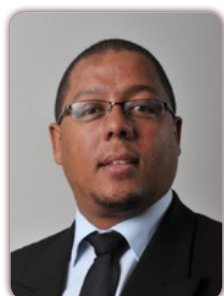


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### **Agrarian reform and its contribution to socio-economic development**

The main aim of the study was to provide an overview of South Africa's agrarian reform environment, and its potential and challenges to contribute to socio-economic development. Methods to be followed in contributing to effective development are effective policy formulation, models for sustainable implementation, the National Development Plan as an enabler, economic drivers in the sector, and harnessing these, as well as labour - its linkage to development, and partnerships as an economic driver. In assessing the results the following are key, socio-economic development within the sector, empowerment within the agri-value chain, meaningful partnerships in the sector, that have led to economic empowerment, sustainable projects that contribute to local and regional economic growth, and reforms for those not able to enter the value-chain. The study concludes that undertaking effective reforms with the agrarian sector are imperative to sustained economic growth. The mechanisms to undertake this are at our disposal, they just need to be harnessed.

### **Biography**

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