

The Department of Political Sciences and the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation (GovInn)

invite you to a public seminar on the topic

Multilateralism and South African Foreign Policy

Speaker



Ambassador Mxolisi Sizo Nkosi

(Chief Operations Officer, DIRCO; former Ambassador to the European Union)

South African foreign policy faces the challenge and opportunity of a rapidly changing African context. The continent is enjoying enhanced international prominence in the 21st century, leading to new multilateral and bilateral relationships with the Global South in particular. This has posed questions about the continued relevance of the Global North on the continent. South Africa stands uniquely poised as a liaison between North and South, with the ability to make a prominent contribution not only to Africa's place in the world, but to Africa's ability to help reimagine that world.

Best placed to reflect on these challenges and opportunities is Ambassador Mxolisi Sizo Nkosi. Ambassador Nkosi, currently the Chief Operations Officer at DIRCO, is an expert in international relations and diplomacy. He returned earlier this year from a four year tenure as South Africa's Ambassador Extraordinaire to the European Union and Belgium. Prior to that, he held the position of Deputy Director-General responsible for Africa Bilateral relations. He has also served as Chief Director at DIRCO, firstly for North Africa, and later for West and Central Africa. Ambassador Nkosi has travelled extensively in Africa and Europe, and accompanied high-level delegations of former President Thabo Mbeki, President Jacob Zuma, former Foreign Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma and Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane.

Date: Friday 26th August 2016
Venue: Merensky Auditorium, Merensky Library, Hatfield Campus, University of Pretoria
Time: 12h00 to 13h30 followed by light snacks