



INVITATION

The University of Johannesburg's Institute for the Future of Knowledge (IFK) and the University of Pretoria's African Centre for the Study of the United States (ACSUS) invite you to a webinar on:

Part-1: The United States and South Africa

In light of growing diplomatic friction and evolving geopolitical alignments, this webinar critically explores the current state and future trajectory of United States–South Africa relations. Once marked by strong cooperation in areas such as trade, public health, and democracy promotion, bilateral ties have recently come under pressure due to diverging foreign policy positions, global power shifts, and domestic political considerations. Bringing together leading scholars, policymakers, and practitioners, this discussion will unpack the root causes of the tensions, assess their implications for regional and global diplomacy.

Opening Remarks: **Dr Oluwaseun Tella**, Head of the Future of Diplomacy, Institute for the Future of Knowledge, University of Johannesburg

Chair: **Professor Joelen Pretorius**, Head of Department of Political Studies, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town

Speakers:

Ambassador Kingsley Makhubela, Director RiskRecon and former South African Ambassador to Portugal and Kenya

Professor Anthoni van Nieuwkerk, Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs, University of South Africa, Pretoria

Professor Christopher Isike, Director, ACSUS-University of Pretoria

DATE Thursday 3rd July 2025

TIME 17:00–18:30 (SAST)

PLATFORM Zoom: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q6m6eUFQW-ckEdKZUTnHw

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