

# Global Turbulence and Regional Leadership: Post-SONA Dialogue on South Africa's Foreign Policy In 2026

13 February 2026 | 11:30–13:20

## PROGRAMME

Time	Session
11:00 – 11:30	Registration and Refreshments
11:30 – 11:40	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> <b>Philani Mthembu</b> , Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue <b>Molly Dlamini</b> , Board Member, Southern Africa Liaison Office <b>Gustavo de Carvalho</b> , Senior Researcher, South African Institute of International Affairs
11:40 – 11:55	<b>Keynote Addresses</b> <b>Zane Dangor</b> , Director-General, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (TBC) <b>Supra Mahumapelo</b> , Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation, Parliament of South Africa (TBC)
11:55 – 12:10	<b>Fireside Chat: SAIIA Publication Launch</b> <i>Discussion of key findings from two new SAIIA publications:</i> 'Reframing Democracy in Africa' (Policy Briefing 316) 'Digital Public Infrastructure Futures' (Policy Insights 171) <b>Participants:</b> Karabo Mangena, Political Science Researcher, SAIIA Litha Mzinyati, Researcher, SAIIA <i>Moderated by: Isabel Bosman-Burnett, SAIIA</i>
12:10 – 13:10	<b>Interactive Dialogue</b> <i>Navigating 2026: South Africa's Foreign Policy Between Principle and Pragmatism</i> <b>Participants:</b> Sanusha Naidu, Senior Research Fellow, IGD Lwazi Somya, Manager: Policy, Advocacy, Stakeholder Engagement and Senior Researcher, SALO Gustavo de Carvalho, Senior Researcher, SAIIA  <i>This session welcomes audience participation throughout.</i>
13:10 – 13:20	<b>Reflections and Closure</b>