

## RÉSUMÉ

### PROFESSOR RAYMOND PARSONS

Professor Raymond Parsons is a professor at the North West University Potchefstroom Business School (NWU-PBS). He is also chairman of the NWU-PBS Advisory Board. Until 2012 he was the Deputy CEO of BUSA and subsequently a Special Policy Advisor to that organization until April 2014. He has also lectured at the Department of Economic and Management Sciences at the University of Pretoria. Professor Parsons was the Overall Business Convenor at the National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC) until 2010, which is the major social dialogue institution in South Africa. He is a key contributor to public and academic debate on a broad spectrum of issues of critical importance to the political economy of SA. He is a recognized authority on the SA economy and its implications for the business community. He studied economics at the Universities of Cape Town, Oxford and Copenhagen, before playing a leading role in organized business in SA for many years. He is a former Director-General of the SA Chamber of Business (SACOB). From 2000-2003 he was Visiting Professor at the School of Economic and Business Sciences at the University of the Witwatersrand. He also holds an Honorary Doctorate from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) and is an Honorary Professor there. He is a government-appointee to the Council of the NMMU. Professor Parsons is a Past-President of the Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA). In 2004 former President Thabo Mbeki appointed Professor Parsons to the Board of Directors of the SA Reserve Bank and was reappointed in 2008. He was also a director of the SA Mint. He is the author/editor of five books – *The Mbeki Inheritance: SA's Economy 1990-2004*, *Parson's Perspective: Focus on the Economy*, *Manuel Markets and Money: Essays in Appraisal*, *Zumanomics: Which way to shared prosperity in South Africa?* and *Zumanomics Revisited: The Road from Mangaung to 2030*. His next book on 'Business and Apartheid: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly' is expected to be published in late 2017.

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