

EDHE

Entrepreneurship Development
in Higher Education

Entrepreneurial
Executive
Leadership
Workshop 2026

FROM POLICY TO IMPACT:

Driving Implementation
and Measurable Outcomes
in Entrepreneurial
Universities

PROGRAMME

28-29
May
'26

President Hotel Cape Town,
Boardroom: Table Mountain &
Lion's Head



Implement
with Intent



Institutionalise
with Purpose



Collaborate
for Impact



Measure
What Matters



Innovate
for the Future



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About the EDHE Entrepreneurial Executive Leadership Workshop 2026
The Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education (EDHE) programme, implemented by Universities South Africa (USAf) in partnership with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), continues to play a catalytic role in transforming South Africa's 26 public universities into entrepreneurial and innovation-driven institutions.

The Entrepreneurial Executive Leadership Workshop (EELW) forms a critical leadership intervention within EDHE, targeting university senior executives responsible for embedding entrepreneurship across teaching, learning, research, and institutional strategy.

Historically, the EELW has provided a platform for engaging university leadership on critical themes shaping the development of entrepreneurial universities. Across previous iterations, the EELW has focused on strengthening innovation pipelines, embedding entrepreneurship across disciplines, and positioning universities as key agents of social and economic transformation.

These engagements have highlighted several recurring insights, including the evolving role of universities as drivers of societal impact, the imperative to institutionalise entrepreneurship beyond fragmented, siloed initiatives, and the importance of cross-disciplinary integration anchored in real-world problem-solving. At the same time, persistent systemic constraints have been identified, notably bureaucratic inefficiencies, weak ecosystem coordination, and limited approaches to measuring impact.

Building on these insights, the EELW continues to serve as a strategic platform for aligning institutional leadership with EDHE's core pillars: student entrepreneurship, entrepreneurship in teaching, learning, and research, and the broader institutionalisation of entrepreneurial universities. These insights point to a critical need for a stronger focus on implementation, scalability, and measurable outcomes across the higher education sector.

Day 1: Thursday 28 May

Time	Duration	Item	Speaker
8:45 - 8:50	5 min	Programme overview	Master of Ceremonies: Mr Mahlubi Chief Mabizela, Director: Operations and Sector Support, Universities South Africa
8:50 - 9:00	10 min	Opening - setting the scene	Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa
9:00 - 9:30	30 min	Welcome and framing: From Policy to Impact	Dr Phethiwe Matutu, CEO, Universities South Africa
9:30 - 10:00	30 min	Opening Keynote: Universities as Drivers of Innovation, Employability and Economic Transformation	Dr Nhlamhla Msomi, Professor Moshabela's Special Advisor for Innovation and Entrepreneurship on behalf of Prof Mosa Moshabela, Vice-Chancellor & Principal, University of Cape Town
10:00 - 10:45	45 min	Executive Keynote (Private Sector), What Industry Expects from Universities: Innovation, Talent and Scale	Dr Nombasa Tsengwa, Former CEO, Exxaro Resources Founder and CEO of L'inyathelo.com
10:45 - 11:05	20 min	Partner Message of Support	Mr Stanley Godi, Head Coverage: Public Sector Business Banking, SA, Absa
11:05 - 11:30	25 min	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
11:30 - 11:35	5 min	Session introduction	Session Chair: Prof Eugene Cloete, Chief Executive Officer, the Cape Higher Education Consortium (CHEC)
11:35 - 12:30	55 min	DVC Leadership Panel Theme: From Strategy to Execution: Leading the Entrepreneurial University	Prof Simphiwe Nelana, DVC: Research, Innovation, Commercialisation and Internationalisation, Vaal University of Technology Dr Aldo Stroebel, DVC: Research, Innovation and Internationalisation, University of Mpumalanga Prof Bulelwa Nguza-Mbuda, DVC: People and Operations, University of the Free State
12:30 - 13:30	60 min	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30 - 14:15	45 min	Theme: Building a High-Impact Technology Transfer and Commercialisation System	Ms Anita Nel, Director: Innovus, Stellenbosch University
14:15 - 15:00	45 min	International Perspective, Theme: Global Lessons in Entrepreneurial Universities	Prof Ceri Nursaw, CEO: National Council for Entrepreneurship Education, NCEE (UK) - <i>Online</i>
15:00 - 15:15	15 min	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
15:15 - 15:20	5 min	Session introduction	Session Chair: Prof McEdward Murimbika, Director of the Wits Centre for Entrepreneurship & New Venture Creation at the Wits Business School, Wits University, and Deputy Chairperson of the CoP for Entrepreneurship Learning and Teaching
15:20 - 16:00	40 min	Panel discussion with EDHE CoP Chairs, Theme: Institutional Barriers to Implementation	Professor Matshediso Mohapeloa, Dean of Commerce, Rhodes University and Chairperson of the national EDHE CoP for Entrepreneurship Teaching and Learning Prof Bulelwa Nguza-Mbuda, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: People and Operations, UFS and Deputy-Chairperson of the national EDHE CoP for Entrepreneurial Universities Prof Evelyn Derera, Professor in Management and Entrepreneurship in the School of Management, IT and Governance and Deputy-Chairperson of the national EDHE CoP for Entrepreneurship Research
16:00 - 16:05	5 min	Closing of Day 1	MC

