

## **CO-FOUNDER PROFILE**

## Mr Sandile Tshabalala (he/him/his)

Mr Tshabalala boasts many years' experience in both the public and private sectors, specialising in corporate governance, corporate philanthropy, human rights and entrepreneurship.

Mr Tshabalala holds qualifications in Corporate Governance, Board Leadership, Systems Change and Law from some of South Africa's most prestigious universities, including the University of Cape Town, the University of Johannesburg, the Gordon Institute of Business Science and Stellenbosch University and most recently completed a post-graduate qualification in Philanthropy and Resource Mobilisation at the University of Witwatersrand.

He further holds a Certificate in Children's Rights from the University of Geneva in Switzerland and a Certificate in Fundraising Management from the Lily Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University. His international experience includes research internship positions with Human Rights Watch and the Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations and the Socio-Economic Rights Institute.

He has held governance positions with multinationals Mazars and TMF Group, and served as a Board of Directors' Secretary for the Public Investment Corporation, where his focus was on the Board of Directors' Affairs, Investment Committee and the Asset Allocation Committee with oversight of over R2 trillion assets globally.

Through Huruma Bantfu, he has provided governance services to the National Youth Development Agency, Agricultural Research Council, Gauteng Enterprise Propeller, Cape Agency for Sustainable Integrated Development in Rural Areas and the Public Servants Association amongst others. He launched the 'State-Owned Enterprises Report in South Africa 2023' with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in South Africa.

Furthermore, he has ideated, curated and executed entrepreneurship development in township economies for the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs with support from the Walmart Foundation.

Mr Tshabalala is a recipient of the Mail and Guardian Top 200 Young South Africans 2023 under the Business category supported by the African Bank and a recipient of the New24 100 Young Mandelas of the Future 2023 under the Humanitarianism category. In 2023, Mr Tshabalala was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of Scouts South Africa, the biggest youth organisation in the country.

He is part of the 2024 cohort of the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation, Leading For Humanity Fellowship.

Mr Tshabalala has travelled to India, Egypt, Nepal, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, France, Switzerland, Slovakia, Italy, Nederlands, Austria, Belgium, United Arab Emirates, Germany, United Kingdom, and most of Southern Africa. His self-care entails sleeping over eight hours daily, reading, writing, and hiking or camping on weekends.

