

Agenda for the visit of Minister of Science of Technology

Ms. Naledi Pandor

Silicon Valley Working Luncheon | Monday, 16-Feb-2015 | 11:45am – 2pm

SABLE | Global Fluency Offices, 1494 Hamilton Ave., San Jose, CA 95125

11:45am – 12:30pm	Welcome, Introductions, & Working Luncheon Minister Pandor will share her DST Priorities for 2015
12:30pm – 1:00pm	SiMODiSA: A public benefit initiative that aims to catalyze and amplify entrepreneurship in South Africa, by: Pieter de Villiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amplification of Entrepreneurship: Start-Up South Africa (10/10/14) – The largest showcase and gathering of South African Entrepreneurs with 65% representing the ICT sector. • Get Up Start-Up Finalists • Catalysing Start-ups: Policy work + Incubator support program and ‘Gov Hack’ initiative.
1:00pm – 1:30pm	SABLE Network: A global expert network of expat South Africans connected to and mentoring innovators in South Africa, by: Donovan Neale-May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of SABLE Network in <u>knowledge transfer and commercialization</u> of intellectual property and technology/science services from South Africa; example includes the Twerly self-powered streetlight and tower of sustainable power for off-grid applications and micro-enterprise development. • Case Study: Materials Technology Associates' <u>successful outsourcing agreement</u> with Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University's Innovation Engineering Group to undertake materials engineering and failure analysis services in South Africa utilizing the University's specialized know-how and equipment. – by, Mike Blum
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Roundtable Discussion with 10 SABLE Members in the Silicon Valley <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Jonathan Burke: Professor of Finance at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business 2. Donovan Neale-May: GlobalFluency, President The SABLE Accelerator, Managing Partner Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) Council, Executive Director Business Performance Innovation (BPI) Network, Executive Director 3. Pieter de Villiers: CEO and Co-founder of Clickatell, Inc. Advisor with SABLE Chairman of SiMODiSA 4. Mike Blum: Founder, Materials Technology Associates, Inc. 5. Wayne Ferreira: Former SA International Tennis Star and Founder of Ecola Blue – a company that has developed a breakthrough atmospheric water generator system that can provide quality drinking water to remote communities and townships across South Africa. 6. Dr. Liam Pedersen: Principal researcher at Nissan's advanced automotive research center in Silicon Valley; authority on potential role of South African institutions in the development of autonomous cars and robotic vehicles. 7. Mayan Mathen: Chief Technology Officer, NTT Innovation Institute – Silicon Valley 8. Andre Marais: Registered Patent Attorney and Shareholder of Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner 9. Werner Mansfield: Managing Partner of The SABLE Accelerator 10. Vinny Lingham: Co-founder and CEO at Gyft Founder and Board Member at Yola