DAY 2: Friday 29 May			
Time	Duration	Item	Speaker
9:00 - 9:10	10 min	Welcome & overview of Day 1	MC
9:10 - 9:30	20 min	Message of Support from DHET	Prof Thandi Lewin: Acting Deputy Director General, University Education Branch of the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET)
9:30 - 10:15	45 min	Keynote, Theme: National Innovation Systems and University Roles: Lessons from Kenya	Dr Tonny Omwansa: CEO of the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KeNIA)
10:15 - 10:40	30 min	Introduction and overview of the Entrepreneurship Policy Research	Prof Rendani Maladzi, Head of Department and Associate Professor, Chairperson of SARChI Smart and Sustainable Manufacturing Technologies, Durban University of Technology
10:40 - 11:00	20 min		REFRESHMENT BREAK
11:00 - 12:15	45 min	Session introduction	Session Chair: Ms Anita Nel, Director: Innovus, Stellenbosch University
		High Level Panel Theme: Strengthening Research, Commercialisation and Entrepreneurship Pipelines	Ms Tandokazi Nquma-Moyo, General Manager: Strategic Partnerships, Business Development and Stakeholder Relations, The Technology Innovation Agency (TIA)
			Mr Octavius Phukubye, Executive Director, Mr Price Foundation
			Ms Nonhlanhla Magagula, Head of Citizenship Programmes: Group Marketing & Corporate Affairs, Absa
12:15 - 12:30	15 min	Feedback & Closing remarks	MC & Dr Edwell Gumbo, Director: Entrepreneurship, Universities South Africa
12:30 - 13:30	60 min		LUNCH & Departure

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PROGRAMME SPEAKERS



Dr Phethiwe Matutu is the Chief Executive Officer of Universities South Africa (USAf), a position she has held since October 2022. Prior to joining USAf, she served as Group Executive: Strategy, Planning and Partnerships at the National Research Foundation (NRF), where she led the development of the NRF Vision 2030 strategy and oversaw key strategic partnerships and national research planning initiatives. Previously, at the former Department of Science and Technology, she served as Chief Director: Human Capital and Science Promotion, where she played a significant role in securing funding for postgraduate studies and research grants, while supporting the growth of flagship programmes such as the South African Research Chairs Initiative and Centres of Excellence. A mathematician by training, Dr Matutu obtained her PhD in Mathematics from the University of Cape Town and began her career in academia, lecturing at institutions including the University of Cape Town, Stellenbosch University, and Rhodes University. Her teaching focused on improving access to Mathematics education, particularly for previously marginalised groups.

Dr Matutu has served on numerous national and international boards, councils, and ministerial task teams, including the Human Resource Development Council of South Africa, the Council of Walter Sisulu University, the SA-USA Fulbright Commission, and Higher Health. Throughout her career, she has remained committed to advancing transformation, research impact, and institutional development within the higher education sector.



