



Abridged Biography | Prof Marcus Ramogale



Prof. Mathabeng Marcus Ramogale is currently the Acting Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT), Durban, since May 2020. He has been at MUT since 2009 when he started as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), providing strategic leadership and management in teaching and learning, research, quality management, cooperative education and library services - a position he occupied until the middle of 2015 when he became Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning). From 2016 to 2018 he served Acting Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the same institution. In May 2018, he reverted back to his substantive position as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), and was subsequently requested by the University Council to act again as Vice-Chancellor and Principal from May 2020.

Before his appointment at MUT, he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs & Research) at the University of Venda, with responsibility for strategic leadership and management in teaching and learning, research, postgraduate studies, quality management and library services. This position was later reconfigured to include the management of student affairs and the institution's HIV/Aids programme. With 17 years of executive leadership experience, Prof. Ramogale is one of the long-serving university executives in post-apartheid South Africa, and has been actively involved in the reconstruction and development of the country's post-apartheid higher education system.

Prof. Ramogale's other previous appointments include Deputy Dean of the School of Human and Social Sciences (University of Venda), Head of the Department of English (University of Venda), Senior Lecturer in English (University of the North, now the University of Limpopo), and Deputy President of the Alumni and Convocation Association of the University of Limpopo.

Prof. Ramogale was born in Limpopo Province but grew up in Gauteng Province where he matriculated at Tembisa High School, East Rand. He read for his first degree at the University of the North, majoring in English and Education. This was followed by a BA Honours Degree in English and a University Education Diploma at the same institution. After a brief spell as a Junior Lecturer in the University of the North's Department of English, he went to the United Kingdom to study for a Master's Degree in English Studies at the University of Nottingham, followed by a PhD in English Studies at the same institution. Prof. Ramogale writes short English fiction and socio-political analyses in his spare time.
