



## THE BOARD WALK

# 30% CLUB SOUTHERN AFRICA BOARD WALK BREAKFAST SERIES

07:30 - 10:30

## OVERVIEW

### THE CONCEPT

The Board Walk is an initiative that has been created to nurture the development of aspiring directors who are currently in senior management positions helping them to unlock their future potential. It aims to expose these individuals to existing directors (both executive and non-executive) and partners during an interactive networking breakfast to encourage meaningful engagement and dialogue.

### THE NAME

While The Board Walk paints the picture of a promenade or walkway, it holds the underlying meaning of the bridge that an aspiring director needs to cross to become “Board-ready”, as well as the journey that needs to be embarked upon.

As they take their first steps down this path of opportunity, these aspiring directors will benefit from those already sitting in the higher echelons of corporate South Africa to offer their guidance and share their insights and challenges.

### THE FORMAT

Business and other leaders will be invited to host a table of between eight and ten people. The responsibility of the host will be to impart knowledge, experience and words of wisdom to the table, while directing the conversation.

The topics can be either specific or general as the host and the table pleases. Attendees will rotate tables twice during the breakfast, while the hosts remain at their tables.



## HOSTS

- Lead the introduction of the topic. Keep it business like, but formal
- You may select a particular topic or allow for general conversation and use the questions to facilitate discussion
- Allow all to contribute. Encourage the quiet ones to participate
- Use your experience, share it
- Stay away from soft subjects like confidence unless it is appropriate for the conversation
- You as the host do not move tables. Throughout the breakfast, it is the attendees who circulate
- Profiles are circulated to the attendees beforehand, so they will be joining your table based on your field of expertise

## THE ATTENDEES

- Do your homework. Know as much as you can about the hosts
- Decide which hosts you prefer to engage with. Remember it is first-come-first-served. There are no reservations
- Prepare for the morning. Know what you want to achieve. Have conversations at hand. Ask pertinent questions  
This is not a counseling session on soft skills; it an opportunity to get advice on how to play the game
- Be respectful. Allow others to contribute to the table topic
- Network – meet as many new people as you can
- Make sure you have your business cards
- Relax and enjoy yourself
- If you are with a group, split up – don't gang up
- When it is time to move on, please do so promptly. Do not tie up the host unnecessarily

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## AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC AND SPEAKER
07:30 – 08:15	Arrival, Registration and Breakfast
08:15 – 08:25	<u>Opening Remarks and Welcome</u>
08:25 – 08:45	<u>Guest Speaker</u>
08:45 – 09:20	<u>Round Table Discussions</u> All
09:20 – 09:30	Break
09:30 – 10:05	<u>Round Table Discussions</u> All
10:05 – 10:25	<u>Feedback Session</u> All
10:25 – 10:30	Close