

## 2023 WPN EXECUTIVE TEAM

Please welcome our team for 2023. Women working together for the property sector.



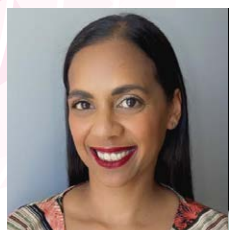
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## Passion | Commitment | Thoughts on the year ahead



**Property is my passion** and I love the fact that we are not only in the business of real estate but also people. For 2023, I want to see more "yes", **building of partnerships** and how we can improve or challenge the way we do business. **LARA SCHENK**



As an architect I am inspired by the transformative power of design, our resilience as a nation and the **opportunities for innovation and creativity** even in our challenged and constrained economy. In the wake of on-going international efforts to force industries across the board to actively address gender bias and discrimination, we are slowly seeing the world wake up to the realization that better cities, better businesses, better governments... a better world can only be achieved by embracing and encouraging access and inclusion of women. While the challenges of woman in the property space are innumerable we have to seize the opportunities available to engage, to encourage dialogue, to participate, to challenge normative boundaries of thinking and doing, to be inspired and to grow while creating social and economic value. Despite the remarkable resilience of the property sector given the disruption in recent years, revitalization and growth in 2023 and beyond will require us as practitioners in the property space including entrepreneurs, corporates, government and parastatals to seriously reconsider ways to adapt to ensure our sustainability.

I believe our solutions lie largely in our **ability to consolidate and integrate** our efforts and to achieve this we have to move from endless discussion towards serious commitment and action from all stakeholders. **JODI DAVIDS-HARBER**



In my "spare time", I work with global investors and property companies to drive natural and social capital using the property sector as a force for good. Through this work I understand in particular the **critical role of women in the green property industry**. As women we bring a truly unique perspective to the built environment: we tend to be great systems thinkers and we know how to build relationships across disciplines and outside our professional communities. We know that moving beyond silos and into meaningful and accelerated collaboration is critical on a path to what I still hope will be reversing a climate breakdown and preventing catastrophic biodiversity loss. This is where we as women are needed. We occupy this seat at the table - more than ever. **JUTTA BERNs**



As a sell-side analyst, the reach of networks that you create amongst property specialists; both in the investment and direct property worlds, is extensive, and this highlights one of my favourite aspects of what I do. The ability to interact with a vast pool of knowledgeable and experienced individuals with diverse backgrounds and views (on a day-to-day basis) is what keeps me so engaged in this sector. Coming into my sixth year in the property sector, I find an **ever-growing passion for empowering females** in the sector in any way that I can and my involvement in the WPN provides the best platform to further these initiatives. My aim for 2023 is to explore new ways in which we can do this whilst continuing to learn and develop in my personal career and pay this forward. **PRANITA DAYA**

Already two months into 2023 and the momentum is frenetic. There are many items on the WPN agenda for this year, but the transformation of women in the South African commercial real estate sector and the access to opportunities remain key objectives for my team and I.

Through regular communication via our newsletter, highlights | opportunities and invitations emailed to you, and information under the [Resources tab](#) on our website, I do hope that you will be equipped to enjoy the 2023 year with us and at the very least, have a snapshot of activities in the WPN "lens".

Regards, *Thuli*

## UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

### KZN: 24 FEBRUARY 2024

Recruitment Trends and Mediation in the Workplace.



### WESTERN CAPE: 1 MARCH 2023

Intentional Networking and "building your Tribe".



### GAUTENG: 2 MARCH 2023

Art jamming | Networking | Inspirational speakers



## INDUSTRY NEWS

PropertyWheel

Asset Mag

## GENDER DIVERSITY

### International Women's Day 8 March 2023:

**DigitALL:** This theme is aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW-67), "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls".

Click here to find out the Benefits of Gender Diversity in the Workplace

## INDUSTRY PARTNERS

