

REBELS, RENEGADES & PROBLEM SOLVERS

Breakfast function talk with Bruce Whitfield

On the 7th of November 2019, Van der Merwe and Robertson Attorney's hosted a breakfast function with Bruce Whitfield as our Key-note speaker. The second phase of the talk consisted of a panel discussion with our Key-note speaker accompanied by Theo Vorster and Warren Ingram.

The talk was not only informative but also insightful and motivational. Bruce commented that the majority of South Africans are so focused on the negative events that are occurring in South Africa that we fail to acknowledge that we have the potential to change the current financial standing of South Africa. This led to the discussion of "Rebels, Renegades and Problem Solvers". These are the people that understand the current standing of our economy and acknowledge the "Rascals, Reprobates and the Problem causes" who contribute to in the challenges that we are facing as a society.

Theo Vorster and Warren Ingram joined the discussion with an in-depth discussion of our current economic standing of the country highlighting public entities such as Transnet, SAA and Eskom which contributed to the depreciating financial state of the economy as a result of mismanagement and corruption. This element of the talk was relevant as these are the current issues that we are experiencing as a society and these are the issues that make us uncertain about the economic future of South Africa.

Bruce spoke about how Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, was mocked because of his idea to sell books online and how Amazon grew to be a multimillion-dollar company despite the doubts. He gave an example about how Aisha Pandor, the founder of Sweep-South cleaning services, created a platform where domestic workers would have online access to securing employment as she had noticed that more and more domestic workers were unemployed. She created a platform where domestic workers became more independent and contributed to our economy.

He then dabbled with the idea that it is not the group of people that abide strictly by the rules and are not willing to push their boundaries that make a success of their businesses and help strengthen the economy; it is those that are not waivered by the challenges and the fear to do it. These individuals are the "Rebels, Renegades and Problem Solvers" and they have a chance to help the economy in the path of better financial stability.

Bruce Whitfield, together with our panel speakers, Theo Vorster and Warren Ingram encouraged a more optimistic outlook to the current issues that we are facing as a nation and motivated us to believe in the power that we have to make a difference.

As we end the year 2019, we acknowledge the endless possibilities that we have going into the year 2020 and we will push all boundaries and strive to ascertain financial stability not only for ourselves but for others as we try to be a part of the "Rebels, Renegades and Problem Solvers". Are you ready to do the same?

