

Biography: Dr Thulani Dlamini

Dr Thulani Dlamini is the CEO of the Council for Industrial and Scientific Research (CSIR) and a member of the South African Academy of Science.

He started his career in 1998 at Sasol as a research scientist in the field of heterogenous catalysis. He was a chief researcher at Saso when he left to join the CSIR as the head of the National Laser Centre in 2005. In 2008, he was appointed in the position of Group Executive: Research and Development at the CSIR. Dr Dlamini left the CSIR in 2011 to join Sasol as the Executive Manager: Research and Development, and later became the Vice-President for Strategic Research and Technology there.

He has a PhD in chemistry from the University of the Witwatersrand and a master's in business leadership from the University of South Africa. He holds five patents in the field of Fischer-Tropsch technology.

He has served on many boards and national/international committees, and was a member of the Presidential Commission on the Fourth Industrial Revolution. He currently serves on the United Nations Development Programme South Africa board.