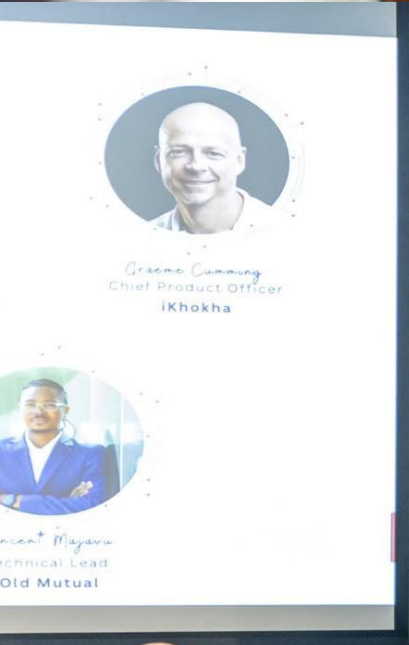


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"In March 2024, Vuyolwethu Dubese served as the Programme Director for the state dinner of the Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium of South Africa Gala Dinner attended by His Excellency Paul Mashatile, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa.

Present were also honourable ministers, diplomats and the international development infrastructure community from across the globe and various African countries including Seychelles, Zimbabwe, Equatorial Guinea, the Kingdom of Lesotho, Eswatini, Netherlands, United Kingdom and Liberia to mention a few, to not only acknowledge and celebrate the milestones achieved thus far to advance infrastructure development, but to deepen investment relationships and to cultivate intra-African and multi-sectoral collaboration towards the sustainability of the infrastructure sector.

This high-level dinner commanded the elegance, charm and professionalism of masterful emceeing to champion the sustainability of infrastructure development and advancing the policies to match, of which Vuyolwethu expertly navigated and delivered.

I would highly recommend her."

Nombulelo Nyathela, Chief Director of Communications –
Blueberry Concepts

"At Africa Energy Indaba, we bring together the best and brightest minds across the globe in the energy sector to collaborate, share knowledge, and explore new opportunities for growth and development.

It has been such an amazing honour to collaborate with Vuyo she has done an astounding job as Programme Director for the 17th Edition (2024), she really uses initiative and does so much research to have clear direction of her role. I appreciate her organisational skills and being super timeous with the program. Her resilience and agility in the midst of obstacles speaks volumes as she carries the agenda of the event with ease and for me that speaks volumes.

I love with working her and I would recommend Vuyo for any event. “

Lindsey Chinian, Programme Manager - Africa Energy Indaba

“Vuyo – you have been a rockstar and I have really appreciated your input and expertise, and enthusiastic approach to working with our startups across the continent! Plus your time! It’s been a pleasure working with and getting to know you.”

Jean Alfred, Advisor – Mastercard Foundation

"At our third Africa Family Office Investment Summit in Zanzibar in 2023, Vuyolwethu Dubese stood out as a beacon of innovation and impact. Her profound insights into economic empowerment and innovation were instrumental to the discourse on investment strategies and wealth succession across Africa.

As a moderator, Vuyolwethu brought an unmatched blend of expertise and passion engaging fintech and venture capital and private equity, sparking dynamic conversations and laying the groundwork for potential collaborations among the continent's family offices . Her impact on our summit was as profound as it was invaluable, resonating deeply with our attendees. We are immensely grateful for her contribution and the light she shone on the path to equitable and sustainable economic development in Africa."

Jordan Schmidt, Director of International Relations &
Business – Alea Group

"Vuyo is the ultimate innovation guru with a wealth of knowledge, experience and insights which she brought to the judging of the finals of the Unisa Innovation Challenge. The clarity, skill and care with which she delivered feedback can only reflect her passion for innovation in Africa and the need to grow a cohort of globally competitive and relevant innovators and entrepreneurs, tackling Africa's development challenges."

Ayanda V. Noma, Director: Innovation, Technology Transfer
and Commercialisation – University of South Africa (UNISA)

BIOGRAPHY

Currently based in South Africa and Kenya, Vuyolwethu Dubese is an Innovation and M&E Consultant, Corporate Moderator, Host of the [ESG for SMEs Podcast](#) and (Angel) Investor impassioned about the creation and execution of a new renaissance of impact-driven business and equitable economic empowerment.

