

2025 CONVOCATION ELECTION CANDIDATES: ABRIDGED CV



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HIGHLIGHT

Dr Mthembu has recently been elected as the provincial **Chairperson** of the Black Management Forum (BMF) for a three year term.



CONTACT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dr. Bhekisisa Jacob Mthembu is a corporate strategist, author, and social entrepreneur with a deep desire to drive socio-economic change through quality education. Dr. Mthembu believes without a shred of doubt that, anyone can achieve greatness in life regardless of their present circumstances. This perspective is what girds his beliefs and consequently his actions as a dedicated family man, an accomplished corporate leader and philanthropist. It is also the reason that Dr. Mthembu is currently looking for opportunities to speak at corporate events, serve on non-profit boards and partner with communities across the country to make an even greater impact.

CORPORATE STRATEGIST

As a public servant with over two decades of corporate experience, Dr Mthembu has built an admirable brand as a seasoned strategist and honed his reputation as a **“strategic fixer”** in the public sector. Over the years, he has served in various positions including Manager- Strategy and Transformation, Director- Strategic Management Services, Municipal Manager for Intsikayethu Local Municipality and currently serves as **Municipal Manager for Amathole District Municipality.**

AUTHOR & SPEAKER

The author of two books, **Set Your Own Goal**: leadership journey imagined, and **Made To Believe** In Your Abilities. In these books, Dr. Mthembu takes his readers on a journey through his personal and professional life, whilst sharing practical nuggets to empower anyone seeking true personal mastery and leadership success. He also shares the strategies found in these books as a keynote speaker.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

Through his personal grass-to-grace origin story coupled with his deep-seated passion for social change, Dr. Mthembu founded the Bhekisisa Foundation, a community-focused non-profit organisation with a mandate to empower the youth from impoverished communities to rise above the status quo. It is Dr. Mthembu's conviction that, with the right support and guidance, education can become a tool for positive social change, and that is what his foundation seeks to achieve through strategic partnerships.