

Bongiwe Beja-Ntsiko

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Bongiwe Beja-Ntsiko is currently the Head of Partnerships at The Student Hub, which is an EdTech company that provides TVET colleges with the infrastructure to offer optimised online teaching and learning through an intuitive eLearning platform. The Student Hub strives for innovative solutions entrenched in research principles, with the aim of contributing to poverty alleviation and job creation in South Africa.

Bongiwe is a Chartered Development Finance Analyst (CDFA) by profession and has worked in organisations which have allowed her to explore her true passion being SMME Development, Youth Unemployment and Social Entrepreneurship. Prior to The Student Hub, Bongiwe was an EXCO member and held the position of Business Development and Strategy Lead at the Youth Employment Service (YES), an initiative launched by President Ramaphosa to curb youth unemployment in South Africa. Bongiwe was also General Manager at Silulo Ulutho Technologies (Silulo), a technology and education social enterprise which has significant impact in the emerging, township and rural communities across South Africa.

Bongiwe has worked in the Investment Management industry for the majority of her career and was a specialist in the Business Development and Client Relations of institutional clients where she has worked for leading organisations including Sanlam Investments, Riscura Investment Consulting and Cannon Asset Managers. She holds an MCom Development Finance degree (cum laude) from the UCT Graduate School of Business. Bongiwe is the Southern African Region Community Champion in the Global Shapers Community which is an initiative of the World Economic Forum (WEF) where she provides support to 15 community based hubs each driving projects to develop young people in the continent. She has been voted as the 11th Most Influential Young South African for 2018 by Avance Media where she won the Overall Category of Personal Development and Academia.

Through her work she wants to develop the continent by playing a significant role in unlocking value and growth through social impact.