

Biography: Dr Mahlogedi LV Thindisa; Ph.D.

Dr Thindisa has more than 26-years of consecutive experience in the public service as an Agricultural Economist, Manager, Senior Manager and Executive Manager. He acquired more than 10-years of experience as a member of the Senior Management Service (SMS) responsible for Agro-processing and Marketing. Membership of professional bodies includes amongst others the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa (AEASA/LEVSA).

Dr Thindisa has acquired the following skills and competencies. *At a professional level:* he is an agricultural economist by profession, serving the agrifood industry in various capacities including assisting farmers in various aspects such as agribusiness development, enterprise-supplier development, market intelligence, trade promotion, market access, value chain analytics, macro-economic research etc.

At academic level, he possesses a Ph.D. in agropreneurship from Wits Business School. He has published and presented scientific-peer reviewed articles in domestic and international journals and conferences. He is an external examiner to post-graduate students. Peer reviews articles for publishing in academic journals. Dr Thindisa regularly publishes articles on topics of interest in reputable magazines and newspapers.

Success statement is that “failure is an eventuality in agriculture, agro processing, and agribusiness. It’s not failure when lessons are appreciated. It’s a setback and part of the learning process towards success. Learning from set-back is a critical success attribute”.