At present, she is the Founder of InnovTel, an impact design studio specialising in Impact Design, Advisory and Reporting. InnovTel's strategic goal is to scale and accelerate impact with a particular interest in impact investing, sustainability, and startups across emerging markets. The company has worked with large cross-sector clients such as MasterCard Foundation (Africa), ShEquity (Switzerland), MBC Africa (Ghana) and UCT Graduate School of Business (South Africa) to mention a few. InnovTel has advised and published impact reports in high impact sectors such as agriculture, green economy, impact investing and social enterprise development. Prior to this, Dubese was an Associate in Impact Acceleration at Impact Amplifier and Startup Partnerships Lead for Africa at Thomson Reuters Labs with a focus on leveraging (open) data and platforms of Thomson Reuters Innovation Labs to startups across the continent and facilitating innovation strategy consulting for C-suite.

The innovator, using her expertise in innovation strategy and impact design across SMEs to multinationals, is also a brand partner who has worked with global organisations including Sage, Samsung, Standard Bank, Momentum and ABSA to mention a few across high-level campaigns with a key focus on small business development and leadership.

Her 7+ years of expertise and capabilities extend to working with institutional organisations including the World Bank Group, UNDP Africa and Accenture, Mastercard Foundation and Thomson Reuters. In 2020, Dubese gave her inaugural lecture on impact innovation at the University of South Africa (UNISA), Africa's leading ODL university. She has spoken on several stages, including She Leads Africa, Lufthansa Impact Week, Facebook (now Meta), and Africa Angel Investor Summit to mention but a few.

As a well-versed moderator, former SABC (South African Broadcasting Corporation) TV presenter and radio presenter, she has engaged multiple high-level discussions among C-Suite executives and innovators in various regions across social impact, business, and technology.





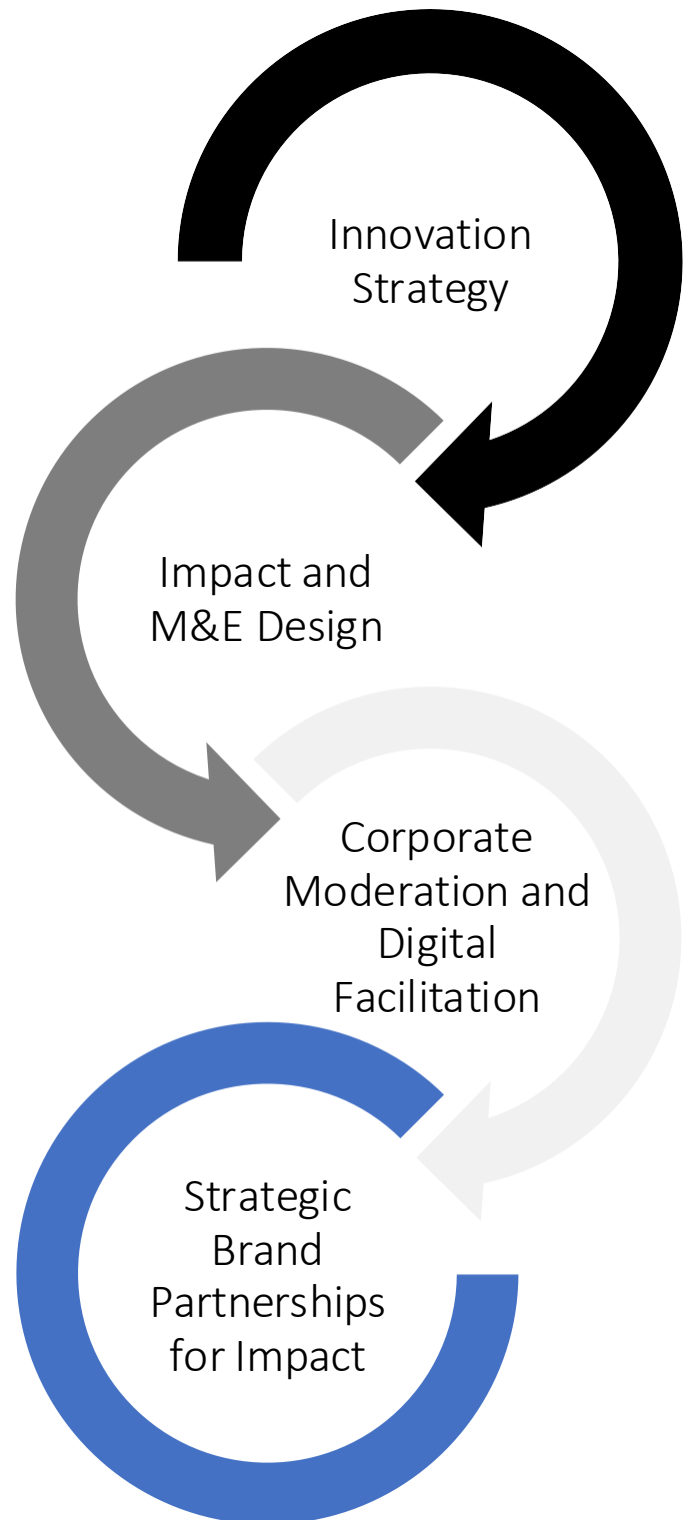
SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

