



TMA-SA CONFERENCE 2026 - PROGRAMME

THEME: UNPACKING DISTRESSED INVESTMENT

DATE: THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2026

VENUE: HOUGHTON GOLF CLUB, Cnr Grant Avenue & Osborne Road, Lower Houghton

07h00 - 08h00

Delegate Registration

08h00 - 08h10

Welcome and Opening – Dr Bruce Berry

08h10 – 09h30

SESSION 1 - Key Note Speaker

Presenter: Dr Sizwe Mpofu-Walsh

09h30 – 11h00

SESSION 2 - Panel Discussion

Topic: Restructuring: When has time run out: A view from Funders and Business Leaders?

Moderator: Peter van den Steen - Metis

Panelists: Don Millar – Nimble Special Opportunities

Rob Aitken – Tongaat Hulett

Fathima Gany - South African Post Office

Linda Erasmus – ABSA Group

11h00 – 11h30

Tea Break

11h30 – 11h45

SESSION 3A - Virtual

Topic: INSOL Chair Address

Presenter: Scott Stuart

11h45 – 12h30

SESSION 3B - *Panel Discussion*

Topic: Power of the Beholder: Secured Creditor Power in Restructuring

Moderator: Gideon Slabbert – Corporate Business Rescue

Panelists: Kumaran Padayachee - Spartan SME Finance
Anton de Leeuw – BM&T European Restructuring Solutions
Deon Theron – Merchant Factors
Warren Deats - Geddes Capital

12h30 - 14h00

[Lunch & Networking](#)

14h00 – 14h15

SESSION 4A - *Virtual*

Topic: TMA Global Chair Address

Presenter: Rachael Smiley

14h15 – 15h30

SESSION 4B - *Panel Discussion*

Topic: Distressed Funding – Re-thinking Capital Deployment in Distressed Situations

Moderator: Bruce Berry – Development Bank of Southern Africa

Panelists: Sello Mkhondo – Engaged Business Turnaround
Russell Isakow – Public Investment Corporation
Fabien Langlois – Nimble Special Opportunities
Celia van Niekerk – Development Bank of Southern Africa

15h30 - 16h00

[Tea Break](#)

16h00 – 17h00

SESSION 5 - *Panel Discussion*

Topic: CIPC Stats – What is the message behind the stats?

Moderator: Haroon Laher – Fasken Law

Panelists: Stefan Steyn – Business Rescue Partner
Vuyani Nkohla - Companies and Intellectual Property Commission
Louise Brugman - Vestor
Sonto Hlatshwayo – STH Business Advisory & Consulting Services

17h00 – 17h10

Closing - Mr Haroon Laher (Chairperson) & Mr Gideon Slabbert (Chief Executive Officer)

17h10 – 19h00

[Post-Conference Networking](#)