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OUR IDENTITY

OUR VISION

A prosperous, peaceful, equitable and just society

OUR VALUES

- Integrity
- Accountability
- Passion for Development
- Hands-On, Bottom-Up Approach

OUR MISSION

To contribute to development through sustainable funding, with like-minded partners and innovative, scalable development models

OUR PROGRAMMES

- **EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PILLAR**
To extend educational development programmes
- **SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PILLAR**
To promote and support socio-economic development
- **INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING PILLAR**
To support strategic institutional capability development for sustainability
- **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PILLAR**
To ensure financial sustainability of Kagiso Charitable Trust



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

In a time of national challenges, where South Africa faces critical issues such as energy crises, educational challenges, and high unemployment, Kagiso Trust has remained steadfast in its commitment to uplifting the most vulnerable members of our society. Our vision, grounded in community-driven and educational development, seeks to empower everyday citizens by providing innovative solutions that promote sustainable growth and resilience.

At the core of our mission is a deep belief that meaningful engagement and collaboration are the keys to lasting change. We understand that South Africa's future depends not on temporary solutions but on sustainable, well-planned initiatives that address the root causes of our country's difficulties. Through this lens, Kagiso Trust has made significant progress in nation building, by collaborating with like-minded partners, which has brought people together to forge a better tomorrow.

A notable development in the field of educational reform is the recent signing of the Bela Bill by President Cyril Ramaphosa. This important legislation aims to transform South Africa's education system by improving access to quality education and enhancing teacher training. It represents a significant step in addressing educational inequities and aligns with our commitment to improving the quality of education and creating greater opportunities for all learners.

We also wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Pravin Gordhan, a respected leader whose significant contributions have left an indelible mark on our nation. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with them as they navigate these difficult periods.

We invite you, the reader, to embark on this journey with us. Through the pages that follow, you will discover the spirit of resilience and collaboration that drives our initiatives. We hope that this story of commitment and collective action will inspire new partnerships, ideas, and, most importantly, hope for a better South Africa.

Mandisa Tselane
Head of Communications and Marketing

A professional portrait of Mandisa Tselane, a Black woman with her hair styled in braids. She is wearing a black blazer over a white blouse, a pearl necklace, and a watch. She has her arms crossed and is smiling warmly at the camera. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. There are orange geometric shapes on the left side of the image: a large triangle at the top and a rectangular box containing text.

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Mandisa Tselane.

BEYERS NAUDÉ: BUILDING ON HIS LEGACY TOWARDS A JUST AND EQUITABLE FUTURE

On September 11, 2024, Kagiso Trust (KT) and Rhodes University Business School hosted the Beyers Naudé Memorial Lecture (BNML) at Rhodes University. The event, themed “Building a Nation: Reflections from the People,” provided a platform to reflect on South Africa’s democratic journey and engage in discussions about its progress and challenges.

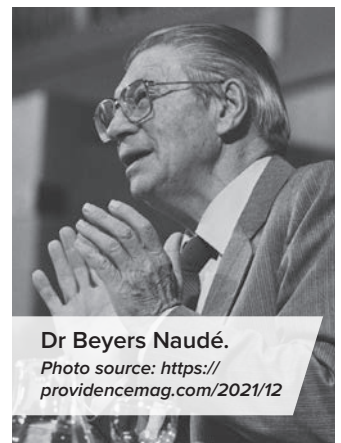
By Khensani Nyambi, Communications and Marketing Intern

This year’s memorial lecture honoured Beyers Naudé, a prominent figure in the anti-apartheid movement and a founding member and patron of Kagiso Trust. It also marked three significant milestones: the 20th anniversary of Beyers Naudé’s passing, Rhodes University’s 120 years of transformative academic contributions, and the 30th anniversary of South Africa’s democracy.

Dr. Mankodi Moitse, CEO of Kagiso Trust, highlighted the enduring influence of Naudé and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. She stated, “Although Naudé and Tutu are no longer with us, their values continue to guide our work as we approach our 40th anniversary in 2025.” Dr. Moitse then emphasised how their commitment to justice and freedom remains a source of inspiration for Kagiso Trust.

Professor Sizwe Mabizela, Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, on the other hand, emphasised the BNML’s role in fostering dialogue and engagement, highlighting the partnership’s commitment to addressing critical issues through equitable access to knowledge and community involvement. The lecture not only served as a tribute to Naudé, but also as a platform for South Africans to reflect on the nation’s progress and challenges.

