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Lynette Ntuli is the Founding Director and CEO of Innate Investment Solutions, a professional services firm in the built environment that provides property and infrastructure development services; and enterprise asset management solutions. Ntuli has held senior leadership roles in the commercial, development and investment spheres of the property management and trade and investment sectors, and sits on the boards and working groups of various real estate organisations.

Over a 14 year period, Ntuli has gathered diverse experiences in asset and infrastructure planning, management and development and her exposure to the built environment, and accompanied by her articulation of this insight into high impact social and economic solutions is an asset to work in providing holistic development solutions in Sub Saharan Africa. She holds post graduate property specific qualifications from the University of Pretoria and the University of Cape Town GSB.

Her experience extends to the use of the organisational capacity of the private and public sector to facilitate developments within the priority sectors of the economy with a focus on Infrastructure Development and Planning, understanding Government Planning and Development policy, asset management frameworks and audit and compliance processes. Lynette has been well profiled for her executive positions, amongst them becoming the first woman in South Africa to become GM of a super-regional shopping centre (The Pavilion) and CEO of the Durban Business Enhancement Initiative.

Passionate about youth development and leadership, Lynette is a Founding Director and Chairman of IgniteSA.com, a youth oriented digital media and programme platform which curates content in Education, Skills and Entrepreneurial Development in South Africa.

Awards and accolades received include the Fun Fearless Female Award 2008 Cosmopolitan Magazine (Associated Magazines SA - December 2008); "Woman to Watch" Destiny Magazine (Ndalo Media – June 2009); "Under 30 and on Top Feature" O Magazine (The Oprah Magazine – April 2009), the Mail and Guardian's 200 Young South Africans 2012 Award and she has been featured in the 2012 Power of 40 – Destiny Magazine (November 2012). She has also been named the Glamour magazine Woman of The Year 2014 winner in the business category. She also presents Business Day TV Show (BDTV, Channel 412), SME Funding, in a weekly time slot.

Lynette is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper and Founding Curator of a South African hub. In 2018, she was named a Institut Choiseul 100 Africa Laureate, in recognition of her leadership and work in advancing economic development in Africa, and become an Archbishop Desmond Tutu Fellow (2018) in the flagship fellowship programme of the African Leadership Institute. In 2014, she had been selected as one of the Top 200 Leaders of Tomorrow by the St Gallen Symposium – the world's premier symposium on leadership, politics and society. Lynette is a 2014 Mandela Washington Fellow in the flagship program of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), a former Advisory Board member of First National Bank (FNB) in the Kwazulu Natal Region, a member of the African Leadership Network and a past Interim Chair of the Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs in Southern Africa (SADC).

Lynette is actively involved at an executive and member level within various gender advocacy, youth lead and industry organisations in South Africa, including the Women's Property Network (WPN), South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA), South African Inst. of Black Property Practitioners (SAIBPP), the South African Council of Shopping Centres (SACSC), International Women's Forum (IWFSa) and Institute of Directors SA (IODSA). She currently serves as a non-executive director of several listed and unlisted entities including Liberty Two Degrees, a JSE listed REIT and the Durban International Convention Centre.

She has previously served as Vice President of the South African Inst. of Black Property Practitioners (SAIBPP), Vice Chair: Durban of the Businesswoman's Association, as a SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise/ Enactus) National and World Cup Final Round Judge (Malaysia 2011); Retail Development and Design Awards 2009 Judge; a Green Building Council of S.A Technical Working Committee member for the development of the Retail Green Star Tool.

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