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Employed since 2006 at the Department of Science and Innovation, he is currently a Deputy Director-General responsible for research development and support. He is a current member of the board of the Water Research Commission and a past board member of MINTEK, TIPS, and SASSCAL. At DSI, he is responsible for strategically driving a portfolio of investments and policies that enable the leveraging of science, technology, and innovation. This includes investments in human capital development and knowledge production, science engagement, the basic sciences, open science, research infrastructures, and science missions.



Prof Lidia Brito

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Dr Lidia Brito is a forest engineer with a Master's and Doctorate in Forest and Wood Science from Colorado State University, USA. She joined UNESCO in November 2009, and in 2014 she was appointed UNESCO Regional Director for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean region (UNESCO Montevideo Office). As of 2022, she is leading the UNESCO team in Harare as the UNESCO Regional Director for Southern Africa.



Prof Tawana Kupe

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Professor Tawana Kupe has been the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria since January 2019. He holds BA Honours and Master's degrees in English from the University of Zimbabwe, as well as a DPhil in Media Studies from the University of Oslo in Norway. In December 2019, Prof Kupe received an honorary doctorate from Michigan State University in the US, and another from the University of Montpellier in France, in October 2021.



Ms Sabine Dall'Omo

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As one of Africa's most influential women in engineering, Sabine Dall'Omo has consistently put her best foot forward and broken boundaries in this male-dominated field. She currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and board member for Siemens in South Africa, following a successful career at the company for over thirty years.

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