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Dr Somadoda Fikeni is an acknowledged expert and specialist in the areas of political science, public policy development and analysis, history, political economy and heritage. He is recognised as a leading public commentator on politics, policy economic, social and heritage issues in major South African and international media and fora.

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