

# South Africa's Foreign Policy in an Era of Global Fragmentation: Trade, Geopolitics and International Law

25 May 2026  
2:30pm – 4:30pm

## PROGRAMME

Time:	Item:	Person Responsible:
<b>Programme Director:</b> Thelma Hlongwane		
5 mins	Opening	Thelma Hlongwane
5 mins	Opening Remarks	Alvin Botes, Deputy-Minister of International Relations and Cooperation.
15 mins	Setting the Scene	Ronald Lamola, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation.
1 hour	Panel Discussion	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Elizabeth Sidiropoulos</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <p>Mutsa Mugangavari, Deputy Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC.</p> <p>Lawrence Edwards, Professor, UCT.</p> <p>Lwazi Somya, Manager of Policy, Advocacy, Stakeholder Engagement and Senior Researcher, SALO.</p>
30 mins	Q&A	Moderator
10 mins	Final Reflections	Ronald Lamola, Minister of International Relations and Cooperation
5 mins	Vote of Thanks and Closure	DIRCO