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acsis announces changes to its board

*Andrew Bradley, **acsis** chief executive officer*

acsis, a leading independent asset consulting and financial planning company, is pleased to announce two changes to its board of directors.

The **acsis** board have extended the term of directorship of Dr Frene Ginwala, former Speaker of the National Assembly, for a further two years. She has also been elected as non-executive deputy chair for this period. Mark Barnes continues to be the non-executing chair of the board. Furthermore, Nku Nyembezi-Heita, Chief Officer of Group Strategy and M&A of the Vodacom Group, has been appointed as a non-executive director for a two-year period.

CEO of **acsis**, Andrew Bradley, says that these appointments will contribute significantly to the business on a number of levels and are key in the ongoing transformation of the business. "At **acsis**, we recognise the important role of women in society, both as decision-makers in business and as our clients. Both Frene and Nku are uniquely positioned to provide us with the insights and support we need in this regard as we grow our business," he says.

According to Bradley, Ginwala's understanding of corporate governance and strategy has contributed significantly to acsis' continued growth and success over the past two years. He specifically points out that her insights into the company's BEE roll-out policy and initiatives have been invaluable.

Nyembezi-Heita brings an impeccable track record and extensive knowledge of the broader financial services industry. Her background, experience and network will add value to acsis and the board. Prior to joining Vodacom, Nyembezi-Heita was CEO of Alliance Capital in South Africa. "We are confident that Nku's appointment to our board will be a real asset to our business" comments Bradley.

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More on Dr Frene Ginwala

Dr Frene Ginwala was elected to South Africa's democratic Parliament in 1994 and 1999 and left Parliament in 2004 having served as Speaker for the first decade of democracy. During this time she also assisted in the establishment of the Pan African Parliament. Dr Frene Ginwala has a legal qualification together with a doctorate in philosophy from Oxford. Her previous work experience includes her being a barrister at law, a historian, a political scientist together with the 30 years in exile working for the ANC in a number of capacities, including the head of research. She has also served on many international organisations including the International Commission for Human Security. In retirement Dr Ginwala continues to serve on the ANC National Executive while she has resumed her work on issues relating to democracy, governance, human rights and development. She will also continue to serve as a trustee of the Nelson Mandela Foundation, The Freedom Park Trust and as 1st Chancellor of the University of Kwazulu-Natal, in addition to her **acsis** responsibilities.

More on Nku Nyembezi-Heita

Nyembezi-Heita started her career with IBM before joining alliance capital and then Vodacom. She holds a BSc (Hons) in Electrical Engineering from the University of Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology, a Masters in Science from California Institute of Technology, and an MBA from the Open University in the UK. Nyembezi-Heita also serves as non-executive chair boards of arivia.com and the Bond Exchange of South Africa, and is a non-executive board member of Bigen Africa Consulting Engineers and Denel (Pty) Ltd. In addition, she serves as a trustee on the Thabo Mbeki Education and the ComMark Trusts.