

The Chief Executive Officer: Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC)

Mr. Sitembele Mase was educated in the following institutions:

- Walter Sisulu University (WSU/UNITRA)
- University of South Africa
- GuildHall University - London, UK
- University of Colorado - Boulders, USA

Sithembele Mase has wealth of experience in the development finance and enterprise development industry. For someone who has been in this industry for longer than 25 years, he requires no introduction since his working history speaks volumes.

His working career started in the Eastern Cape Developmental (EDC) where he worked for twelve (12) years. He later went to head the operations at the Get Ahead Financial Services, a Micro-Finance Institution. He further spend six (6) years at Nurcha as General Manager where he worked on several projects and one of them culminated to Mzantsi Account. Whilst at Nurcha, he also spear headed the transformation issues around BEE, Government Relations and Stakeholder Relations.

In 2006 he was appointed by Cabinet to pilot the establishment of an enterprise developmental micro-finance wholesale fund (the first of its kind in SA). The entity is operational.

He has an extensive international exposure and some of the countries he visited are Bolivia, Lapaz (South America), Zimbabwe (Harare), Ghana (Accra), UK and USA.

His leadership roles include the following:

- Automotive Industry Development Centre (AIDC) : Board Chair
- East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ): Board member
- Alfred Nzo Development Agency(ANDA): Board member
- Mine Workers Development Agency (MDA) Board Member - Chairman of the Eastern Cape Region
- Rural Technical Alternative Company (RUTEC) Board Member - TIGF Board Member (Chairman of the HR & Remuneration Committee)
- Executive Director and Board member - Nurcha
- Ntinga or Tambo Developent Agency Board Member (recently appointed)
- Now Chairperson of Lima Lethu Development Agency (Plough Back Project to the Eastern Cape)
- CEO of **samaf. (2006 -2010)**
- Currently CEO of ECDC

