

BRIEF PROFILE



Dr. David Lefutso

Male, African

Executive Manager: Wild Coast Programme

Foresight Practitioner, Futurist and Researcher

Race: African


Gender: Male



Education

- PhD in Disaster Management, University of the Free State: Thesis title - *Perceptions and the Demand for Flood Insurance amongst Low-income Households in South Africa* (**August 2022 - May 2025**)
- MPhil in Futures Studies, University of Stellenbosch: Thesis title - *Wicked Problems: Israel's Discovery of Oil and Gas* (**2011 - 2012**)
- MBA, Rhodes University: Thesis title - *A study of current and potential future transport requirements for Kagiso Township* (**2002 - 2004**)
- BCom (Majoring in Economics), University of the Witwatersrand (**1991 - 1993**)

Certifications

- Certified Change Management Practitioner
APMG International, 

Project experience

Foresight Specialist in South Africa and academic contributor in the field of Foresight and Scenario Development.

Notable Foresight exercises conducted are as follows:

- Western Cape ICT Foresight
- Biotechnology Foresight: Eastern Cape and Gauteng Provinces
- Knowledge and Innovation for Rural Development
- SEDA NMB ICT Incubator Foresight-driven Strategy
- Provincial Foresight: Eastern Cape, Gauteng and Western Cape Provinces
- Grahamstown Diocese Foresight

- Northern Cape Information Society Strategy
- Gauteng Human Settlements 2050 Scenarios
- ECITI Corporate Strategy
- Maritime Foresight for the Eastern Cape
- Rural Development and Land Reform Foresight
- Military Veterans Empowerment Strategy
- Ndlambe Municipality 2030 Foresight-driven Strategy
- Wild Coast Special Economic Zone Foresight-driven Strategy

Research Specialist in Public and Social Policy: Other notable research and innovation exercises conducted are as follows:

- Knowledge and Innovation for Rural Development
- Knowledge Management Strategy and System for the Eastern Cape Parks
- Business Case for the Acquisition of the SA Agulhas as a Training Vessel
- Comprehensive enquiry into all Land Titles in the urban township, commonly known as “Fingo Village”, in Grahamstown
- Individual Rural Housing Subsidy Voucher Programme
- Policy on the Amendment of the Housing Subsidy Scheme Progress Payment System
- Policy on Access to Housing Subsidies by Persons Owning Unsubsidized Sites or Housing but are otherwise Eligible for Subsidies
- Policy on Joint Ownership of Dwellings by one or more Subsidy Beneficiaries
- Owner-Builder Housing Subsidy Voucher Programme
- Programme for the Removal, Disposal and Replacement of Asbestos in Homes
- Upgrading of Informal Settlements Macro Policy Framework
- Programme of Social Facilitation in Support of *in situ* Upgrading of Informal Settlements

Capabilities

- Foresight and Long-range Planning
- Innovation Systems Design
- Scenario Development
- Wicked Problems
- Trends Analysis
- Causal Layered Analysis
- General Morphological Analysis
- Strategy Development
- Environmental Scanning
- Qualitative and Quantitative Research
- Project and Programme Management

Journal publications

- **Lefutso, D.**, Ogundeji, A. A., Danso-Abbeam, G., & Nyam, Y. S. (2025). Assessment of knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions toward flood risk insurance amongst low-income households in South Africa. *Climate Services*, 38, 100542.
- **Lefutso, D.**, Ogundeji, A. A., Danso-Abbeam, G., & Nyam, Y. S. (2025). Low-income households' willingness to pay for flood risk insurance in South Africa. *Progress in Disaster Science*, 25, 100403.
- **Lefutso, D.** (2013). Energy Bonanza or Abyss: Israel's Options for the Future. *Journal of Futures Studies*, 17(3), 41-64.
- **Lefutso, D.**, Semwayo, D.T., Nyewe, M. (2012). The Application of Foresight in Corporate Planning for South African Government Department. *Perspectives Journal*, 4e.
- Hietanen, O., **Lefutso, D.**, Marais, M., Munga, N., Taute, B., Nyewe, M., & Semwayo, T. D. (2011). Cómo crear una cultura y una capacidad de prospectiva nacional. Estudio de caso: Sudáfrica. *EKONOMIAZ. Revista vasca de Economía*, 76(01), 144-189.

Opinion piece publications

- 2007 - Unpacking the infrastructure delivery systems in Ndlambe Municipality by using the Biomatrix framework (Published by Foresight for Development)

Journal reviewer

- Article reviews - Journal title: *Environmental Engineering and Management Journal*, ISSN:1582-9596
- Article reviews - Journal title: *Weather, Climate and Society*, ISSN: 1948-8335
- Article reviews - Journal title: *Progress in Disaster Science*, ISSN: 2590-0617

Board memberships

- Overberg Water Board (2019 to date)
- South African Weather Service (2015 to 2020)

References

Dr. Phakamani Buthelezi

Overberg Water Board



Prof. Abiodun Ogundeji

University of the Free State

