

Synergising Indigenous Knowledge Systems into Business Innovation through Knowledge Management

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Entrepreneurship and business development based on IKS competitiveness for sustainable

community business enterprise creation and wealth generation



Dr Matsabisa has a PhD in Pharmacology. He is currently the Director of the Indigenous Knowledge Systems (Health) Lead Programme (IKS) at Medical Research Council. He serves on Medicines Control Council and he is a member of the Complementary Medicines Committee and a chairperson of the African Traditional Medicines Committees of Medicines Control Council (MCC). Dr Matsabisa is also a member of the WHO Afro Regional Expert Committee on Traditional Medicines. He serves in the Steering Committee on Regional Initiative on Traditional Medicines and HIV and AIDS in Eastern & Southern Africa (RITMA). He is also a member of the steering committee on access and benefit-sharing review of the Biodiversity Management Act. Dr Matsabisa is also a member of the SADC committee on access and benefit –sharing and has served as a technical advisor to SADC secretariat and WHO on traditional medicines. He serves on the MRC Scientific Peer review Committee. Dr Matsabisa has on four consecutive terms participated in the African Ministers of Health meetings, been part in 2 occasions of the AU –STRC meetings and is a temporary technical advisor to SADC secretariat on Health for Traditional Medicines.

Dr Matsabisa has managed huge projects for DOH, DST, NRF, others and is currently working on research consortium with numerous African countries as the project leader (Botswana, DRC, Kigali, Uganda and Nigeria). Dr Matsabisa has completed many projects nationally and is experience in developing databases including the GPS (GIS) database of South African traditional healers. He is the project leader in a number of inter country projects and he is the project leader for IKS medicinal plants projects for social and poverty elimination projects funded by DST. Dr Matsabisa has been a project leader on a number of controlled clinical trials on traditional medicines both at observational studies, Phase I clinical trials and Phase II studies.



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