

INSIGHT, INSPIRATION, AND IMPACT

Keynotes that resonate



OVERVIEW

This brochure is a selection of keynote talks from Mandy Wiener, thoughtfully designed to address diverse and impactful topics. Each talk is expertly crafted to engage, inspire, and deliver valuable insights tailored to the needs of your audience.

BIOGRAPHY

Mandy Wiener is one of South Africa's most respected journalists and authors. As the host of The Midday Report on 702 and Cape Talk, a weekly columnist for EWN, and an award-winning author, Mandy is a trusted voice in the country's media landscape.

Over the past decade, she has trained hundreds of executives, including top CEOs, on maximizing media opportunities. A sought-after keynote speaker, Mandy captivates audiences with her incisive insights and engaging delivery. She also shines as a panel facilitator, event moderator, and conference MC.



01

STATE OF THE STORY: REFRAMING SA'S NARRATIVE

*Relooking the state of the
nation through different perspectives.*

South Africa's story is often told through headlines of crisis and conflict, but that's not the full picture. In this powerful keynote, award-winning author and journalist Mandy Wiener shifts the lens to a more uplifting perspective. Drawing on her deep knowledge of the country and the people who shape it, Mandy changes the narrative through highlighting stories of resilience, innovation and progress that rarely make the headlines.

Mandy's talk is about instilling hope, recognising challenges while celebrating change, and about reimagining how we reframe South Africa's story. With her signature insight and storytelling flair, Mandy invites you to look at beyond what is obvious and see the country differently; not through a filter of despair, but through one of possibility.



02

TRY THE BELOVED COUNTRY: A POLITICAL ANALYSIS TALK

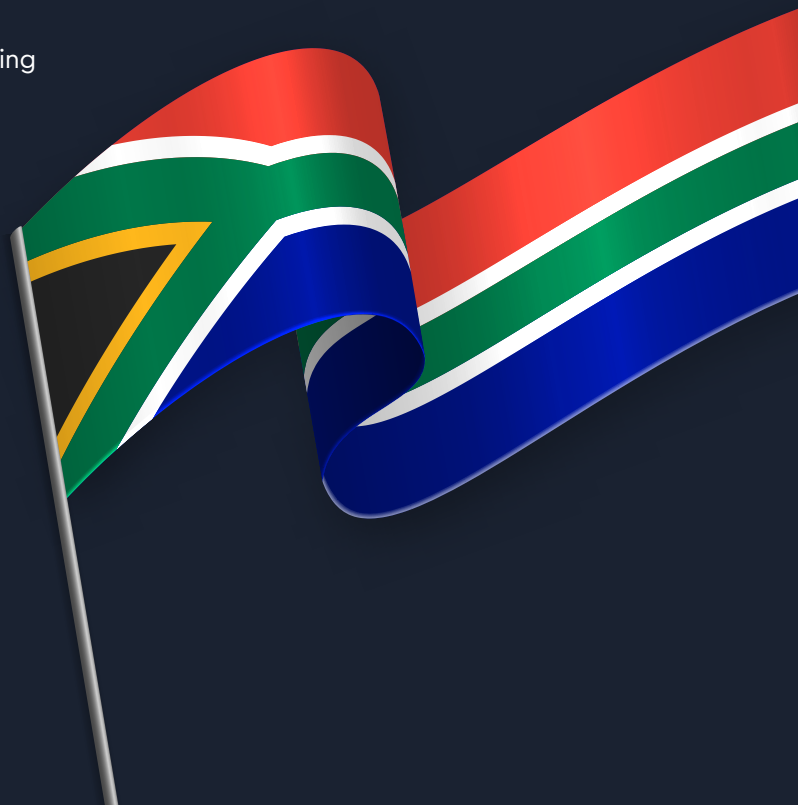
Reflect. Unpack. Inspire.

With over two decades of front-row experience in South Africa's unfolding story, Mandy Wiener offers a thought-provoking analysis of the nation's current trajectory. She examines pivotal milestones, from the road to the 2026 local government elections to the ANC elective conference in 2027, and previews what lies ahead.

This keynote explores key drivers of change, including:

- Active citizenship and public-private partnerships
- Economic growth fueled by meritocracy and professionalism
- Stories of resilience, accountability, and hope

Mandy's inspiring stories of ordinary South Africans doing extraordinary things will challenge audiences to shed apathy and fight for a better future.



03

WHISTLEBLOWING & CORRUPTION: A CALL FOR A SOCIETAL REVOLUTION

Exposing the truth. Changing the culture.

Whistleblowers and journalists played a pivotal role in dismantling State Capture and holding corruption to account. Yet, whistleblowers often face stigma instead of being celebrated.

Drawing from her book ***The Whistleblowers*** and years of investigative journalism, Mandy sheds light on the courage required to speak truth to power and the systemic changes needed to protect and empower whistleblowers. This talk provides valuable lessons for organizations striving to build robust governance and a true "speak-up" culture.



04

OWN YOUR ROLE: TURNING HOPE INTO ACTION

With Mandy Wiener and Brent Lindeque

South Africans are desperate for solutions amidst economic hardship, crime, and corruption. In this uplifting talk, Mandy Wiener and 'Good Things Guy' Brent Lindeque shift the focus from problems to possibilities.

They share stories of "hope dealers," individuals making a tangible impact, and the potential of public-private partnerships. Armed with practical tools for active citizenship, audiences leave inspired to be part of the solution.



05

MEDIA & CRISIS MASTERY: LESSONS FROM THE FRONTLINE

Navigate crises. Master the message.

Mandy Wiener's extensive experience as a journalist and media trainer equips her to guide executives through the complexities of today's media landscape.

Key takeaways include:

- Crafting compelling messages and storytelling
- Preparing for interviews and crisis scenarios
- Building trust and credibility in a fast-paced media environment

Through real-world examples, Mandy offers actionable insights to help organizations communicate effectively under pressure.



06

JUGGLING ALL THE BALLS: THE MYTH OF WORK-LIFE BALANCE

Survive. Adapt. Laugh.

As a working mom of two and a career journalist, Mandy Wiener has firsthand experience juggling high-stakes reporting with raising a family. From interviewing hitmen to navigating maternity leave, Mandy shares candid anecdotes and hard-won lessons.

Her humorous yet honest approach reminds us that balance is elusive—and that's okay.





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