Dr Nhlanhla Msomi is the Special Advisor for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Office of the Vice-Chancellor at University of Cape Town, Professor Mosa Moshabela. He plays a strategic role in advancing innovation, entrepreneurship, and university-industry collaboration initiatives within the higher education sector. With extensive experience across entrepreneurship development, innovation ecosystems, and institutional strategy, Dr Msomi has contributed significantly to strengthening entrepreneurial capacity and innovation-led partnerships within South Africa's university sector. His work focuses on enabling collaboration between academia, industry, government, and entrepreneurial ecosystems to drive inclusive economic development and impact-driven innovation.

Dr Msomi is actively involved in initiatives that promote entrepreneurial universities, innovation commercialisation, and student entrepreneurship, contributing to broader national efforts to strengthen South Africa's innovation and entrepreneurship landscape.



Nombasa Tsengwa is a South African mining executive and business leader best known for serving as the former Chief Executive Officer of Exaro Resources, one of South Africa's leading diversified mining companies. She officially became CEO in August 2022 after more than two decades within the organisation. Dr Tsengwa began her career in the mining industry in 2003 when she joined the then Kumba Resources as General Manager for Safety, Health and Environment. Following the formation of Exaro Resources, she held several senior leadership roles, including Executive General Manager for Safety and Sustainable Development, Regional General Manager for Coal Tied Collieries, Executive Head of Coal Operations, and later Managing Director of Minerals. She holds a PhD in Agronomy from the University of Maryland and also completed an Executive Development Programme at INSEAD. Throughout her career, Dr Tsengwa became recognised for championing sustainability, transformation, and responsible mining practices. She also served on several boards, including Minerals Council South Africa and Cennergl. She received multiple leadership awards, including the Standard Bank Businesswoman of the Year Award in 2017 and the "Africa's Most Influential Woman in Business and Government – Mining Industry" award in 2018.



Stanley Hlamalani Godi is a seasoned banking executive and visionary leader, currently serving as Head of Commercial Coverage: Public Sector at Absa, with more than 29 years of experience in the financial services sector. His career reflects a deep commitment to enabling sustainable economic growth through purpose-driven leadership, innovation, and strategic collaboration.

A strong advocate for entrepreneurship-led development, Stanley has played a pivotal role in advancing high-impact ecosystem partnerships that unlock access to finance, markets, and institutional support for emerging enterprises. His work closely aligns national priorities to strengthen the pipeline from university-based innovation to scalable, market-ready ventures, making him a valued contributor to initiatives such as the EDHE-Absa Entrepreneurship Intersarsity and Innovation Challenge.

Stanley is passionate about nurturing Africa's next generation of entrepreneurs and believes in the transformative power of universities as catalysts for inclusive growth, innovation, and job creation. His leadership approach emphasizes collaboration across academia, industry, and the public sector to build a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem.

He holds an MBA from Mancosa and has completed executive leadership programmes at IMD Business School (Lausanne, Switzerland), Henley Business School, and GIBS, with a focus on innovation and strategic leadership. Through his extensive experience in stakeholder engagement and enterprise development, Stanley continues to serve as a trusted advisor, driving impactful solutions that empower studentpreneurs and strengthen South Africa's entrepreneurial landscape.



Prof Eugene Cloete is the Chief Executive Officer of the Cape Higher Education Consortium (CHEC) and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies at Stellenbosch University, where he served for a decade. A distinguished microbiologist and water expert, he is widely recognised for his contributions to research innovation, entrepreneurship, higher education leadership, and university-industry collaboration in South Africa. During his tenure at Stellenbosch University, Prof Cloete played a significant role in strengthening the university's international research standing, expanding innovation and commercialisation initiatives, and advancing interdisciplinary research and postgraduate development. He also previously served as Chairperson of the EDHE Community of Practice (COP) for Entrepreneurial Universities, where he contributed significantly to advancing entrepreneurial university development across South Africa. Prof Cloete has supervised more than 100 postgraduate students, authored numerous scientific publications and patents, and held leadership roles in several national and international scientific and innovation bodies. He currently leads CHEC's strategic efforts to strengthen collaboration between universities, government, industry, and society in support of regional innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development.



