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- Accelerate the realisation of an integrated, prosperous, and peaceful Africa, through transformed quality education.
- Harness the use of STI as an enabler to respond to Africa's priorities such as the eradication of hunger, achieving food and natural resource security, addressing climate change and adaptation; ensuring diseases control; and the building of a prosperous society.
- Through consultative servant leadership, I will support of intra-continental collaboration, cooperation and partnerships.

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Accelerate the implementation of Agenda 2063 through ESTI.



Cooperation, collaboration and coordination for development. Integrative multi-sectoral engagement and commitment within the AUC and between member states is a necessary ingredient for success.



Imbue STI in AU strategies, programmes, and projects. STI has been recognised as a key enabler in responding to Continental priorities and aspirations.



Technical and Vocational Education, Training and Innovation. Economic and social development is dependent on technology and innovation, delivered through transformative TVET systems.



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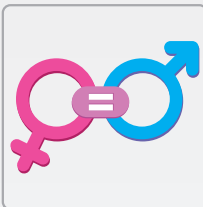


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Africa's Knowledge Systems. It is imperative to support and retain talent and potential; and ensure that Africa is an active member of the global STI system.



Gender equity, youth and social inclusion. With sixty percent youth population and over fifty percent women, we must harness the full human resources and potential of the Continent.



Strengthen and renew strategic partnerships. It is critical to develop and nurture multi-sectorial partnerships and collaborations at regional/international levels in response to global challenges as well as to advance the priorities of the AU.

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Why

Dr Molapo Qhobela



A dedicated consummate professional

Dr Qhobela has dedicated over 33 years to the development of the South African and African higher education, research, science and technology systems.

His knowledge of the African and international education and higher education and research system is deep and extensive.

Visionary and Transformative Servant Leadership

Dr Qhobela has led and managed with distinction, large and complex knowledge organizations with dexterity and diplomacy; and assisted other African counties to establish fit for purpose research support agencies.

Global Champion for African Science

Dr Qhobela has represented South Africa in the global arena and championed African science as the Chair of the Global Research Councils, including establishing the African Open Science Platform and expanding the Science Granting Councils Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Values and Results Driven

Dr Qhobela is a person of high integrity and strong governance credentials. He is results driven as exemplified by successful completion of complex projects, on time and on budget, such as the MeerKAT



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Telescope and the South African Isotope Facility. He is unwavering in his commitment to African scientific excellence and impact.



Technology and Digital Transformation

Dr Qhobela has a keen interest in technology, which led him to be elected as the Chairperson of the Tertiary Education Network (TENET), the South African Education and Research Network (eNREN). Technology is a key enabler of scientific research, as well as economic and social development.

Commitment to Gender Transformation

Throughout his leadership, Dr Qhobela championed initiatives to advance transformative gender agenda in ESTI. These include policies in the allocation of postgraduate bursaries and the development of interventions to achieve gender parity in academic leadership.

Commitment to Pan African Ideals

Dr Qhobela has a deep commitment to Pan-Africanism and the importance and potential impact of education, science and technology to transform lives and societies. He has lived in six African countries and is married with four adult children.



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