Peter Harris, a distinguished South African lawyer and author, delivered a thought-provoking keynote address. Reflecting on his personal experiences, Harris described Dr Beyers Naudé, or “Oom Bey” as he fondly referred to him, as a “quietly spoken man who preferred to listen rather than talk.” He praised Naudé’s wisdom and fearless stance against apartheid and mentioned his early work with Kagiso Trust, noting Naudé’s humility and resistance against



Dr Beyers Naudé.

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Dr Mankodi Moitse (KT), Prof Owen Skae (RU), Mr Themba Mola (KT), Mr Goolam Aboobaker (KT), Ms Mankone Ntsaba (KT), Mr Peter Harris (Keynote speaker), Mr Johanne Naudé and Rita Naudé (the Naudé Family), Prof Sizwe Mabizela (RU), Dr Nomakwezi Mzilikazi (RU), Dr Ziyanda Mzamo (KT), Mr Thabiso Ratsomo (KT), Prof Mbalenhle Khatlisi (KT), Dean Zwoitwaho Nevhutalu (KT).

the apartheid system. Harris also acknowledged his own role in representing Kagiso Trust in its formative years and his work with Eric Molobi, another key founder of Kagiso Trust.

In his address, Harris stated, “Be true to yourself, be relevant to society, and don’t steal,” while criticising corruption as a severe breach of public trust, making reference to the VBS Bank scandal. He expressed how “Beyers Naudé would have been disappointed to see that thirty years into our democracy, there remains massive inequality, poverty, and unemployment.”

Despite these challenges, Harris acknowledged the resilience of South Africa’s democratic institutions and the vital role of civil society. Reflecting on past crises, such as the 2021 riots, he noted that the country managed



Peter Harris, Keynote speaker, sharing his insights on *Building a nation: Reflections from the people.*



Audience at the memorial lecture.

to avoid widespread turmoil thanks to the collective action of communities, which demonstrated remarkable solidarity. He also highlighted the strength of South Africa’s democratic institutions and praised the unity of communities in addressing significant challenges. His address emphasised that, despite considerable hurdles, the active engagement of South Africans and strong democratic frameworks remain essential for ongoing nation-building.

In conclusion, the BNML not only honoured Beyers Naudé’s legacy but also highlighted the need for continuous activism and engagement in building a just and equitable society. Kagiso Trust remains dedicated to advancing initiatives that address critical issues and uphold the values championed by Naudé and other esteemed leaders.

As South Africa reflects on its past and plans its future, the lessons from this year’s memorial lecture remind us that the pursuit of justice, development, and reconciliation must be a collective effort, driven by integrity and a commitment to the common good.

INSPIRING INCLUSION:
**HONOURING THE WOMEN
OF KAGISO TRUST**

**WOMEN'S
CELEBRATION
2024**



Facilitator: Nicolette Mashile.

The spirit of empowerment and resilience filled the Langhams Executive Conferencing venue during Women's Month as Kagiso Trust hosted its annual Women's Day Conference. This year's theme, "Inspire Inclusion," emphasised the importance of creating spaces where every woman feels valued and heard, aligning with KT's vision of fostering an inclusive, equitable, and just society.

By Mandisa Tselane, Communication and Marketing Head

Facilitated by the inspiring Nicolette Mashile, the event encouraged everyone in attendance to embrace their individuality and share their stories in the spirit of supporting and celebrating the uniqueness of each and every woman present.

Mandisa Tselane, Head of Communications and Marketing, opened the event by shining a spotlight on the ongoing challenges women face daily in society due to flawed stereotypes and gender biases. Yet, women are the cornerstone of healthy and functioning families and communities. To emphasise this point, Tselane quoted Brigham Young, stating, "You educate a man; you educate a man. You educate a woman; you educate a generation," highlighting the role of women as custodians of family and

community well-being and the importance of empowering women for the future. She also took a moment to honour the countless strong women who have fought for women's rights for generations, paving the way for the opportunities available to us today.

When asked what advice she would give to her 18-year-old self, Tselane responded, "Always be ready, always be prepared, and don't take anything for granted." A clear message to stay open and ready to seize every opportunity that arises.

A highlight of the conference was the keynote address by celebrated athlete and human rights activist Caster Semenya. Semenya spoke about the many challenges she



Beautiful women of Kagiso Trust, united in strength.

faced throughout her career as an athlete, including the harrowing experiences of invasive gender confirmation tests at the age of 18. Her story highlighted the painful realities of societal stereotypes and biases surrounding identity and gender. Semenya left the audience with these powerful words, “I don’t have to fit in because I belong.” Emphasising the importance of self-acceptance and courage in the face of societal judgment and rejection.

The Kagiso Trust Women’s Day Conference 2024 was not just an event; it was a celebration of strength, unity, and the power of women’s voices.

