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Kavisha Pillay is a social justice worker who is currently employed as the Head of Stakeholder Relations and Campaigns at Corruption Watch. Kavisha studied Journalism at the University of Johannesburg and shortly after she completed her final semester in 2012, she joined Corruption Watch as a junior writer. Since 2012, Kavisha has occupied various roles at Corruption Watch, including writing for the website, producing organisational publications, investigating select cases of corruption, as well as strategizing and implementing public mobilisation campaigns. Kavisha was promoted to her current position in March 2018, and currently serves as the youngest member of the executive management team and is responsible for managing diverse work streams which include the collection of whistle-blower reports, the management of mass public mobilisation campaigns, as well as overseeing the organisation’s research outputs in the field of anti-corruption. In 2020, Kavisha qualified as a data scientist and is currently exploring how big data and machine learning techniques can be used to advance social justice and promote human rights.