



Biography
Shameela Soobramoney
Chief Sustainability Officer, JSE

Shameela is the JSE’s Chief Sustainability Officer and is the current chair of the World Federation of Exchange’s (global) Sustainability Working Group and member of the Strategy Group of the Global Investors for Sustainable Development (GISD) Alliance.

She joined the JSE in 2007 and has also served as Senior Manager: Group Strategy where she was responsible for advising the Executive Committee and Board of the JSE Limited on corporate strategy. She sees strategy and sustainability as inextricably linked to each other.

Her responsibilities at the JSE include all aspects of sustainability including management of the FTSE JSE Responsible Investment Index series. She represents the JSE on various industry advisory panels¹ locally and globally related to sustainability, responsible investing and climate change. As a sustainability specialist she has, inter alia, been a key contributor to the JSE’s research into climate change, the potential for a local market to trade in carbon credits and environment-related products, the development of the sustainability segment of the JSE and the Green Bonds framework, impact investing, the JSE’s sustainability, innovation and CSI strategies as well as the annual sustainability investor briefing sessions. She is a trustee of the WWF (South Africa) and served on the board of Directors as a non-executive director until November 2016, and is the board chairperson of the Ubuntu Wilderness Trust.

Her previous experience includes senior roles in the banking and insurance industries.

Shameela completed the Master’s Programme in Sustainability Leadership (MSt) at the University of Cambridge and holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Pretoria, Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS). She is a recipient of the Chevening and Mansion House scholarships, and is a member of the Institute of Directors of Southern Africa (IoDSA).

¹ Integrated Reporting Committee (IRC) of SA Working group, CRISA, Sustainable Stock Exchanges Initiative member group, ASEA Sustainability working Group etc.