Prof Simphiwe Maurice Nelana is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation, Commercialisation and Internationalisation at Vaal University of Technology. He is an accomplished academic and higher education leader with extensive experience in research development, innovation ecosystems, commercialisation, and international collaboration. Prior to his appointment as DVC, Prof Nelana served in senior research leadership roles at VUT, contributing significantly to strengthening research output, postgraduate development, and institutional innovation capacity. His academic expertise includes chemistry, nanotechnology, environmental sustainability, and applied research, with a strong focus on research that drives societal and industrial impact. Prof Nelana is recognised for advancing entrepreneurship, innovation, and strategic partnerships within higher education, while also strengthening VUT's international research collaborations and global engagement initiatives.



Prof Aldo Stroebel is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Innovation and Internationalisation at the University of Mpumalanga, and former Executive at the National Research Foundation (NRF). He is a recognised scholar in sustainable agriculture, and acknowledged as a leader in the internationalisation of Higher Education, and research and innovation management. He serves as Board Member of South Africa's WRC, and as Co-Chairperson of the Australia-Africa Universities Network. He is a member of USAf's Research and Innovation Strategy Group, a member of iThemba LABS's Scientific Technical Advisory Committee, and Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the National Institute for Theoretical and Computational Sciences.

Academically, he is an Honorary Scholar at the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis, Austria, Foreign Fellow of the Ugandan National Academy of Science, and a founding member of the SA Young Academy of Science. He is the 2022 recipient of the SARIMA Research Management Excellence Award, and the 2025 recipient of the DSTI's Science Diplomacy for Africa Award.



Prof Bulelwa Nguzi-Mduba is currently the DVC: People and Operations at the University of the Free State. She is the Deputy Chair for the EDHE Community of Practice for the Entrepreneurial University, which promotes the development of entrepreneurship at the universities.

She is passionate about the development of the students in their entirety. She has published a number of articles and book chapters, supervised and examined postgraduate students at various universities. She holds a Doctor of Business Administration and other postgraduate qualifications from various institutions.



As a well-respected contributor to the international technology transfer fraternity, Anita Nel currently serves on the Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals adjudication panel for registered technology transfer professional applications and holds several directorships on boards of young and upcoming technology companies.

After gaining experience in technology commercialisation and venture, Anita took up the challenge of joining and restructuring Innovus, the technology transfer office of Stellenbosch University where she has grown Innovus to become one of the leading university technology transfer offices in Africa and in the process established herself as a thought leader in the industry. As part of this journey, Anita has established the highly successful LaunchLab business incubator at Stellenbosch University and was instrumental in starting and raising the University Technology Fund that provides funding for new technology startups at South African universities.

Anita's role was expanded to include the university's commercial division which is responsible for non-research based commercial activities of the university that include short courses, copyright, trade marks, residential and catering services, the university's botanical garden, rental services, transport services, and retail. She holds a master's degree in psychology as well as a postgraduate diploma in education and a bachelor's degree in science.



Prof Ceri Nursaw is Chief Executive of the Centre for Entrepreneurship in Education (NCEE), an international community of over 100 universities committed to advancing entrepreneurship and innovation in higher education. Established more than 20 years ago, NCEE works worldwide with university leaders to embed entrepreneurial strategy, strengthen institutional resilience, and enhance the role of universities in driving inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

Ceri leads a portfolio of strategic programmes that support senior leadership teams to build entrepreneurial capacity, diversify income, and respond to financial and structural pressures facing higher education globally. Her work focuses on aligning entrepreneurship, skills development and innovation with national priorities—particularly in addressing graduate employability, youth enterprise, and widening access.

She also oversees the Entrepreneurial University Awards, which recognise institutions demonstrating excellence in embedding entrepreneurship across teaching, research and external engagement, and in creating impact within their wider communities and economies.

Ceri leads NCEE's international collaborations, including work in Africa - supporting entrepreneurial ecosystems, university-industry partnerships and knowledge exchange. She is committed to fostering global collaboration and enabling universities to unlock opportunity, innovation and inclusive growth across diverse contexts.



Prof McEdward Murimbika is Associate Professor and Director of the Wits Crucible Centre for Entrepreneurship at Wits Business School, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg — one of Africa's leading institutions of higher learning.

A scholar-practitioner who brought decades of entrepreneurship practice into the intersection of entrepreneurship research and venture development within higher education. Prof Murimbika champions a distinctive vision: entrepreneurship infrastructure as a platform and asset class, not merely a training programme. Under his leadership, the Wits Crucible designs and delivers entrepreneurship capability development, incubation and acceleration programmes that guide early-stage tech-focused ventures from ideation to market readiness, equipping founders with the strategic tools, networks, and resilience required to build lasting enterprises in complex emerging markets.