Formerly an Impact Acceleration Associate at Impact Amplifier, and the first hire at [Thomson Reuter's first innovation lab in an emerging market](#), as the Startup Partnerships Lead for Africa, Dubese has cumulated over 7 years of skills and expertise in her field.

With expertise in:

- Innovation Strategy
- Impact and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Design
- Corporate Event Moderation and Digital Facilitation
- Strategic Brand Partnerships for Impact,

Dubese has served global and regional organisations that enable her to operate at the intersection of inclusion, innovation, impact, and recently in the space of impact investing.



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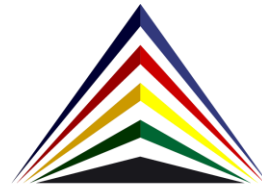
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"We had the pleasure of working with Vuyolwethu Dubese as the host for our recent HR event in South Africa which was the Southern Africa Launch Summit in June 2023, where she brought an incredible level of energy and charisma to the table. From the moment she assumed the role of our virtual avatar, Vuyo's ability to command attention and create a sense of connection with attendees, even through a screen, was truly remarkable.

However, what truly set Vuyo apart was the surprise she had in store for the attendees at the end of the event. To their amazement, she transformed from a virtual avatar into a physical presence, stepping onto the stage to greet the audience in person. It was a magical moment that left everyone in awe and perfectly capped off an unforgettable event.

We are grateful to Vuyo for her exceptional talent, professionalism and dedication. She exceeded all expectations and made our event a resounding success. We wholeheartedly recommend her to anyone in need of a top-notch MC."

Rana Khoury, Chief Marketing Officer - Menaitech

“As Topco Media, we have had the opportunity to work with Vuyolwethu under a few productions over the past few years including the Africa Tech Week Conference and Awards, a series of Standard Bank productions and the Future of HR Summit and Awards to name a few. And, what a pleasure it has been to see how well represented our brand and community is in her hands when she takes the stage, and having had a long journey with us, and we are incredibly grateful for that.

Her work as a Master of Ceremonies and Moderator is of the highest calibre as she brings her expertise in innovation, impact, investment, and inclusion.”

Ralf Fletcher, CEO - Topco Media

“We could not have been happier with Vuyo and the way she handled our festival, she is the epitome of class, elegance and confidence. Her preparation is amazingly detailed, and she was every bit the consummate professional on the day.

Programme Directors / MC’s arguably have the most important function of any event, they literally carry the event on their own and I am so happy that we decide to pursue Vuyo. Everyone that attended had the same good things to say about her. We are already looking forward to having her host some of our other upcoming events.”

