

Inaugural Global Advisory Council Meeting 2008

For the first time the Ifa Lethu Global Advisory Council (GAC) and the Ifa Lethu Board were able to meet face to face on South African soil. In addition to its South African Board of Directors, the Global Advisory Council forms part of the Foundation's Governance Structure.



l-r: Narissa Ramdhani, Raymond Louw, Tom Nevin, Lord Robin Renwick, Ambassador Princeton Lyman, Hugh Masekela

The inaugural meeting of the Global Advisory Council was held on 17 September 2008 in Johannesburg and was attended by GAC members Lord Robin Renwick (United Kingdom) and Ambassador Princeton Lyman (USA). Unfortunately former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser was unable to attend due to ill health and from the local Board members Dr Ramphele cancelled her attendance as her mother passed away immediately before the meeting. Chaired by Board member Raymond Louw, it was a great opportunity for all attendees to not only hear of Ifa Lethu's activities over the previous three years, but to discuss the planned strategic directions for the Foundation for the next two years.

The global experience brought to the table by the GAC members is immeasurable, and with their close ties to the South African Heritage Diaspora over many years, their interest in Ifa Lethu's creative entrepreneurship development programme was received with keen approval.

Following an extremely productive meeting, friends and guests of Ifa Lethu joined the gathering for a lively lunch. Guests included: Paul Boateng (Ex British High Commissioner), Irene Menell, Philip Green (Ex Australian High Commissioner, Jay Naidoo, Mary Deane Connors - USA Embassy.



L-R: Jay Naidoo, Raymond Louw, Narissa Ramdhani, Phillip Green



Lord Renwick and HC Paul Boateng exchange memories