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As Director of the Community Grantmaking and Social Investment Programme, a core initiative of the Centre for Leadership and Public Values at the Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town in South Africa, Susan Wilkinson-Maposa is responsible for the direction, implementation and active dissemination of the Centre's work in philanthropy. This work, in its fifth year has contributed new conceptual frameworks for understanding community philanthropy as well as new techniques to deepen practice. While evidence and case studies have emerged from South and Southern African her work resonates globally.

Wilkinson-Maposa first joined the Centre in 2003 as Director of the Building Community Philanthropy project. A former acting Vice President of the Social Development division of an international consulting firm, a gender equality specialist for the United Nations Development Fund for Women, as well as a Micro and Small Scale Enterprise Program Officer for the German Development Agency (GTZ), Wilkinson-Maposa brings to her research work the ability to bridge concepts and practice. She works closely with community grantmakers and other community driven development actors using social action research to lower the barrier between the academic and practice communities.

Wilkinson-Maposa has authored what is considered a groundbreaking research monograph entitled, *"The Poor Philanthropist: How and why the poor help each other"* (2005), has a book chapter in *"From Clients to Citizens: Communities Changing the Course of their own Development: Practical Action Publishing*, forthcoming July 2008; and has two chapters in the "State of Philanthropy in Africa" report that will be published by Trust Africa in August 2008. As well she has authored several articles published in Alliance Magazine.

A native of Canada, Wilkinson-Maposa holds a Master's degree in International Affairs and has close to 20 years of international experience living and working in Africa and Asia.