

FINTECH IN AFRICA CONFERENCE 2019





7 MAY, 2019 | 8:30AM - 2:30PM
ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ROOM, 11/F CHENG YU TUNG TOWER
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

- 8:30-9:00** **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:00-9:20** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Nneka Chike-Obi, Acorus Capital
Madoda Ntshinga, Consul General of South Africa
Douglas Arner, HKU
- 9:20-9:50** **African FinTech: Development, Opportunities and Investments**
Douglas Arner, HKU
Gareth Lai, Lumen
Coen Jonker, Tyme Global
Elliott Hoffman, Paxful
Moderator: Maxine Barnett, Acorus Capital
- 9:50-10:20** **Panel Discussion and Q&A**
- 10:20-10:30** **Demo: Tyme Global by John Kane**
- 10:30-11:00** **Refreshments and Networking Break**
- 11:00-11:40** **Banking, Payments, and New Technologies:
Blockchain, AML, eKYC, Digital Identity and Beyond**
Angela Itzikowitz, ENSafrica & University of the Witwatersrand
Nick von Christierson, Diginex
Steve Wong, Belt and Road Blockchain Association
Max Song, Blockdynamics
Moderator: Musheer Ahmed, Fintech Association of Hong Kong
- 11:40-12:10** **Panel Discussion and Q&A**
- 12:10-12:20** **Demo: Diginex by Nick von Christierson**
- 12:20-12:30** **Closing Remarks by Bryonie Guthrie, Acorus Capital**
- 12:30-13:30** **Networking and Buffet Lunch**










Speakers, Moderators and Panelists

<p>Nneka Chike-Obi</p> 	<p>Nneka joined Acorus Capital in 2015 focusing on agri-business, waste and manufacturing deals. Before Acorus, she was based in London with the impact investment firm AgDevCo, focusing on agribusinesses in Africa, primarily Ghana and Tanzania. Prior to this, Nneka worked at institutional broker ICAP as a research analyst on dry bulk commodities. She began her career at Barclays Capital in commodities sales and structuring focused on power, oil and gas, agriculture and transportation. Nneka has a Master's degree from the London School of Economics and a bachelor's degree from Stanford University. Nneka is a dual citizen of the United States and Nigeria.</p>
<p>Madoda Ntshinga</p> 	<p>Prior to joining the South African Foreign Service in 1995, Mr Harris Madoda Ntshinga served in the South African Civil Service in various capacities from February 1980 until 1994 in different government departments, namely Local Government, Home Affairs, Health, Transport, Labour and Commerce. In 1995 he joined the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), previously known as the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and served as Foreign Service Officer. He rose up through the ranks to Assistant Director: Foreign Service and Deputy Director: Foreign Service in the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, in Pretoria. He also served as an Acting Director Support Services in the Office of the Minister, DIRCO from April 2015 until January 2017. Mr Ntshinga served as a Diplomat in Tanzania in capacities of Third Secretary and First Secretary: Political respectively from 1997 to 2000. He was thereafter posted as a First Secretary: Political in India from 2002 to 2007 and then served as a Counsellor: Political in New Zealand from 2009 to 2014. During his career he played an active role in the transformation process in DIRCO. From 1995 he served as National Education Health and Allied Workers Union's (NEHAWU) Branch Secretary, and Branch Chairperson. He was a founding member of NEHAWU Branch in DIRCO (Former DFA). Mr Ntshinga is a member of the African National Congress (ANC) ruling party since 1990 and was sent by the ANC's Department of International Affairs (DIA) for the first Diplomatic Training Course of the ANC cadres at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) in Malaysia in 1993. Mr Ntshinga's educational background is in Economic and Management Sciences as well as Public Finance. He completed Diplomatic training at DIRCO, Programme in Economics and Public Finance as well as Intermediate Degree Qualification in Commerce at the University of South Africa, International Trade Promotion Course in Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Advanced Management Programme at</p>