The Q&A session that followed allowed the audience to engage directly with Semenya. One participant shared her experience growing up as a ‘big girl’ and how her perspective changed during a national netball match against an Australian team. After witnessing her strength

and ability during the competition, her value as a ‘big girl’ was seen by those who previously overlooked or judged her negatively. An example of how perceptions can change, encouraging everyone to embrace their uniqueness.

Another participant sought Semenya’s advice for her daughter, who was struggling with identity issues. Semenya offered wisdom on self-acceptance and love, which the mother recorded to share with her daughter. The conference provided valuable networking opportunities for the women within the Kagiso Trust Group. Not only did it allow them to connect and share insights, but it also fostered a strong sense of community and support.

KT’s Dr Ziyanda Mzamo closed the event thanking Caster Semenya for sharing her inspiring message of resilience and self-acceptance. She urged every woman to love themselves and challenged them to break free from limiting situations, leaving the audience with a final thought, “If not me, then who?”

The day concluded with a book signing by Semenya for her book, “The Race To Be Myself” which was given to each attendee - a lasting reminder of inspiration and empowerment.

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Keynote speaker, Caster Semenya, sharing her journey of triumph and resilience.



Dr Ziyanda Mzamo, Chief Corporate Services Officer at Kagiso Trust.



Book signing session.

theme of inclusion, KT reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a community where every woman is empowered. Moving forward, let us carry the lessons learned and the connections made, ensuring that we as women continue

to uplift one another and inspire future generations to embrace their authentic selves. Together, we can build a brighter, more inclusive future for all.



Mandisa Tselane, Head of Communications and Marketing at Kagiso Trust.



Attendee proudly holds her signed copy of Caster Semenya's book.

FARMERS AGGREGATOR ROUNDTABLE

DRIVING INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN AGRICULTURE

On Wednesday, 10 July 2024, Kagiso Trust's Socio-Economic Development (SED) unit, in collaboration with the Agricultural Development Agency (AGDA), hosted a Farmers Aggregator Roundtable. This pivotal event gathered farmer aggregators and key agricultural sector players to share insights and experiences on farmer aggregation – a model designed to enhance the success of emerging small-scale farmers in South Africa.

By Khensani Nyambi, Communications and Marketing Intern

Farmer aggregation has increasingly emerged as a critical mechanism for supporting small-scale farmers, focusing on essential areas such as market access, finance, and technical support. This approach addresses the core needs of developing commercial black farmers. The roundtable underscored Kagiso Trust's commitment to addressing enduring challenges in the agricultural sector, by fostering inclusive growth through strategic partnerships.

The event featured prominent speakers, including Leeko Makoene, founder of Made with Rural, and Lusanda Moletsane, Managing Director and CEO of



Discussion panellists: James Lonsdale, Lusanda Moletsane, Darell Jones, Leeko Makoene, and Sandile Mahlangu.



Mankone Ntsaba, KT Chairperson.

Khumo ea Tsebo Advisory Services, who provided valuable perspectives on the practical aspects of implementing farmer aggregation. James Lonsdale from SPAR discussed the critical challenges faced by small-scale farmers, such as maintaining consistent supply and quality, which are crucial for securing ongoing market opportunities. He emphasised that the aggregation model could significantly alleviate these issues, enabling farmers to reliably meet market demands.

Leona Archary, CEO of AGDA, presented the “Blouberg Agri-Services Hub” case study, highlighting a successful initiative aimed at fostering sustainable growth and increasing black farmers’ participation in the agricultural sector. The roundtable also featured in-depth discussions on the challenges still faced, including market access, funding, and the need for behavioural changes among farmers to ensure long-term success and effective loan repayment.

The roundtable’s most significant outcomes included the unique opportunity for aggregators to convene and reflect on their diverse approaches. This alignment with Kagiso Trust’s strategic objective of sector coordination was evident in the rich exchange of ideas and experiences. Participants highlighted various methods of aggregation, underscoring the need for KT to document and share these approaches to enhance the sector’s overall effectiveness.

One of the key challenges discussed was the presence of fraudulent actors in the aggregation space, who misappropriate resources intended for small-scale farmers. To combat this, KT plans to use the insights from the roundtable to establish clear standards and ethical guidelines, aiming to reduce information asymmetry and enhance the credibility of farmer aggregators. Another challenge is the tendency of some supporters to bypass aggregators and deal directly with farmers, which can undermine the aggregation process, especially when funding is involved.

Moving forward, Kagiso Trust is committed to implementing the roundtable’s insights by hosting additional events, collecting data on existing aggregators, and facilitating the establishment of a Community of Practice. These efforts are aimed at fostering a more inclusive agricultural sector, bridging the gap between small-scale farmers and the mainstream food value chain.

