

Global Solutions Summit

Asanda Gebhuza has completed a BCom Honours in Information Systems and is currently doing a Masters in Rural Development focusing on Land Administration at Fort Hare University. He was a community youth leader in Midrand, Johannesburg in 2010/2011.

Asanda was privileged to have been part of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung South Africa's youth leadership programme, Fort Hare Autumn School (FHAS) 2018 Cohort. The programme provided an opportunity for him to enhance his leadership skills and opened his eyes on issues that young people need to pay attention to. He was known as an Entrepreneur type of a leader, during private discussions he would advocate for youth involvement in Economic development and not only active in the political side. He asserted that young people should be known by their great ideas that boosts the economy.

He was recently invited to attend Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality's External Representative Forum which the Mayor was sharing the plan and the budget of the Municipality. Asanda was there to represent the Youth in terms of Youth Budget allocation and the youth involvement in the economy of the Metro.

As a global citizen, having seen the need for financial literacy, he started the financial market education initiative to teach kids between the ages of 12-16 years about financial markets (FOREX), the aim is to close the gap on financial literacy as well as unemployment.

He further explains that, on the financial inclusion for the next decade the focus should be promoting financial education and services appropriate for the unserved and underserved financial consumers, especially those from rural areas as means to promote sustainable development. Accelerating financial infrastructure development, particularly digital infrastructure to enable e-payment transactions, credit information sharing, and secure transactions. It is by no doubt that the world is going digital with the introduction of digital banking, thus the need for digital infrastructure. There is therefore a great need in developing and implementing financial inclusion strategies, including capacity building, financial education and digital tools to improve financial literacy and human resource development in the financial sector. The training is conducted on weekends and during school holidays, Asanda aiming to get a slot with schools to train kids at their school premises since at the moment parents are bringing their kids to his private residents.

In 2018, Asanda was invited to be part of the BRICS Forum East London- Eastern Cape

under a contractor company from Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA). The Forum discussion was on developing smart cities in South Africa and strengthening business relations within BRICS countries. He was part of the Youth session where they discussed Integrating South African youth entrepreneurs with other BRICS countries. He was also a rapporteur who had to report back and use information from the meeting to develop the 2019 Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA).

Asanda has been invited to a Global Solutions Summit 2020 in Berlin (Germany). The annual Global Solutions Summit held by the Global Solutions Initiative brings together international representatives of government of the highest level, global CEOs, renowned research organizations and civic communities. They will be discussing the most critical issues to be addressed by G20, G7 and other Global governance forums in 2020. Issues such as financial literacy and Youth involvement in decision making, Entrepreneurship and many more will be discussed during the summit.



Mr Asanda Gebhuza, FHAS 2018 cohort.