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Invitation to a Webinar

2020 Dr Phyllis Naidoo Memorial Lecture

**Theme: Celebrating 60 Years since Chief Albert Luthuli had
received the Nobel Peace Prize**

Keynote Speaker

DR KUMI NAIDOO

Human Rights and Environmental Justice Activist

Topic: The Struggle for Justice is a Marathon and not a Sprint

Facilitator: Mr Likhona Mnguni



Likhona Mnguni holds a Bachelor of Community and Development Studies (cum laude) and an Honours Degree in Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies (cum laude), both from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Mnguni holds an MSc in Africa and International Development from the University of Edinburgh in November 2015 after having received the Commonwealth Scholarship to pursue his studies. He currently serves as a PhD intern Researcher in the Maurice Webb Race Relations Unit and a Lecturer in the School of Social Sciences at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

Date: 25th November 2020 | **Time:** 17h00 - 18h30



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Human Rights & Environmental Justice Activist



Dr Kumi Naidoo

A seasoned activist, Dr Kumi Naidoo has never lost his deep commitment to people and the planet, and his capacity to catalyse communities and movements for justice across issues, sectors and international borders. Kumi became an activist at the age of 15 in the protest against inferior apartheid school education. As a student activist at the University of Durban - Westville, Kumi faced imminent imprisonment for violating State of Emergency Regulations. He was forced underground where he joined the African National Congress, eventually escaping to the ANC's Zimbabwe camp from where

he left for London to attend Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. He returned to South Africa after Nelson Mandela's release and began working on the integration and normalisation of the recently unbanned ANC. He helped organize the National Men's March Against Violence on Women and Children in 1997 and contributed to drafting the Domestic Violence Act. Kumi served as Director of the Independent Electoral Commission and was responsible for training electoral staff in South Africa's first democratic election. Kumi served on the Adult Literacy Education Board and was the Founding Executive Director of the South African National NGO Coalition (SANGOCO). After serving as Secretary General of Civicus World Alliance for Citizen Participation, based in Washington USA, Kumi joined Greenpeace International as an Executive Director where his role inspired activists around the globe. Having been headhunted by Amnesty International to serve as its Secretary General, Kumi raised awareness of the plight of the victims of war and famine in war torn areas like Syria and Sudan.

Kumi is currently Professor of Practice, Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University, Global Ambassador: Africans Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity, Visiting Fellow: Oxford University and Honorary Fellow: Magdalen College. Dr Kumi Naidoo is the recipient of 5 Honorary Doctorates.