

## FEEDBACK FOR SHONI KHANGALA AS A SPEAKER

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Association of Southern Africa



### I don't have any stories

I've heard folks say, "But, I don't have any stories that are of interest to anyone." But, you know that this is not the truth. Everyone has stories. It is our job as the artists we are and to take those stories, no matter how mundane they may seem to us, and craft them into something meaningful.

If you don't think you have a story, take heart from the next example. Last Wednesday, at Bronwyn Hesketh's PechaKucha evening a speaker by the name of Shoni Khangala presented his 06:40 keynote. His entire point revolved around a drop of his urine that fell on a piece of paper and changed his life. How mundane (and, oversharing) can that be? He brought the house down judging by the raucous applause. I'll never forget that story, nor will I be able to look at a toilet the same way again.

So, if urine can be crafted into something meaningful, what's stopping you?

- **Editor of the Newsletter of Professional Speakers Association of Southern Africa.**

## **Following a presentation of a Keynote “Making a Meaningful Difference” to newly graduated Actuaries**

Thank you; you exceeded our expectations. The vast majority of the students rated you as “inspirational”.

The options for rating your address were:

“Boring”, “Of little value”, “Mediocre”, “Interesting” and “Inspirational”.

We received 18 rating sheets. Six rated you as “interesting”; the remaining 12 selected “inspirational”.

I look forward to seeing you again next week.

- **Wim Els - Executive: Governance and Outreach (Actuarial Society of South Africa)**

Your ‘locust under my pap’ story is incredibly powerful. I will never forget it.

I'd even encourage you to trademark this story and write a book with this title.

What I love about this story is that it shows your very humble beginnings without making a fuss (it wasn't a "poor me" approach - very humbling”

- **Nicky Abdinor: Clinical Psychologist, Inspirational Speaker and Founder of the non-profit organisation, Nicky's Drive.**

Nice one, Shoni. 20 seconds x 20 slides is a difficult ask. You really have to prepare. This is one of the better PechaKucha efforts I have seen. Once again, well done.

- **Jacques de Villiers Professional Speakers Association of Southern Africa**

Congratulations Shoni, an entertaining performance, well appreciated by the crowd. A star is born.

- **Graham Harrison Professional Speakers Association of Southern Africa**

Shoni, we loved your presentation. We are all now referring to the ‘locust leg under our pap.

- **Charlotte Kemp Professional Speakers Association of Southern Africa**