Preston Moodley, Partnership and Commercialisation Lead –
Innovate Durban



[Showreel](#)



High-level showreel
showcasing
Vuyolwethu
Dubese's Conference
and Panel
Moderation skills

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Impact and Monitoring and
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Host, Executive Producer:
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(video)

Podcast Interview: [Impact
Design as a Business
Strategy](#)

Article: [The Impact-Design
Entrepreneur Signing Six-
Figure Deals](#)

Panellist: [Women
Empowerment and Gender
Equality in Africa](#)

Curated List: [Here's where
female founders can get
funding for their African
tech startup \[List\]](#)



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Programme Director and
Master of Ceremonies (MC)

Programme Director,
Moderator (2024): [Showreel](#)

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Growth Summit](#)

Programme Director:
[Network International Gala
Dinner](#)

Programme Director:
[2023/24 GCIP-SA Awards
and Gala Dinner](#)

[Programme Director: Energy
Indaba 2024](#)

Master of Ceremonies: [PASA
International Payments
Conference Day 1 Plenary
Welcome and Plenary
Closing](#)

Master of Ceremonies: [PASA
International Payments
Conference Day 2 Plenary
Welcome and Plenary
Closing](#)

Programme Director:
[Standard Bank Top Women
EmpowHER Series North
West Plenary Welcome and
Plenary Closing](#)

Programme Director:
[Standard Bank Top Women
EmpowHER Series Durban
Plenary Welcome](#)

Programme Director:
[Standard Bank Top Women
EmpowHER Series Cape
Town Plenary Welcome](#)

Programme Director (as a
live avatar): [Menaitech
Southern Africa Launch
Summit](#)

[Programme Director: Future
of HR Summit Day 1](#)

[Programme Director: Africa
Tech Week Day 1](#)

Master of Ceremonies :
[Future of HR Awards](#)



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Conference Moderation and
Digital Facilitation

Programme Director,
Moderator (2024): [Showreel](#)

Absa Growth Summit,
Moderator: [Strategic
Partnerships in the Face of
Disruptive Change](#)

Durban Innovation Summit,
Moderator: [Accessible
Disruption: Fintech
Innovation for the Benefit of
Everyone](#)

Network International Gala
Dinner South Africa,
Moderator: [Fireside Chat
with Bryan Habana](#)

Standard Bank Top Women
EmpowHER Conference
North-West, Moderator:
[Fireside Chat with Busi
Selesho](#)

Impact South Africa,
[Moderator: Formidable
Friday – Vusi Fele on ESD,
ABSA](#)

Standard Bank Top Women
EmpowHER Conference
Durban, Moderator: [Fireside
Chat with Saskia Hill](#)

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Cape Town, Moderator:
[Fireside Chat with Adri
Williams](#)

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Conference, Moderator:
[Fireside Chat with Caster
Semenya](#)

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Conference, Moderator: [The
Gender Agenda, Redefining
Equality in the Workplace](#)

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Conference, Moderator: [DEI
in Workplace with Africa
Executives](#)

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Conference, Moderator: [The
Journey to 50/50 by 2030](#)

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Moderator and Digital
Facilitator

Standard Bank Top Women
Conference, Moderator:
[Women in Agriculture with a
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[Bringing a Gender-Lens into
your Covid19 Business
Recovery Strategy](#)

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Conference, Moderator:
[Strategies to Access Funding
and Capital](#)

Africa Tech Week
Conference, Moderator:
[Decoupling Economic
Growth from Resource
Generation](#)

Africa Tech Week
Conference, Moderator:
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Moderator: [Using Innovative
Strategies to Recruit, Retain
Talent in a Covid-era](#)

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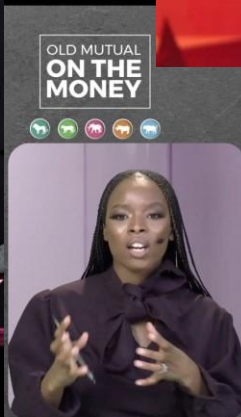
One was for Absa during the WEF Africa in 2019. The aim of the partnership was to gain awareness for the content that the financial institution had created for WEF and reach a new audience. For Sage, was to create engagement within the SME community on social media over a multi-year partnership. For both projects, Vuyo was exceptional in how she created relevant content and gave us value added content. She was open to all feedback given to her and was always giving her expertise to how we could better execute content.

She is a pleasure to work with and one is guaranteed a return on investment when in a partnership with her.”

Tokiso Mbatha (MA) – Social Media Manager: Sage Africa and Middle East

“Working with Vuyo was nothing short of amazing. Her professionalism and talent really shined, and I keep saying “if it wasn’t for her contagious energy your virtual youth event with Facebook Africa (now Meta) would have tanked.”

Keneilwe Malotle: Project Manager, Digify Africa



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