing the technology. Fear can become its own form of marketing.

The more useful signal is already in front of us. AI systems are becoming more capable, more autonomous and more embedded in the institutions that shape our lives. Managing that power responsibly cannot be left to the companies building it. AI governance has become one of the defining requirements of our time.

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PROTECTING YOUR PROFIT BEFORE A DISPUTE BEGINS

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Winning a new contract is a moment worth celebrating. It can mean more work for your team, a stronger order book and room to grow. Yet the profit you expect can disappear long before a court hears the dispute. An unpaid payment certificate or a rushed dismissal can turn a promising opportunity into months of expense and distraction.

For employers and contractors, protecting that profit starts with the decisions made while relationships are still good. Clear agreements and fair processes give a business something valuable when difficulties arise: options.

The opportunity ahead makes this especially relevant. National Treasury's 2026 Budget Review puts planned public infrastructure expenditure at approximately R1.07 trillion over the three years to 2028/29. For KwaZulu-Natal contractors and the businesses supplying them, that signals potential work. Turning opportunity into sustainable growth, however, requires careful attention to how projects are priced, administered and paid for.

Consider a contractor asked to undertake additional work to keep a project moving. Everyone understands that the instruction changes the scope. The team proceeds, expecting the paperwork to follow. Months later, the person who gave the instruction has left, the additional amount is disputed, and the contractor must prove both its entitlement and the value of the work.

The practical response begins on site. Review the actual agreement, including amendments: standard form contracts do not all impose the same obligations or notice periods. Identify who may issue instructions. Record changes promptly and follow the contract's requirements for variations, notices and claims. Preserve the programme, site records and correspondence needed to explain a delay. Depending on the contract, a missed notice deadline can jeopardise an otherwise valid claim. A conversation about a problem may not satisfy the agreed notice procedure.

Payment deserves the same discipline. Understand when payment becomes due, what must happen before certification and what remedies the contract provides. Keep track of disputed amounts and retention. Escalate missed payments while the facts are clear and the business still has room to manoeuvre. Before suspending work or terminating, check the grounds and required notices carefully; an incorrect step can create a separate claim against you.

These issues quickly reach beyond the project. Wages remain payable while a contractor waits for payment. Managers facing financial pressure may react hastily to workplace misconduct or underperformance. A cash flow problem can then become an employment dispute, adding management time and legal costs to an already difficult position.

South Africa's Code of Good Practice on Dismissal, effective from 4 September 2025, expressly recognises the practical constraints facing small businesses. The nature and size of the employer matter when assessing an appropriate process. Fairness remains essential: dismissal requires a fair reason and a fair procedure.

For an employer dealing with misconduct, this means establishing the facts, explaining the allegations and giving the employee a reasonable opportunity to respond before deciding the outcome. Consider whether dismissal is appropriate in the circumstances. Keep a clear record of the evidence and reasons for the decision. A process proportionate to your business can still be careful, respectful and defensible.

The lesson for owners is to equip the people making daily decisions. A supervisor should know when to seek advice before dismissing an employee. A project manager should know when a delay triggers a contractual notice. The person chasing invoices should know when repeated promises require escalation. Responsibility must be assigned, with deadlines visible and documents accessible.

Once a dispute develops, choose a response by reference to the commercial objective. Recovering money quickly, keeping a project moving or preserving a valuable relationship may call for different approaches. Assess the evidence, the likely cost and whether the other party can satisfy a judgment. Where the contract provides for adjudication, that process may offer a quicker determination of a construction dispute. Negotiation and mediation may also produce a workable outcome. Litigation remains necessary where rights require enforcement.

At Mirza and Associates Inc, our work in employment and construction disputes is guided by a practical question: what will this decision mean for the client's business? That requires understanding the operation behind the legal problem and giving clear advice while there is still time to act on it.

There is also a responsibility to the wider business community. Pay suppliers when payment is due, communicate honestly about difficulties and treat employees fairly. Written agreements help people understand their commitments and keep them. These habits strengthen the trust on which lasting commercial relationships depend.

As we celebrate business achievement, protecting what has been built deserves attention alongside the next opportunity. Start with the contract currently on your desk, the overdue account and the employment decision awaiting your approval. Deal with them while the facts are available and the choices remain yours. The profit preserved can fund the next appointment, the next project and the continued growth of your business.


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THE ROLE OF MENTORSHIP

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What is Mentorship?

