



Abridged Biography | Prof Busisiwe Nkonki-Mandleni



Professor Busisiwe Nkonki-Mandleni is a Director of Community Engagement at Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT). She is also a vice chairperson of the South African Higher Education Community Engagement Forum (SAHECEF). Her responsibility, as Director, is to co-ordinate community engagement of the university by designing and coordinating delivery of creative, compelling initiatives that build strong community connections, thus increasing the depth and relevance of university's teaching, learning and research.

She also has a responsibility to forge partnerships and collaborations with various stakeholders to advance the community engagement agenda of the university.

She further promotes ethically accountable community engagement related research of quality to increase research output at the university. Before embarking on her current Directorship position in 2015 she acquired lecturing experience in Higher Education sector for 15 years. During that period she held management responsibilities such as coordination of qualification's programmes and heading an academic department. Among her experiences, she has been involved as a researcher in a participatory zoning project for a programme which concerned a unique but operational approach to Agricultural Development Strategy and Planning at the Amatola Basin in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. The approach focused on natural resources analysis and the farmer/household typologies as a prerequisite for development of sound agricultural programmes. For her PhD she researched the on "Impact of climate change and adaptation on cattle and sheep farming in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa". She has published a number of research articles in internationally accredited journals.
