



Abridged Biography | Dr Engela van Staden



Dr Engela van Staden is the Vice-Rector Academic at the University of the Free State. Preceding this position she was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Teaching, Learning and Community Engagement at Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University. She was also the Chief Director in the Department of Higher Education and Training responsible for, inter alia, human resource development for the higher education system, enrolment planning, establishing the new universities and new entities such as the SA Maritime Institute, academic programme management, planning the national information and application service known as the CAS, distance learning, demerger of the University of Limpopo, establishing SMU as

the third new University, developing the reporting regulations and analysing the university's financial annual reports and annual performance plans. One of her responsibilities as a project manager was the planning of the function shift of the Agricultural colleges and the Nursing Colleges.

She was involved in various National and International projects, either as a member or project leader, where the projects contributed to Middle Management Capacity Building, Institutional restructuring, Curriculum development, Quality assurance, Strategic planning, and Information Technology Improvement and the development of performance indicators for the UoT sector. She presented various key note addresses and papers at national and international conferences with specific focus inter alia on Globalisation of Higher Education; Planning within the transformation phase of higher education; Funding and resourcing higher education, Quality risks in the merger process; Transformation from a Teaching and Learning perspective. She became a Senior Lecturer in Natural Science Education at the then Technikon Northern Gauteng in Soshanguve and later the Dean of the Faculty of Education. Thereafter her career changed to Strategic and Institutional Planning which was necessary in terms of the merger of Technikon Northern Gauteng, Technikon North West and Technikon Pretoria, which became the Tshwane University of Technology. Many plans, strategies, policies and technical reports, from an academic, national and institutional perspective have been produced through her leadership and pen.
