

Luswazi 'Sticka' Vokwana was born on the 13th March 1976 in Cape Town. He is the first born child of Stanley and Nomahlubi Vokwana.

He undertook his primary education at Western Province Preparatory School in Cape Town then moved to St Andrews College in Grahamstown for his high school education where he matriculated in 1994. In 1995 he commenced his studies for his A-Levels at Wellington College in Berkshire, UK.

In 1996 Swazi read for his B.A. International Studies and graduated Suma Cum Laude from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Swazi began his career at the Bretton Woods institutions, in particular, the Southern African Country Desk of the World Bank Group, Washington DC, USA. He then moved on to the International Monetary Fund in New York, USA.

Swazi was the co-founder of Sandulela Investments Holding, where he spent 5 years as head of International Business Services in the telecommunications unit. He then moved on as a Director to Beresford Investments, thereafter, for two years he was based in Maputo as the Director of Business Development for Simmon Limitada, a Mozambique investment company headquartered in Maputo. In 2008 Luswazi relocated to Johannesburg and became a partner at AfriPrem Resources and the Commercial Director of Thaleka.

Swazi is published in the Black Business Quarterly, and has written on African oil and mining issues.

It was in Johannesburg where Swazi looked to settle down and started planting his roots. Over the past few years he developed a number of strong relationships and reconnected with a few Old Andreans. After having not been back to Grahamstown since he matriculated, it was also during this phase that he travelled to Grahamstown on numerous occasions and visited his old school with pride. At this point in his life subsequent to having been together for five years Swazi became engaged to Sivuyisiwe Sobahle, who matriculated from Kingswood College in 1995 - they had met whilst both at school in Grahamstown.

Luswazi passed away on the 11th March 2014 after a short illness. A befitting memorial service was held for him on the 18th March 2014 at The Johannesburg Country Club followed by a funeral service held in Cape Town on the 22nd April 2014. Swazi was laid to rest at Maitland Cemetery, Cape Town.

He is survived by fiancé, mother and sister.