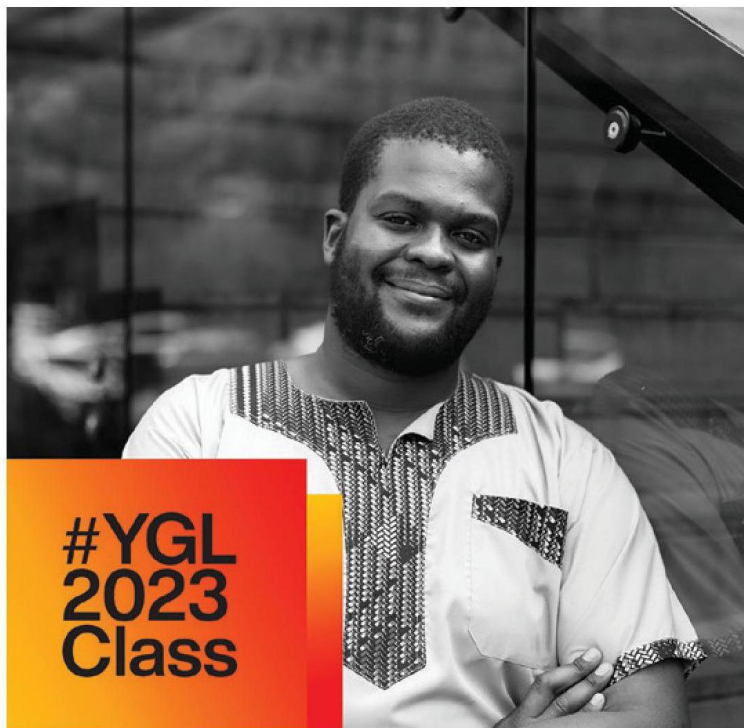


Witsies with the Edge

Appointments



Passionate data scientist **Professor Vukosi Marivate** (BSc Eng 2007, MSc Eng 2009) is the only South African to be included in the **World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders Class of 2023** in the "academia/think-tank" category. He is currently the Absa chair of data science at the University of Pretoria. He is a co-founder of the Deep Learning Indaba, the largest machine learning/artificial intelligence workshop on the African continent. He is a chief investigator on the Masakhane NLP project and is on the steering committee of the Lacuna Fund. He is interested in data science for social impact using local challenges as a springboard for research. He is also one of the Witsie founders of the new artificial intelligence research and product lab Lelapa AI.

Internationally respected AIDS researcher **Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim** (BSc Hons 1984) was elected as the **7th president of the World Academy of Sciences (UNESCO-TWAS)** for advancing science in developing countries. She was also nominated among Forbes Africa's 50 over 50 – a compilation of women scaling new heights and inspiring the next generation of leadership on the continent. She now co-chairs a 10-member technical group set up by UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres. In addition she is professor in clinical epidemiology at Columbia University and pro vice-chancellor for African Health at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

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