



MAPUNGUBWE INSTITUTE LEAP 4.0 CONVENTION: SOUTH AFRICA'S LEAP INTO THE TECHNOLOGICAL FUTURE

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The **Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA)** is proud to host the *LEAP 4.0 Convention* on the 29th September 2020. LEAP 4.0 is intended to bring together minds that will discuss practical strategies to proactively take advantage of developments presented by the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR). The objective is to help our country and the continent to 'leapfrog' towards a digital future.

Research is already signaling that the African continent is lagging in many of the indicators essential for a successful transition into the digital revolution. The 4IR is expected to bring about social and economic disruption that may have uncertain consequences for Africa. South Africa, and other developing countries need to position themselves to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the 4IR.

We invite you to join key decision makers across generational, discipline, social and sectoral divides in devising practical strategies to mitigate the risks of 4IR, adapt to its challenges and leverage opportunities to obtain a higher developmental trajectory for the continent. The LEAP 4.0 Convention is part of MISTRA's broader project on the 4th Industrial Revolution which will culminate into the release of a research publication in the coming year.

The discussion will be led by notable speakers in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics industry, including Internationally renowned technology entrepreneur and founder of Rekindle Learning, **Rapeleng Rabana**, who will deliver the keynote address; **Dr Phil Mjwara**, Director-General at the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation; and authors from MISTRA's 4IR publication, **Dr Vukosi Marivate**, **Professor Erika Kraemer-Mbula**, **Mamokgethi Molopyane**, **Zamanzima Mazibuko-Makena** and **Mattieu Maralack**.

Technoshops at the convention will cover themes in Arts and Humanity; Biotechnology and Nanotechnology as well as Systems of Knowledge Production.

Details of the convention are as follows:

Date: 29th September 2020

Time: 13h00 pm – 15h30 pm

Virtual Room: Zoom Webinar

Event Registration Link: <http://mistraleap4.org.za/#!/up>

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