The roundtable highlighted new opportunities for collaboration and partnerships, encouraging supporters of small-scale farmers to engage in the ongoing process to gain better insights into farmer aggregation. This collaborative approach will help distinguish legitimate aggregators from fraudulent ones and reduce information asymmetry in the sector.

The roundtable had enriching discussions and insights that have significantly influenced Kagiso Trust’s approach to farming aggregation. Demonstrating the diversity of aggregation methods and the importance of sharing these practices. This initiative is a crucial component of KT’s long-term vision for the agricultural sector, with key milestones including the development of a Community of Practice, a comprehensive database of farmer aggregators, and the publication of literature on aggregation theory and practice. Through these efforts, Kagiso Trust aims to contribute to a more equitable and thriving agricultural landscape in South Africa.



Dr Mankodi Moitse, CEO of Kagiso Trust, speaking on the purpose of the Roundtable.



Leona Archary, CEO of AGDA, presents the “Blouberg Agri-Services Hub” at the Farmers Aggregator Roundtable.



KT Stakeholders, Spar Group, and Award recipients celebrating agricultural success.

ROOTED IN SUCCESS

AGRI AWARDS

In partnership with the Spar Group, Kagiso Trust recently hosted the inaugural Kagiso Spar Agri Awards and Summit, an initiative aimed at recognising excellence among emerging farmers participating in the Spar Mopani Rural Hub programme. Held in Tzaneen, the event brought together key stakeholders, including government officials, industry leaders, and black emerging crop farmers, to celebrate the success of a transformative agricultural model designed to empower historically disadvantaged individuals.

*By Nomkhosi Khumalo, Kagiso Trust
Digital Content Manager*



Dr Mankodi Moitse, CEO of Kagiso Trust, speaking on the conditions of the awards and prizes.



Thabiso Ratsomo, KT Vice Chairperson, presents award to outstanding achiever.

Agriculture plays a pivotal role in South Africa's economy, contributing R420 billion in 2023 and supporting 920 000 jobs*. It is one of the leading sectors that bolsters food security and provides foreign income while driving growth across industries such as food processing and manufacturing. Recognising this potential, Kagiso Trust, through its Socio-Economic Development (SED) unit, embarked on a Joint Cooperation Agreement (JCA) with the Spar Group, South Africa, to empower black emerging farmers.

The initiative focuses on providing these farmers with technical skills, mentorship, and market access. By partnering with the Spar Group, farmers are given the opportunity to enter the Spar supply chain, ensuring their

produce reaches consumers through established retail networks. Additionally, Kagiso Trust provides financial support for working capital and farm infrastructure, with over R8.9 million invested thus far.

The 2023/24 planting season marked a significant milestone in the programme, yielding the most profitable harvest to date. A total of 11 farmers participating in the programme, achieving combined gross earnings of R8.6 million, demonstrating the viability of the Farmer Aggregator Model developed by Kagiso Trust in collaboration with Spar. This success showcases the potential for scaling the model to other areas and further strengthening the agricultural ecosystem in Limpopo.



Panel Discussion on farmers' experiences and their Journey at the Mopane Rural Hub Programme.

*referenced from <https://wandilesihlobo.com/category/agricultural-labour-market/>



Spar technical experts that have been imparting knowledge to the Rural Hub farmers.



Seroto Mapagane, Mopani West District Curriculum Head.



Nomsa Ngwenya, founder and owner of NTL Baraka Eco Farming

At the Kagiso Spar Agri Awards, Kevin O’Brien, Group Sustainability Executive at the Spar Group, praised the achievements of the emerging farmers:

“We are immensely grateful to Kagiso Trust and the Tyala Impact Fund for this generous award. This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our farmers and aligns with Spar’s vision to enhance job creation, income generation, infrastructure development, skills transfer, and empowerment. The investment will enable our farmers to elevate their operations and contribute to food security and economic growth in their communities.”

Spar’s Rural Hub Programme, initiated in 2016 in the Mopani District of Limpopo, has played a crucial role in supporting small-scale farmers by offering guaranteed markets, technical training, and access to funding. The programme currently supports farmers in Limpopo, creating over 100 jobs and 62 secondary jobs at packhouses and in technical services. KT Chairperson Mankone Ntsaba expressed that:

“The Spar Mopani rural hub initiative shows how working together can bring real change. By helping small-scale farmers become part of the main food supply chain and giving them the skills they need.”



Farmer awards held at the Old Coach House in Tzaneen.



Luvuyo Sandi, SED Business Fund Manager at KT.

