



## Provisional Agenda

### Third Independent Evaluation Office Lecture

09:00-10:00 (China Eastern Time)

13 June 2023

**Zoom Link:** <https://ndb.zoom.us/j/96759766093>

**Meeting ID:** 967 5976 6093

**Passcode:** 915975

**Theme:** **Strengthening NDB impact through rigorous evaluations and evidence**

**Objective:** Enhance an evaluation, results and learning culture in NDB and its member countries

**Guest Speaker:** Professor **Abhijit Banerjee**, Economist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Nobel Prize Winner (2019)

**Participants:** All NDB staff; and members, alternates, and advisers of NDB Board of Directors

### **Agenda**

**09:00-09:05** Opening of session by Mr. **Ashwani K. Muthoo**, Director General, Independent Evaluation Office, NDB

**09:05-09:25** Keynote statement by Professor **Abhijit Banerjee**, MIT

**09:25-09:35** Remarks by Mr. **Dondo Mogajane**, Director for South Africa and Chairperson of the NDB Board of Directors

**09:35-09:55** Interaction with participants

**09:55-10:00** Closing of the session

*Speakers' bio may be seen on the next pages.*

## **SPEAKERS BIOS**



**PROFESSOR ABHIJIT BANERJEE**  
ECONOMIST, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY (MIT), NOBEL PRIZE WINNER  
(2019)

Professor Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee is the Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2003 he co-founded the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) with Esther Duflo and Sendhil Mullainathan, and he remains one of the Lab's Directors. Banerjee is a fellow of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Econometric Society. He is a winner of the Infosys Prize a co-recipient of the 2019 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel for his groundbreaking work in development economics research.

Abhijit is the author of a large number of articles and five books, including *Poor Economics*, which won the Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year, and *Good Economics for Hard Times*, both co-authored with Esther Duflo. He is the editor of three more books and has directed two documentary films. Banerjee has served on the U.N. Secretary-General's High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. He is a trustee of Save the Children USA and the Chair of the Global Education Evidence Advisory Panel and the Global Advisory Board for Covid-19 Response of the government of West Bengal.

### **MR. DONDO MOGAJANE**



**DIRECTOR FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE NDB BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

Mr. Dondo Mogajane is a former civil servant who served as the Director-General of the National Treasury of South Africa until June 2022. He was born on the 05 November 1969 in Brits, a town in the Northwest province.

Mogajane is currently Chief Executive Officer of the Moti Group of companies. In addition, he serves as a non-executive Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the



Government Employees Pension Fund, Chairman of the Pan African Infrastructure Development Fund, Board member of the V&A Waterfront and also currently interim Chair of the Board of Directors of the New Development Bank.

Mogajane obtained his Bachelor of Administration degree from the University of Durban Westville in 1990 and his Honours degree in Public Management in 1991. He went on to pursue a master's degree in public management from the University of Maryland - College Park in the USA. He also completed other programmes in Public Finance and Budgeting from Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Graduate School of Business at the University of Cape Town and also completed a Management Advancement Programme from Wits University Business School.

Mogajane started his career at the National Treasury in 1999 as a Budget Analyst before moving on to various positions within the Treasury, including Director, Chief Director, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Finance, Chief Operations Officer, and Deputy Director-General. Among other roles he played whilst in the public service, he was a Senior Advisor and represented South Africa at the Board of the World Bank between 2007 and 2010. In June 2017, he was appointed as the Director-General of the National Treasury.

As Director-General, Mogajane played a critical role in guiding South Africa's fiscal policy and managing the nation's finances. He is known for his pragmatic approach to economic policy and his commitment to transparency and accountability in government.

Mogajane is widely regarded as a respected and influential figure in South Africa's economic and political landscape.