

THE AEROTROPOLIS INSTITUTE AFRICA (AIA) AT UKZN PRESENTS

AN ONLINE STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP SEMINAR: LEADING IN TIMES OF TURBULENCE - WITH CLARITY, FORESIGHT AND RESILIENCE

Against a backdrop of rapidly increasing international geopolitical instability, the systemic shocks will be far reaching. Leadership can no longer rely on reaction alone. It requires conscious awareness, strategic anticipation, and tested mitigation capability.

Global tensions arising from the war in the Middle East will have significant negative impacts on supply chain processes, energy security, trade, travel, and investment flows. For KwaZulu-Natal and South Africa, strategically positioned within regional and global logistics networks, the stakes are significant.

This online seminar intends to elevate disaster consciousness to equip leaders to move beyond uncertainty and into strategic readiness.

Date: **23 March 2026** | Time: **09h00 – 12h00** | Platform: **Microsoft Teams**

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Why This Seminar Matters

South Africa's interconnected economy anchored by ports, logistics corridors, tourism, manufacturing, agriculture and services is highly exposed to global turbulence. This was evident during the Covid pandemic.

This half-day executive seminar integrates the following in 3 sessions:

- ↗ Contextual framing of disasters and global impact
- ↗ Transformational leadership theory and deep awareness (Theory U principles)
- ↗ Disaster mitigation strategy
- ↗ Scenario-based resilience planning from the mining sector
- ↗ Cross-sector strategic dialogue



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Strategic leader with executive experience across higher education, corporate, and government sectors — including University of KwaZulu-Natal and BMW (Germany). Specialist in leadership transformation, strategic management, and institutional resilience.



Prof Cecile Gerwel Proches
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Over 35 years in the global diamond industry, including leadership roles at Rockwell Diamonds Inc and Lucara Diamond Corp. Expert in mining resilience, risk mitigation, and strategic growth under volatile conditions.

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