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Adding to this she noted that the partnership between KT and Spar ‘is a strong example of how we can build a better future for everyone in South Africa.’

Looking ahead, Kagiso Trust and Spar aim to expand the programme and engage more farmers, contributing to food security, economic growth, and the transformation of South Africa’s agricultural landscape. The Agri-Awards also provided a platform for stakeholders to collaborate and discuss ways to scale the model, harnessing the potential of the farmer development ecosystem in Limpopo.

In addition to awarding the farmers, KT also recognised the schools that also have agriculture as a subject stream to inspire the learners as well as acknowledge their efforts in contributing to shaping the sector. KT CEO Dr Mankodi Moitse stated that it is fundamental that learners perceive agriculture as a means to sustain themselves, their community and the country. By inviting the learners to be inspired by the farmers at the Agri Awards, this is possible.

As Kagiso Trust continues to champion socio-economic transformation through agriculture, the Agri Awards and Summit marked a key step in recognising and empowering black emerging farmers while paving the way for future initiatives that will foster greater inclusivity in South Africa’s agricultural sector.

KAGISO TRUST INFRASTRUCTURE CONDITIONAL AWARDS 2024

FARM NAME	AWARD FOR/CATEGORIES
Leydah Farming (Pty) LTD	Most Improved Category
Ramahwidi Farming and Projects Co-Operative Limited	Most Diversified Category
NTL Baraka Eco-Farming and Tourism Primary Co-Operative Limited	Best Female-Owned Category
Maamadulo Farming Enterprises (Pty) Ltd	Fastest Growing Farm Operation Category
Sam Mkgadi Farming and General Trading Close Corporation	Best Volume, Yield, and Revenue Category
Thangwane Group Primary Co-Operative Limited	Most Resilient Category
Mzaman & Remember (Pty) LTD	Best Youth Owned
Mohale Farming SJ (Pty) LTD	Job Creation Category
Tshita Melodi Farming Project Close Corporation	Best Yield Improvement Category
Roitima Farming and Projects	Special Award




Proud award recipients at the Farmer awards 2024.

KAGISO TRUST AGRICULTURAL RECOGNITION AWARDS 2024

- Solani Samson N’wamitwa Secondary School
- Mosibudi High School
- Seakgotle Secondary School
- Bakuna Secondary School
- Boke Secondary School

SOMETHING NEW

IS COMING TO WWW.KAGISO.CO.ZA!



We're thrilled to announce that exciting changes are coming to the KT website!

Designed with you in mind, our upcoming update will enhance how you connect with us and stay informed about our impactful work.

Keep an eye out for the big reveal – trust us, this is something *you won't want to miss!*

OUR FOOTPRINT

Limpopo

KST:

- 60 Anglo American Schools Project

PMO:

- University of Limpopo Research partnership

BNSDP:

- 243 schools in Sekhukhune East
- Sports, Arts and Culture

SED:

- Spar Mopani Rural Hub Initiative

Local Governance Support

Programme (LGSP):

- Modimolle Local Municipality – Small-Town Rejuvenation Project

North West

PMO:

- North West University Research Partnership

SED:

- Bophuduchwana Production Incubator (Pty) Ltd (BPI) Funding

Northern Cape

KST:

- 25 Anglo American Schools Project
- Globeleq

Free State

BNSDP:

- 166 schools in Thabo Mofutsanyana
- Robotics
- Skills Competition
- Eskom Maths Competition

KST:

- 323 schools in Motheo and Fezile Dabi
- Globeleq

EMSP:

- 12 Students

PMO:

- University of Free State Research partnership

Local Governance Support

Programme (LGSP):

- Senekal Local Municipality – Small-Town Rejuvenation Projects

Western Cape

PMO:

- Stellenbosch and Western Cape Universities Research partnerships

Local Governance Support

Programme (LGSP):

- Piketberg Local Municipality – Small-Town Rejuvenation Projects

Eastern Cape

KTC:

- CoGTA

Local Governance Support

Programme (LGSP):

- Makana Local Municipality – The Stakeholder Collaboration Model

SED:

- Groendal Workers Trust

KST:

- Globeleq

Gauteng

Leadership Conference

- Faculty of Education, UJ
- National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT)

Kagiso Trust (KTC):

- CoGTA

PMO:

- Thabo Mbeki Foundation
- Human Sciences Research Council
- South African Human Rights Commission
- Africa Beyond 4IR
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

SED:

- PROPpreneurX

Mpumalanga

KST:

- 25 Anglo American Schools Project

KwaZulu-Natal

Beyers Naude Memorial

Lecture:

- University of Zululand

SED:

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