



## Abridged Biography | Prof Thandwa Mthembu

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Thandwa Mthembu was appointed Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Durban University of Technology (DUT) on 1 October 2016. He has a total of about 25 years of university executive management experience. Before joining DUT about four years ago, he was Vice-Chancellor and Principal for almost ten years at Central University of Technology (CUT). Before then, he had served as Campus Principal, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Principal for ten years, about half of which at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits).

With a PhD in Mathematics from Wits by formal education, he has published Mathematics papers in international journals and is co-author of a monograph in approximation theory. His scholarship has diversified into other fields, including higher education management, where he has also published.

Nationally, he currently serves on the Boards of the South African Technology Network, since 2007; and as Chairman between 2010 and 2014; Universities: South Africa, since 2007 and as Chairman between 2018 and 2019; Umgeni Water Board, as Deputy Chairman between 2019 and 2020; Synthecon Sutures, as a member of the Board. Internationally, he serves as the Regional Chairman: Southern Africa of the International Association of University President's (IAUP).

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