

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	Welcoming Remarks Philani Mthembu , Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue Molly Dhlamini , Board Member, Southern Africa Liaison Office Gustavo de Carvalho , Senior Researcher, South African Institute of International Affairs
11:40 – 11:55	Keynote Addresses Zane Dangor , Director-General, Department of International Relations and Cooperation (TBC) Supra Mahumapelo , Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on International Relations and Cooperation, Parliament of South Africa (TBC)
11:55 – 12:10	Fireside Chat: SAIIA Publication Launch <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) Participants: Karabo Mangena, Political Science Researcher, SAIIA Litha Mzinyati, Researcher, SAIIA <i>Moderated by: Isabel Bosman-Burnett, SAIIA</i>
12:10 – 13:10	Interactive Dialogue <i>Navigating 2026: South Africa's Foreign Policy Between Principle and Pragmatism</i> Participants: 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	Reflections and Closure