

Dear reader

We hosted our annual Trialogue Business in Society Conference just three weeks before national elections. Amidst the polarisation that comes with politicking – anticipating that our delegates could use some perspective on the journey that we have already travelled as a country, and our potential to rebuild – we invited lifelong activist and former judge on the Constitutional Court of South Africa, Albie Sachs, to speak on the integral connection between progressive law, robust democracy and ethical business.

As we prepare to usher in a new Cabinet, and Youth Month in June, we hold on to the hope of a more transparent, accountable and equitable future, with the implementation of policies that will benefit the most disenfranchised in our country; our youth being a key cohort.

We are launching a new topic on The Trialogue Knowledge Hub, in partnership with Capitec Foundation – on investing in teacher development. Fuelled by deeply concerning stats, such as the fact that more than 5 000 teachers in South Africa are either unqualified or underqualified to teach in their subjects, we want to encourage you to engage with this and our other education topics on the Hub this Youth Month, by sharing your related case studies.

This, and much more, below. Please enjoy the read.

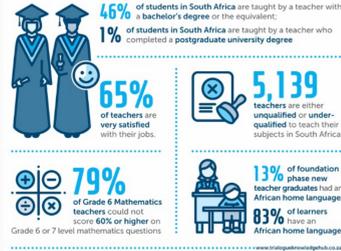
## 1 SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTITUTION IS UBUNTU WRIT LARGE, HELPING QUELL CORRUPTION



While South Africa has “horrible levels of corruption”, its Constitution is effective, we have free speech and media, a strong civil society, and citizens who have a longing for freedom, said activist and former Constitutional Court judge, Albie Sachs.

In a keynote discussion at the Trialogue Business in Society Conference 2019, Judge Sachs said: “I was an optimist even after I was blown up (in a car bomb in 1988, while in exile in Mozambique). I had the conviction that if I could get better, the country could get better.” [Read more](#)  
[Read more about the conference](#)

## 2 INVESTING IN TEACHERS



Learn more about teacher development, a topic presented in partnership with Capitec Foundation, on [The Trialogue Knowledge Hub](#).

Get in touch with [Ruen Govinder](#) if there is a topic that your company would be interested in providing thought leadership on, or that your organisation may have insight to contribute to.

“The teacher is a critical component in delivering quality learner outcomes and driving performance of mathematics.” Watch more from Neptal Khoza, Capitec Foundation’s Head of Corporate Social Investment, as he discusses the importance of investing in the development of teachers and the professionalisation of the field. [Watch here](#)



## 3 INTEGRATED THINKING BEFORE INTEGRATED REPORTING

According to a recent EY survey, investors are becoming more inquisitive about ESG (environmental, social and governance) information and utilise the integrated report as their primary source of reference. Yet feedback shows that there is some frustration at the lack of consistency and relevance of business information provided. [Read more](#)

## 4 HOW STRATEGIC IS YOUR CSI?



For CSI to be strategic, it must have positive developmental impact that is aligned with and contributes to the priorities of the business, beyond reputational impact. The Trialogue Strategic CSI Award recognises projects that exemplify best practice. It aims to encourage CSI practitioners to think more strategically when planning and implementing their initiatives. We invite corporates to enter their CSI initiatives for consideration of this award in 2019. [Enter here](#)

## 5 ENSURE YOUR NPO'S VISIBILITY TO FUNDERS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Non-profit organisations are invited to list in the NPO Directory section of the upcoming edition of The Trialogue Business in Society Handbook 2019, to ensure their profiling to corporate funders of social development. Organisations that list will also have more detailed listings featured on a new searchable online directory on The Trialogue Knowledge Hub at no extra cost. The cost of a listing is R3000. Book your spot [here](#).

## 6 GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON COLLABORATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Trialogue is the southern African local authority for a global network of organisations, called the Global Exchange, a coalition that focuses on advancing the role of business in society. The initiative was launched and is overseen by the US-based CECP: The CEO Force for Good and has representation in 16 countries across the globe. In 2018, we canvassed GX partners to obtain high-level country perspectives on collaboration. Nine GX partners from Brazil, France, Germany, India, Italy, South Africa, South Korea, Spain and the US participated in this survey, the findings of which are summarised [here](#).