	<p>the University of Pretoria. Mr Ntshinga is a sports lover and enthusiast of rugby, soccer, tennis, and boxing.</p>
<p>Maxine Barnett</p> 	<p>Ms Barnett is CEO and founder of Acorus Capital, a private equity firm specialising in China-Africa investment. Acorus investment strategy focuses on African high growth consumer driven opportunities. From our base in Hong Kong and we add tangible value to the African companies we invest in by introducing operational, technical and distribution partnerships from our extensive corporate network in China. Prior to starting Acorus, Maxine spent 13 years in investment banking where she invested in African and Asian markets. She held senior positions for Credit Suisse, BNP Paribas and Lehman/Nomura. Maxine holds a Bachelor of Arts from University of Cape Town and is an active member of the Women's Foundation of HK.</p>
<p>Douglas Arner</p> 	<p>Douglas W. Arner is the Kerry Holdings Professor in Law at the University of Hong Kong and one of the world's leading experts on financial regulation, particularly the intersection between law, finance and technology. At HKU, he is Faculty Director of the Faculty of Law's LLM in Compliance and Regulation, LLM in Corporate and Financial Law and Law, Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship (LITE) Programmes. He is a Senior Visiting Fellow of Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne, an Executive Committee Member of the Asia Pacific Structured Finance Association, and an independent non-executive director of the Nasdaq-listed Aptorum Group. He led the development of the world's largest massive open online course (MOOC): Introduction to FinTech, launched on edX in May 2018, now with over 35,000 learners spanning every country in the world. From 2006 to 2011 he was the Director of HKU's Asian Institute of International Financial Law, which he co-founded in 1999, and from 2012 to 2018, he led a major research project on Hong Kong's future as a leading international financial centre. He was an inaugural member of the Hong Kong Financial Services Development Council, of which he was a member from 2013-2019. Douglas served as Head of the HKU Department of Law from 2011 to 2014 and as Co-Director of the Duke University-HKU Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law from 2005 to 2016. He has published fifteen books and more than 150 articles, chapters and reports on international financial law and regulation, including most recently <i>Reconceptualising Global Finance and its Regulation</i> (Cambridge 2016) (with Ross Buckley and Emiliios Avgouleas). <i>The RegTech Book</i> (forthcoming 2019, with Janos Barberis and Ross Buckley). His recent papers are available on SSRN at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=524849 , where he is among the top 150 authors in the world by total downloads. Douglas has served as a consultant with, among others, the World Bank, Asian</p>

	<p>Development Bank, APEC, Alliance for Financial Inclusion, and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and has lectured, co-organised conferences and seminars and been involved with financial sector reform projects around the world. He has been a visiting professor or fellow at Duke, Harvard, the Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research, IDC Herzliya, McGill, Melbourne, National University of Singapore, University of New South Wales, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, and Zurich, among others.</p>
<p>Gareth Lai</p> 	<p>Gareth is a Partner at LUMEN, a blockchain advisory firm headquartered in Hong Kong. He was previously an intrapreneur at PwC's Experience Centre and Emerging Technology Lab. He built and led a team that helped Fortune 500 companies and governments develop strategies and solutions around the top technology trends they would soon face. With his experience in technology and East and West relations, he acts as a strategic partner and advisor for inbound clients wanting to learn about Blockchain or expand their presence in the Asian market.</p>
<p>Coenraad Jonker</p> 	<p>Coenraad Jonker is the Co-founder and CEO of Tyme Limited, a digital banking business operating in Africa and Asia. He has more than 23 years' experience in banking, law and professional services. In 2011, he moved to Deloitte as a Partner. In June 2012, Coenraad launched the FinTech start-up Take Your Money Everywhere (Tyme). The business was acquired by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) in January 2015. In 2017 he was appointed as Group Executive at CBA, responsible for its international retail banking and insurance business. At the end of 2018 Coenraad led the buy-out of the Tyme business from CBA. Since January this year he is CEO of the Tyme business in Hong Kong and Chairman of TymeBank in South Africa. He holds an MBA and two law degrees with honours. He has held multiple Board positions, including eBank Namibia, Vietnam International Bank (VIB) and PT Bank Commonwealth in Indonesia which he chaired until December 2018.</p>
<p>Elliott Hoffman</p> 	<p>Elliott is an American serial entrepreneur that has lived and done business in a number of European and Asian countries. He is currently a Growth Specialist at Paxful, one of the world's largest peer-to-peer bitcoin marketplaces with Africa and her people leading the market. Armed with years of relevant knowledge about bitcoin and peer-to-peer trading, Elliott is now helping and nurturing budding entrepreneurs through digital content creation. The content he has produced has garnered over 100k views. Elliott believes that bitcoin and #P2PFinance will help Africa to leapfrog and become the trailblazer of the world for many FinTech applications. Elliott has</p>