As described by K. E. Kram in *Mentoring at Work: Developmental Relationships in Organizational Life* (1985), mentorship is a developmental relationship in which a more experienced or knowledgeable person (the mentor) guides, advises, and supports a less experienced person (the mentee) to foster their personal, professional, or academic growth.

In essence, someone who has travelled the path guides someone who is about to embark on it. But why is this relationship so vital, and what kind of long-term impact does it create?

The underlying intention of mentorship is to accelerate the learning curve by leveraging the wisdom and previous missteps of the mentor. In this way, the mentee can fast-track towards sustainable success. Beyond individual skill-building, having a mentor helps an individual navigate the complex terrain of the corporate world, including the subtle, specific nuances within a particular industry.

Every professional landscape operates with unwritten rules, unspoken expectations, and implicit codes of conduct that only become clear through experience. A dedicated mentor provides these critical insights, enabling mentees to find their footing, build resilience, and step forward with confidence.

The Multidimensional Evolution of Mentorship

Over time, mentorship has evolved from informal sponsorship into structured, goal-oriented frameworks. Modern corporate mentorship programmes establish clear timelines, measurable targets, and defined outcomes. For these initiatives to thrive, mentees must actively take ownership of their development—demonstrating how they apply advice, meeting established milestones, and tracking their progress against agreed benchmarks.

Mentorship typically manifests through three distinct avenues:

- Organic Progression: A relationship develops naturally out of mutual professional respect and shared affinity.
- Proactive Engagement: A mentee actively seeks out a leader whose career path and values align with their own aspirations.
- Institutional Programmes: An organisation establishes formal pairing initiatives to ensure the seamless transfer of operational knowledge, technical skills, core values, and corporate culture to new recruits.

Furthermore, traditional dynamic bounds are shifting. While classic mentorship involves a veteran guiding a novice, reverse mentorship is increasingly valuable. Today, senior leaders frequently seek guidance from younger mentees to stay ahead of emerging technological tools, digital platforms, and evolving cultural perspectives.

Essential Pillars of Effective Mentorship

Structure is the lifeblood of a successful mentoring relationship. Without defined goals and regular evaluations, meetings easily devolve into casual “coffee and chat” sessions that leave mentors feeling drained and mentees feeling frustrated.

1. Clear Goals over Casual Chat: High-value mentorships are deliberately built around explicit professional outcomes rather than unstructured catch-ups.
2. Active Listening over Direct Instruction: A great mentor asks guiding questions that prompt the mentee to discover their own solutions, rather than simply dictating answers.
3. Mutual Respect and Accountability: Lasting success depends on both parties honouring their commitments, staying receptive to candid feedback, and respecting time boundaries.

Personal Mentorship Experience

Early in my corporate career, the Country Manager at my firm instituted a “Buddy Programme”— intended as a lighter version of formal mentorship. However, because it lacked clear guidelines, the implementation was deeply flawed. Senior buddies felt burdened with administrative work, while junior buddies felt relegated to intern duties.

The absence of defined roles and expectations created widespread resentment; the initiative failed dismally and was never resurrected. Years later at a subsequent employer, new hires were paired during induction with “Silver Foxes”—veteran employees who embodied the company’s core

values and operational ethos. Unlike my earlier experience, expectations for both sides were clearly outlined. The mentors knew exactly how and when to intervene, and new hires felt empowered to reach out when guidance was needed. This clarity yielded immediate results: seamless skills transfer, deep cultural alignment, and strong professional clarity. In my personal capacity, I have intentionally cultivated relationships with several mentors—one specializing in my specific industry, another in an executive leadership role, and a third who guides my career strategy through her lived experiences. I am eternally grateful to these extraordinary women who give their time to share their insights, helping me navigate challenges without repeating unnecessary mistakes.

The impact of these relationships on my path has been profound. They have encouraged me to embrace risks I might have otherwise avoided, opened my eyes to broader perspectives, and helped shape the leader I am today.

Paying It Forward

Mentorship shapes professionals in ways that cannot always be quantified. If you have benefited from the guidance of a mentor, there is a responsibility to pay that investment forward by helping others along their journey. While every career path is unique, shared wisdom helps others navigate their own challenges.

Ultimately, effective mentorship requires knowing what you want to achieve, establishing clear measures for success, and committing to passing the torch to the next generation of leaders.



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