



Mr Siphon Zikode
Acting CEO

Mr Siphon Zikode, a Deputy Director General of the dti, is responsible for the Department's Broadening Participation Division (BPD).

Among other things, BPD fosters the growth of sustainable SMMEs and cooperatives by creating enabling policies and programmes and overseeing the support provided by agencies such as the Small Enterprise Development Agency.

Mr Zikode joined the dti in 1997, initially as a Techno Economist in the Technology Promotion Division, having graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand with B.Comm (Economics) along with a Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing Management from the University of South Africa, and a National diploma in Chemical Engineering from Mangosuthu Technikon.

Following a short spell on Secondment as Deputy Director and Sector Technical Director at the Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology he returned to the dti in 1999 rising from Deputy Director Defence Portfolio to the position as Chief Director Industrial Participation, a position he took up in 2003, having in the interim, been awarded an MBA by the University of Pretoria where he was also awarded a Certificate for Technological Innovation: managing the dynamics of technological change.

Mr Zikode is currently acting as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda). He is responsible for Strategy and Policy implementation, Financial and Risk management, Performance Management of Operations, Corporate Governance, Seda Market positioning as well as Stakeholder and people management.