	<p>witnessed how In Africa, financial institutions are not easily accessible and many population are unbanked and underbanked. Peer-to-peer finance gives them access to take control of their money the way they want. Taking a step further, Paxful is aiming to build 100 schools in Africa that are fully funded by cryptocurrency. This month, Paxful team will be embarking another journey to Africa!</p>
<p>John Kane</p> 	<p>John is the Head of Operations and Innovation at Tyme. He has a BA in Psychology and Philosophy, and postgraduate qualifications in Management from the University of Witwatersrand's Business School. He has 20 years' experience in innovation across manufacturing and financial services businesses, and 10 years' experience in banking. John's experience stretches across many functions of the Tyme business, having been involved in different roles since its launch. He has been leading the innovation function since the inception of Tyme and has a great team of practised innovators at his disposal. John is the father of two very active young children and stays as fit as possible to keep up with them.</p>
<p>Musheer Ahmed</p> 	<p>Musheer is the General Manager and founding board member of Fintech Association of Hong Kong. He has an extensive background in financial services and technology, having been a global markets trader for a decade, and a management consultant following his MBA from University of Hong Kong and London Business School. In addition, he is a member of UN ESCAP Economic Sustainable Business Network Youth and Women Entrepreneurs Taskforce and co-founder of IndiaTech Hong Kong. Musheer has a keen interest in technologies impacting/disrupting investment banking such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, and data analytics. He is a mentor and speaker at industry events in the region and guest lecturer on topics of Fintech, Investment Management, Cryptocurrency and blockchain, Artificial Intelligence at HKU, HKUST, HKU Space, CUHK and Lingnan University. He has written blogs on Fintech and Investment Banking and been quoted in various media channels, including on CNBC, SCMP, IFLR, Asian Investor, and Lets Talk Payments.</p>
<p>Angela Itzikowitz</p> 	<p>Professor Angela Itzikowitz is a director in ENSafrica's Banking and Finance Department and co-heads the newly established FinTech department. She specialises in banking and financial market regulation, including finance and regulatory reform, card and related electronic payment instruments, derivatives, loan agreements, collective investment schemes, insurance and FinTech. She has done a significant amount of work in South African Development Community ("SADC") countries such as Uganda, Kenya and Zambia including regulatory law reform through capacity building projects. Angela has participated in a number of financial market initiatives in Asia in collaboration with colleagues from Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.</p>

<p>Nick von Christerson</p> 	<p>Nick von Christerson is Head of Africa at Diginex, a global blockchain investment bank focusing on building the infrastructure to make digital assets more accessible, businesses more efficient, and societies more secure. Prior to joining Diginex, Nick worked in M&A at the investment bank Greenhill, successfully founded and sold his own company in the mobile application space and more recently, was the Head of Business Development at Coinsource with a focus on expanding the business in Africa and Europe. Nick is originally from South Africa, graduated from Georgetown University with honours and has an MSc in Finance from Cass Business School.</p>
<p>Steve Wong Kin Man</p> 	<p>Steve Wong Kin Man, graduated in the US with an M.Sc. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, founder and CEO of Big Data Ideal Lab, Founding President of the Belt and Road Blockchain Association, Secretary General of the Greater Bay Area Blockchain Technology Federation, and President of the Greater Bay Area Big Data AI Association, investing and participating in innovative technology and internet finance. He previously worked for Hong Kong Telecom's China business senior management position, managed the Japanese second largest internet portal Livedoor's Asia internet asset, and being the national telecom value-added service provider in China. He also established the China-Hong Kong long-distance calling company and has a deep understanding of Africa's development infrastructure and needs.</p>
<p>Max Song</p> 	<p>Max Song is a blockchain investor and researcher in Hong Kong. He was a former data scientist who worked in Silicon Valley, Paris, and New York. He has taught at Singularity University as a Teaching Fellow, worked at NASA Ames Research Centre, and published a data science book. He graduated from Brown University with a degree in Applied Math-Biology, and received a Master's from Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University in Global Affairs. He also founded Global Solutions Festival (globalsolutionsfestival.org) and organises hackathons and community learning events.</p>
<p>Bryonie Guthrie</p> 	<p>Bryonie is a former South African diplomat. During her eight years serving the South African government, first on the Africa Multilateral Desk and then in Asia, she developed a wealth of knowledge on the relationship between the regions and the opportunities and challenges each present. Bryonie has been studying political and international relations for fifteen years and has worked in this field for a decade. Following her departure from government in 2015, Bryonie joined Acorus Capital where she is responsible for communications, investor relations, geopolitical analysis and corporate research for Acorus.</p>