



## Abridged Biography | Dr Diane Parker

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Dr Diane Parker is currently an advisor to the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria, focused on strategy coordination and implementation. She recently retired from the Department of Higher Education and Training, where she was Deputy Director-General (DDG): University Education. Prior to joining the Department in 2008, she spent 18 years as a teacher educator and academic in the fields of sociology of education, mathematics education and teacher education.

While DDG she was responsible for overseeing policy development and implementation to regulate and support the South African Higher Education System. In this position she has led a number of processes and projects including the successful establishment of three new universities, the implementation of the Macro Infrastructure Framework, the University Capacity Development Programme and the development of the National Plan for Post School Education and Training in South Africa. Diane has published in the fields of teacher education, sociology and mathematics education.

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