His research spans corporate entrepreneurship, ecosystem design, SMME performance, and strategic management, with particular depth in the South African and Sub-Saharan African context. He is equally committed to developing the next generation of entrepreneurship scholars, supervising PhD and postdoctoral candidates through an integrated thesis-to-publication model that strengthens both academic rigour and real-world relevance.



Prof Matshediso 'Tshidi' Mohapeloa (DBA -TUT, MBA -Mancosa, BA -NMU) is a full Professor and the Dean of Commerce at Rhodes University. She was previously the Director of Rhodes CFERI (Center for Entrepreneurship Rapid Incubator) and Coordinator of Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Enterprise Management at the Rhodes Business School. She chairs EDHE's community of practice (CoP) in Entrepreneurship Learning and Teaching.

She brings extensive experience across development, business, and academia, including as a researcher, consultant, academic, and development expert. Areas of expertise include entrepreneurship with a social focus, engaging communities in research with impact, and a keen interest in strengthening innovative solutions incorporating technology to mitigate social and environmental challenges.

She sees entrepreneurship as a transformative process, a means to an end, through which young entrepreneurs, corporate entrepreneurs (intrapreneurs), and creatives in diverse entrepreneurial spaces can create societal and innovative solutions.



Prof Evelyn Derera is an Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship in the School of Commerce at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). She is the current Deputy Chair for the national EDHE Community of Practice for Entrepreneurship Research. Evelyn holds a PhD in Entrepreneurship from UKZN. She is passionate about entrepreneurship and has published widely in local and international journals. She has presented her research at many local and international conferences. She has successfully graduated 20 Master's and PhD students. She is the current Deputy Chair of the UKZN Humanities and Social Sciences Ethics Committee.

Previously, she held the following positions at UKZN: Academic Leader for the Discipline of Management and Entrepreneurship and Programme Manager for the Self-funded Teaching programmes. Before joining academia, she worked in the banking sector for 10 years.



Prof Thandi Lewin is the Deputy Director-General for University Education in the Department of Higher Education and Training, and an Associate Professor in the Ali Mazrui Centre for Higher Education Studies in the Faculty of Education at the University of Johannesburg.

She previously worked in the South African Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) as the Chief Director for Institutional Governance and Management Support in the University Education branch. She worked in a number of roles within national government education departments. She has extensive experience in higher education policy and gender equity in education.



Dr Tonny K. Omwansa is the current CEO of Kenya National Innovation Agency where he oversees the development and management of the National Innovation System. He is a member of ISACA, IEEE, the Board of Trustees of Kenya National Research Fund, and a Commissioner at the National Commission of Science, Technology, and Innovation. He is also an International Advisory Board Member at SLU - Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. He has been involved in the technology and innovation ecosystem in Africa for the past 15 years, founding and running various entrepreneurship programs and accelerators, across different sectors including fintech and mobility. He has been a faculty member at Strathmore University and the University of Nairobi.

Dr Omwansa created the Kenya Innovation Week and Nairobi Innovation week, mobilizing over 50 partners from the public and private sector and academia to enhance the local innovation ecosystem. Dr Omwansa is interested in the design, adoption, and impact of innovative low-cost, and appropriate technologies in developing countries.

He has championed education reforms to catalyse entrepreneurial institutions, research commercialisation and entrepreneurial capacity enhancement. He conducted extensive research and consultancy projects for the past 15 years on technology, innovation, financial inclusion, and mobile transactions, for various clients ranging from government institutions, international donors to multinationals (Kenyan government, Mastercard Foundation, Microsoft, World Bank, USAID, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, GSMA, Rockefeller Foundation). He, therefore, produced numerous products, reports, and publications, including a book: "Money, Real Quick: Kenya's Disruptive Mobile Money Innovation



Prof Rendani Wilson Maladzhi is the Head of Department of Mechanical Engineering and Associate Professor at the Durban University of Technology. He is also a South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) Chair in Smart and Sustainable Manufacturing Technologies, focusing on smart manufacturing, digitalisation, automation, sustainability, and SME innovation. Prof Maladzhi's research and academic work centres on applied manufacturing research, technology innovation, and strengthening industrial competitiveness through industry collaboration and sustainable production systems. He has led several engineering education and innovation initiatives and continues to contribute to research, postgraduate supervision, and industry-focused innovation within South Africa's manufacturing sector.



