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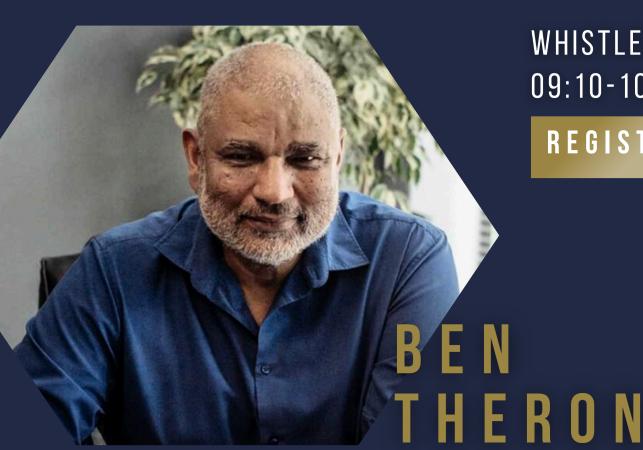
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South Africa Chapter





WHISTLEBLOWING 09:10-10:15

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SPEAKER BIO

Ben Theron, a Certified Fraud Examiner, stands as a seasoned Operations Executive with three decades of Operations experience. He has attained a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Pretoria. His professional journey spans over various sectors, including telecommunications, electronic tolling, Civil Service, and forensic investigations.

Noteworthy accomplishments of Ben's career includes conception and establishment of the Gauteng Freeway Tolling system, he contributed to the strategic redirection of the Organisation Undoing Tax Abuse (OUTA), transforming it into a formidable force dedicated to combating corruption and advocating for change, reengineering and repositioning of the Eskom Forensic Investigations Unit.

He heads up The Whistleblower House which has supported a total of 297 whistleblowers since February 2022.

TOPIC ABSTRACT

Whistleblowing is crucial in South Africa for uncovering corruption, fraud, and misconduct. These brave individuals, known as "guardians of integrity," wield the power to reform compromised boards, hold corrupt governments accountable, right injustices, and uphold democracy. Despite legal protections like the Protected Disclosures Act (PDA), whistleblowers still confront significant risks, including threats to their physical safety, psychological well-being, and financial stability. The establishment of the Whistleblower House, providing legal, psychological, financial, and physical (security) support, underscores the necessity of robust support structures. Such initiatives are vital for fostering a culture of accountability and empowering individuals to expose wrongdoing across all sectors.





SPEAKER BIO

Craig Pedersen is a leading expert in digital forensics, cybercrime, and fraud investigation. As the head of TCG Forensics, he oversees operations in Cape Town and Pretoria, focusing on digital forensics and cybercrime. Craig is a Forensic Practitioner, and Cyber Crime Investigator with extensive experience in the investigation of Ponzi schemes and commercial crime. He is a registered Certified Fraud Examiner, a member of the IAFCI, South African Academy of Forensic Sciences and Fellow of the Internet Service Providers Association (SA).

Craig is also the author of the Investigators Guide to Open-Source Intelligence, a comprehensive resource for investigators seeking to enhance their skills in this area. In addition to his work as an investigator and author, Craig is an accomplished lecturer and regularly shares his expertise on topics such as OsInt and Cyber Crime Investigation.

With his wealth of experience and knowledge, Craig is a sought-after speaker at conferences and events worldwide. His insights and expertise have helped numerous organisations navigate the complex landscape of digital forensics and cybercrime.

TOPIC ABSTRACT

Cybercrimes cost the South African economy billions of Rands every year. Businesses are crippled and often worse by invoice interception schemes, fake investments and fraudulent payments in the online space. The increasing risk of data breaches and POPIA compliance add to the cyber security realities in our country – how do you protect your business?

Join us as we explore the risks and available remediation in this practical session focusing on what you can do to secure your business against cyber criminals.

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Requirements to attend the event

- 1. Clear **certified copy** of your ID (no later than 07 January 2025).
- 2. Only for SMEs in the INSETA Sector.
- 3.2024-25 INSETA WORKER PROGRAMME AGREEMENT (Download and complete) and email to <u>chantelleacfesa.co.za</u> with point 4.
- 4. Employment Letter (Example attached needs to be on your company letterhead).

Closing date for applications:

31 March 2025

Who should attend

• All SMEs in the INSETA Sector

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