

Actuarial Society 2017 Convention

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Registration is Open

Registration is now open for the 2017 Convention, ASSA's 44th Convention. Please visit the Convention website for information, to register and book accommodation: www.actuarialsociety.org.za

You are welcome to contact the Convention Secretariat on 021 683 2934 or register@actuarialsocietyconvention.org.za if you have any questions about registration.

An important date to remember: standard registration ends on Monday 31 July 2017, late registration fees apply from 1 August 2017.

About the Programme

From plenary sessions with thought-provoking invited guests, to industry-relevant updates by the Society's important stakeholders and the latest addition - interactive workshops presented by South African practitioners at the coal face - the Convention programme for 2017 has been shaped by volunteers from the profession to inform as well as inspire. We have selected a limited number of topics that we believe will offer innovative new ideas and techniques that address the challenges facing actuaries today.

Plan your attendance using the programme outline [here](#) and see more detail about the [speakers](#) and [sessions](#).

Presenting our Plenary Speakers for 2017

Radoslav Albrecht is the founder and CEO of Bitbond, the first global marketplace lending platform for small business loans. Bitbond leverages blockchain technology to connect creditworthy borrowers with individual and institutional investors. All payment transactions on Bitbond are conducted via the bitcoin blockchain, therefore the service is available worldwide via the internet and is independent of banks. By innovating in the fields of payments and credit scoring, Bitbond makes financial inclusion a reality around the world. Before founding Bitbond Radoslav worked for Roland Berger Strategy Consultants & Deutsche Bank London, advising financial services providers in Europe and Western Africa in restructuring and post-merger integrations as well as working in sales & trading of structured products. Radoslav will introduce various innovative fintech companies in Europe and the USA that are specifically disrupting the financial services industry as we know it. Given the growing focus on Fintech in South

Africa, we believe this presentation on the Bitbond technology, how to be innovative in a fast-moving industry and the impact of the blockchain on financial services and insurers will be very useful to all actuaries.

Radoslav Albrecht will speak in the Closing Plenary Session on Convention Day One, Tuesday, 17 October 2017. Read more about Radoslav Albrecht [here](#).

Athol Williams is a renowned corporate strategy advisor and award-winning author with an impressive career including senior positions at Bain, Rio Tinto, Old Mutual etc, before founding Taurus & Associates, a top strategy consulting firm that advises CEOs and executives from blue-chip corporations on mission-critical strategic decisions. He has also served on the boards of numerous businesses and non-profit organizations, including his own charity Read to Rise. Athol will share his story of growing up in Mitchells Plain during apartheid and going on to become one of the first people to earn Masters degrees from five of the world's top universities. His ethos of adopting an open, possibility-rich approach to business innovation, product development, personal life and career offers an inspiring view point for people from all walks of life. Athol's lessons and life philosophies will challenge the profession and our individual determination to overcome obstacles and dare us to live lives of possibility and greatness - for ourselves and for our society.

Athol Williams will speak in the Closing Plenary Session on Convention Day Two, Wednesday, 18 October 2017. Read more about Athol Williams [here](#).

Regards,
The 2017 Convention Organising Committee

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