

# Speaker Profile

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**Xolile George** is the CEO of the South African Local Government Association (SALGA). SALGA is a national autonomous organisation mandated by the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa to play a representative role for the interests of local government. SALGA, with a membership of all South African municipalities, interfaces with Parliament, Cabinet as well as Provincial Legislatures. Xolile's experience in policy, legislation, systems and programme implementation at a local, provincial and national level spans 28 years and is supported by a robust academic background. He holds an Honours Degree in Development Economics, an Executive MBA and several postgraduate Business diplomas and management certificates.

Throughout his career, he has received numerous accolades in terms of leadership and achievements in successfully transforming various organisations

In his current role as CEO, he has led SALGA to achieve 9 consecutive unqualified audits, 8 consecutive clean audits and Certificates of Excellence from the Auditor General of South Africa for excellent financial institutional performance of SALGA and 2016-17 Excellence in Public Finance Management Award from South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA). Other recognitions: SADC Winner for CEO Titans Leadership Award 2015 on Public Enterprise Category, Continental Winner for CEO on Public Enterprise Category 2016, the Winner of 2018 Oliver Top Empowerment Awards: Top Empowered Public Sector Leader, Boss of the Year finalist 2013 on Leadership category, National Business Award

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