



Abridged Biography | Prof Sibongile Muthwa



Sibongile Muthwa is the Vice-Chancellor of Nelson Mandela University, South Africa and current Chairperson of Universities South Africa (USAf). She holds a PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and an MSc in Development Policy and Planning from London School of Economics and Political Science.

Prof Muthwa has a distinguished career both in South Africa and internationally, working in both development and public sector institutions and academia. Between 2010 and 2017, she was the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Support at Nelson Mandela University. Prof Muthwa currently serves as the Chairperson of Universities South Africa [USAf], a membership organisation representing all South Africa's universities that promotes and facilitates optimum conditions for universities to operate effectively and contribute to social, cultural and economic development. She further serves on the Presidential Human Resource Development Council. Before joining the university, she served as Director-General of the

Eastern Cape Provincial Government (2004 and 2010).

Upon her return to South Africa, before joining the government, she was Director of the Fort Hare Institute of Government. She is deeply committed to gender justice, social inclusion and active democratic participation. Accordingly, she serves on several Boards and advisory structures, including from 2014 as a Commissioner of the Financial and Fiscal Commission and serving as its Deputy Chairperson from 2017 -2019.
