



ABOVE: PANELISTS AT THE ETHICAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, FROM LEFT; DR DIRK BRAND; MR BASIL SIKHAKHANE; DR PAUL KARIUKI; PROF NATASJA HOLTZHAUSEN; PROF DASARATH CHETTY AND DR BONGANI QWABE.

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The Democracy Development Program (DDP) in collaboration with the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), hosted a two- day conference on Ethical Leadership in the Public Sector in South Africa.

The meeting took place at the Tsogo Sun Elangeni Hotel from 20-21 November. Individuals from various research institutions; government agencies citizen interest groups and civil society organizations attended the event.

The event included talks from UKZN Deputy Vice Chancellor, Prof Deresh Ramjugernath, Executive Director of DDP, Dr. Paul Kariuki and Special Adviser to the premier of KZN, Mr. Nhlanhla Ngidi delivered the keynote address on day one of the conference.

In his speech, Ngidi spoke about the importance of ethical leadership for good governance.

“The subject of ethical leadership in my view is critically important, especially given the developments in our country as well as the disclosures that have been happening at the State Capture Commission.



Above: Prof Holthausen and Dr Brand during their session.

It shows that ethics, as a compass of our behavior is critically important to guide our behavior in whatever venture we find ourselves in. Ethics

are the only assurance, in my view, that a country or any institution does not degenerate to anarchy,” he said.

He further added that the conference was of importance in as it served as a reminder of ethical responsibilities.

“While this conference is discussed ethics of our acceptable behavior as well as assisting with develop within us a consciousness where we are able to do the right thing instinctively.

It is also a conference that serves as a stark reminder of the fact that as South Africans, in all walks of life, we need to continuously hold ourselves accountable and give account about or actions and if that were not our lifestyle, particularly in leadership, it would be a disaster,” said Ngidi.

The aim of the conference was to address... [Read More](#)



Left: KAS Representative in SA, Mr. Henning Suhr giving a message of support at the conference.

"There is a critical need for ethical leadership to curb corruption and promote good governance in the public sector of South Africa"

Goonasagree Naidoo- University of South Africa



Above: Delegates, speakers and the DDP Team during the conference at Elangeni Hotel in Durban on the 20-21 November 2019. The conference was hosted in partnership with the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).

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