



# THULANI DLAMINI

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## PROFILE

I am a seasoned executive with more than 15 years' experience leading R&D organizations in the oil and gas well as public sector. A qualified scientist with a Ph.D. in catalysis complemented with a Master's degree in business leadership.

I am currently the Chief Executive Officer of the largest Science Council in South Africa. I initiated and lead a strategic transformation journey to align the organizational strategy with the industrial development needs of the country.

Extensive experience in strategy development, organizational change management, strategic stakeholder relationship management and business transformation.

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## HOBBIES

Running, Fishing  
Golf, Cycling

## EDUCATION

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### University of the Witwatersrand

1990 – 1998  
BSc - Chemistry  
BSc (Hon) – Applied Chemistry  
Ph.D. – Catalysis

### University of South Africa

1999 – 2003  
Program in Business Leadership  
Master of Business Leadership

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Sasol Technology LTD

**Scientist, Senior Scientist, Principle Scientist, Chief Scientist**

1998 – 2005  
Undertook R&D in heterogeneous catalysis for the conversion of syngas to chemicals. Filled five patents in this field. Received various recognition awards for excellence. I was Chief Scientist and research leader for Materials Characterization.

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### Council for Scientific and Industrial Research Centre Manager: National Laser Centre

2005 – 2008  
Led the growth and transformation of the National Laser Centre.

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## **Council for Scientific and Industrial Research Group Executive: Research and Development**

2008 – 2011

Responsible for the strategic investment of R650m state grant and R&D strategy of the CSIR. Led the development of flagship investment plan in areas such as defense and security, health and water.

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## **Sasol LTD**

### **Executive Manager: Research & Development**

2012 – 2014

Executive Manager for Sasol's corporate R&D functions.

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## **Sasol LTD**

### **Vice President: Strategic Research and Technology**

2014 – 2017

Led the development and Implementation of long term technology development strategy in adjacent areas of innovation to the Sasol core business.

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## **Council for Scientific and Industrial Research Chief Executive Officer**

2018 – to date

Leading the business transformation of CSIR to make an impact in industry, society and government.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Institute of Directors, SA

Academy of Science of South Africa