Ms Tandokazi Nquma-Moyo is a published scientist with an MSc in Biochemical Engineering and is currently pursuing a PhD in Industrial Engineering at Stellenbosch University, focusing on sustainable port ecosystems, alternative energy-water nexus systems, and business model innovation.

She is an accomplished business and innovation leader with expertise in business management, technology transfer, innovation management, intellectual property, and bioentrepreneurship. Throughout her career, she has held strategic and leadership roles across several organisations, including the Coega Development Corporation, the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (NECSA), the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation, North-West University, and Transnet National Ports Authority.

Ms Nquma-Moyo currently serves as General Manager for Strategic Partnerships, Business Development and Stakeholder Relations at the Technology Innovation Agency, where she leads strategic innovation funding partnerships and develops systemic innovation initiatives. She has also served as a Non-Executive Director of Methano Group and was recognised by the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) as a trailblazing young public sector manager. Her career achievements include receiving a Ministerial Excellence Award in Innovation Management.



Mr Octavius Phukubye is the Executive Director of the Mr Price Foundation, with over 16 years of experience in enterprise and supplier development (ESD), entrepreneurial finance, and small business growth. He previously served as Managing Director at IDF VAS, Vice-President of Supplier Development at ABSA, and Economic Development Manager at SAB, where he led initiatives like SAB KickStart and Women in Maize. A former entrepreneur, he founded Briliantaire (acquired by IDF Capital) and Hatchfy, and has delivered SME development programmes for Glencore, Shell, ABInBev, Takealot, and Rand Mutual Assurance.

His venture capital experience includes roles with Red Cedar Ventures (Michigan), The IMIN Accelerator/Telkom Futuremakers, IncludedVC, and Microtraction. A 2018/19 Fulbright Humphrey Fellow at Michigan State University, he was named one of Mail & Guardian's Top 200 Young South Africans in 2024. Octavius holds a B.Com in Accounting, a Postgraduate Diploma in Development Finance, and a Master's (coursework) in Development Finance.



Nonhlanhla Magagula is a seasoned development practitioner with over 15 years of experience, primarily within the financial services sector. She currently serves as the Head of Corporate Citizenship Programmes at Absa, where she leads strategic initiatives focused on youth economic empowerment.

Her portfolio includes Entrepreneurship Education Initiatives, the Absa CSI Trust – established as part of Absa's BBBEE transaction in 2023, and the Employee Volunteering Portfolio. Nonhlanhla is deeply passionate about driving an inclusive agenda which seeks to unlock the potential of young people through creating pathways for their economic empowerment. Her career journey reflects a strong commitment to inclusive development—from coaching university students in academic and leadership excellence to designing transformative programmes that unlock economic opportunities for marginalised communities, especially youth and galvanising employees from the various brands to demonstrate active citizenry. She has received various top performance awards with different employers. She is a finalist in the category of Job Creation Leader of the Year for the 2026 Future of Leadership Awards. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Finance & Economics) from the University of Cape Town, an Honours degree in Development Studies from the University of South Africa, Postgraduate Diplomas in Management (Monitoring & Evaluation) and (Public & Development Management) from the Wits School of Governance, and a Public Policy certificate from the London School of Economics.



Dr Edwell Gumbo is currently serving as the Director of Entrepreneurship (EDHE) at Universities South Africa (USAf). He plays a pivotal role in shaping entrepreneurship development and support structures within South Africa's higher education sector. Dr Gumbo holds a PhD in Entrepreneurship from the University of Pretoria, an MBA from Nelson Mandela University and an MPhil in Entrepreneurship from the University of Pretoria. Previous experience includes being Director of the Wits University Entrepreneurship Clinic, Head of Enterprise Development at Wits' Tshimologong Digital Innovation Precinct, Deputy Director of SME Development at the City of Johannesburg and Incubation Manager at Awethu Project.