

Biography: Dr Oswald Franks

Dr Oswald "Ossie" Franks is a registered professional engineer with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA). He has executive experience in academia and industry, and has served on boards in the private and public sectors.

A former Executive Dean of Engineering, Built Environment and Technology at the Nelson Mandela University (NMU), Dr Franks is currently engaged as a strategic project consultant to NMU's Resource Mobilisation and Advancement Office, which supports the Vice-Chancellor with a range of strategic resource mobilisation and engagement matters.

He has held executive positions of CEO of ECSA, interim CEO of the South African International Maritime Institute, and Executive Dean of Engineering at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. He has also served as the lead independent non-executive board member of Esor Construction.

Dr Franks' qualifications include a PhD in engineering science from the University of South Florida, a master's in industrial administration and a BSc Eng. (mechanical), both from the University of Cape Town, and an honours degree in Business and Administration from the Stellenbosch Business School.