

#WILDFeast Dialogue Convenor

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#WILDFeast Dialogue Advisor

- Tshilidzi Madzivhandila, PhD, is an experienced applied research, policy analysis, monitoring and evaluation, policy advocacy specialist in food systems, agriculture and natural resources (FANR). He has more than 20 years working experience, with six (6) of these being at an executive management level. Tshilidzi holds a doctoral degree in economics – specializing in public policies and programmes evaluation. Currently he is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and head of mission of the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN). Tshilidzi also serves as a commissioner for agriculture on the President’s National Planning Commission.
- To learn more about FANRPAN’s program, visit: <https://fanrpan.org>



#WILDFeast Dialogue Guest Speaker

- Dr. Jemima Moeng is Chief Director, Food Security at the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD). Dr. Moeng has a masters in public administration and a doctorate in public affairs.
- To learn more about DALRRD, visit: <https://www.gov.za/about-sa/agriculture>



#WILDFeast Dialogue Guest Speaker

- Dr. Babagana Ahmadu is FAO Representative in South Africa since 2023. Prior to this post, he served as FAO Representative in Namibia, the Republic of Gambia, and Sudan. In his earlier career, he was the pioneer Director for Rural Economy and Agriculture of the African Union Commission (AUC – DREA) and was instrumental in developing policies and strategic frameworks on leading global issues in many countries across Africa. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Zambia, a Master of Science in Tropical Animal Production and Health from the University of Edinburgh in the United Kingdom, and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria.
- To learn more about the FAO, visit: <https://www.fao.org>



#WILDFeast Dialogue Keynote Speaker

- The University of the Western Cape (UWC) based Professor Julian May is the director of the DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Food Security (CoE-FS), director of the Institute for Social Development at UWC, and holds the UNESCO Chair in African Food Systems. His current research focuses on food security, childhood deprivation and malnutrition.
- To learn more of his work, visit: <https://foodsecurity.ac.za>



#WILDFeast Dialogue Chair

- Vuyo Lutseke, Head of Stakeholder Relations, Fundraising, and Sponsorship of the Shared Value Africa Initiative (SVAI) holds degrees from the University of Cape Town and Wits University
- Shared Value is a competitive business strategy that reconnects profits with purpose. It represents a shift in business mindsets to find new ways to do business that are more efficient, more innovative, reach more markets and make companies more sustainable over the long-term – while also being less harmful to the environment, less onerous for employees, less neglectful of the value chain, and less exclusionary.
- SVAI is a pan-African organization and the regional partner of the global Shared Value Initiative business network working to build Africa's most impactful Shared Value business network for sustainable social, economic, and environmental value.
- To learn more about SVAI, visit: <https://svai.africa>





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- Sipamandla Manqele is the co-founder and Commercial Director at Local Village Foods. She completed a Bachelor of Social Sciences degree in 2013 majoring in community development and business management and has been named one of South Africa's top 200 Young People to watch in 2019 by Mail and Guardian and One Young World Ambassador.
- Sipamandla is inspired by the African continent, its diverse cultures and its quest for social and economic unity. She wants to play a role in the implementation of free and fair trade across Africa.
- To learn more about her company, visit: <https://localvillagefoods.com>



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- Mpho Tshukudu is an integrative and functional nutrition dietitian. In her practice, she uses food and its nutritional compounds, stress management, sleep, and exercise to promote optimal health.
- Nothing excites her more than blending nutritional compounds and cultural memories. She co-authored a highly reviewed recipe book, *Eat Ting*, with Dr. Anna Trapido – a South African anthropologist and chef. According to the author, *Eat Ting*, which offers healthy dietary solutions using indigenous foods and methods with a modern twist, was a response to the existing lack of culturally-specific nutrition guidelines in South Africa.
- She completed her master's in food culture, communication, and marketing, with a focus on high quality sustainable foods, at the University of Gastronomic Sciences, Italy
- To learn more about Mpho, visit her Instagram page [@mphotshukudu_](#)



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- Lethu Tshabangu is a man with a dream – to make a craft beer that resonates with African culture and heritage. “And just like that, the dream of Ukhamba Beerworx (Ukhamba) was born.”
- Lethu co-founded Ukhamba with his wife in 2017 and has experienced commercial success by producing new beers that draw on tastes and techniques heavily influenced by African traditions. Offerings include the Pursuit of Hoppyness, Utywala Sorghum Saison, and State Capture IPA. Lethu’s beers have been voted among the *Top 10 Beers in South Africa* (out of 200+ entries)
- Lethu seeks to consolidate his legacy by continuously pursuing new knowledge through research and collaboration and by building communities around causes he cares about. One such example is his partnership with the University of Limpopo, which facilitates knowledge transfer to students to ensure the next generation learns technical skills in brewing craft beer using sorghum, while valuing African culture and heritage.
- To learn more about Ukhamba visit: <https://www.ukhamba.africa>



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- Siphwe Sithole has traveled a varied path since her studies to her current role managing African Marmalade, an organic farming business with a vision of taking African indigenous crops out of the periphery into the mainstream.
- In her early career, she worked for multiple corporations in communications, media, public relations, and marketing positions. During her extensive travels, she identified a gap in the market for authentic African food. This realization inspired the birth of African Marmalade, a farm that produces and sources from other farms a range of organically grown indigenous African vegetables and grains.
- Among Siphwe's many educational and professional qualifications, include a bachelor's in journalism from Rhodes University and a designation as a chartered marketer by the Marketing Association of Southern Africa.
- To learn more about African Marmalade visit: <https://www.facebook.com/africanmarmalade>



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- Mokgadi Itsweng is a chef, indigenous food activist, food entrepreneur, and food writer, who has been in the food industry for over 15 years. Chef Itsweng's passion and expertise lie in re-introducing to our plates, with a modern infusion, indigenous foods that are good for the earth and for our health. She is the author of the widely acclaimed plant-based cookbook, *Veggielicious*
- In her words, "In South Africa, people are moving away from rural areas to the cities and our indigenous food culture gets destroyed, as people increasingly eat cheap, fast foods. Many people in our cities also now suffer from malnutrition and diabetes." She is therefore on a mission to preserve and mainstream the rich and nutritious heritage of indigenous South African foods.
- To learn more about Mokgadi visit her Instagram page: [@chefmokgadi_itsweng](https://www.instagram.com/chefmokgadi_itsweng)

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