

## **Biography: Daniel Ndim**

Mr Daniel Ndim is a biotechnology entrepreneur who is the CEO of CapeBio Technologies, a spin-off of the Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), which manufactures molecular biology reagents, enzymes and kits for diagnostics, forensic DNA analysis and other applications. He worked at the CSIR towards the commercialisation of technologies as a technologist and business developer for the CapeBio project. One of CapeBio's recent successes was a South African Health Products Regulatory Authority-approved PCR testing kit for coronavirus detection.

Mr Ndim has a master's degree in the structural biology of infectious diseases from the University of Pretoria, and is trained in protein engineering and crystallography, bioprocess engineering and biomanufacturing. He has a string of awards and scholarships for excellence in academics, social responsibility, student leadership and entrepreneurial initiatives, including a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship and an Allan Gray Orbis Foundation fellowship. He was listed as an African Influencer for Change by the United Nations Development Programme Africa in 2020.

Mr Ndim advocates for science that creates jobs, improves the quality of ordinary lives, and contributes to national development and the economy. He aims to empower the local biochemical manufacturing industry by developing local networks and value chains.