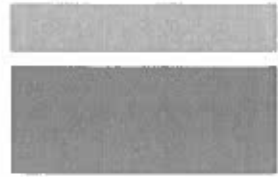


DR RAJENDRAN T GOVENDER



SENIOR MANAGER/SOCIAL
ANTHROPOLOGIST/RESEARCHER/ADMINISTRATOR

PERSONAL PROFILE

Proficient or familiar with a vast array of skills and experience related to research; strategic planning, team building / leadership; knowledge of PFMA and Budgeting & Financial management; Advanced computer skills and I.T. usage and implementations; human resource management; programmes and project management; operational management, facilities management, stakeholder management; communication and report writing; negotiation and conflict resolution skills; international Relations; Community Outreach relevant Senior Management skills and attributes.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname:	Govender
First Name(s):	Rajendran Thanqavelu
Identity number:	
Date of Birth:	
Sex:	Male
Marital Status:	Married
Driver's License:	Code o8
Nationality:	South African
Home Language:	English
Other Language(s):	Afrikaans, IsiZulu, Tamil

EDUCATION

Degree obtained and Majors:

PhD (isiZulu/Social Anthropology) – UKZN (April 2008)

M.A (IsiZulu/Social Anthropology) CUM-LAUDE (UDW - 2002)

B.A. (Unisa-1993)

Geography III, History III, Science of Religion II, Education 1, Sociology 1, English 1.

B.A (Hon) (Natal University-1999)

Additional Studies:

Educational Diploma -Senior Primary (Transvaal College of Education -1981)

Journalism Diploma (Union College -1978)

Diploma in Project Management (Distinction) (Executive Education –2003)

Diploma in Financial Management (University of Pretoria)

Professional Qualifications

- Certificate in Computer Literacy (First Class Pass) UniSchool – 2001
- Certificate in Leadership and Management – 2008
- Certificate in Job Evaluation – 2009 - Certificate in Basic IsiZulu
- Certificate – Innovation in the Public Service (NSG) – 2018
- Certified Lead facilitator and eFacilitator in the Public (NSG) 2018
- Certificate in Monitoring and Evaluation
- Certificate in Change Management



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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of Institution	Type of Institution	Position Held	Period
Liverpool Secondary	Educational	Educator	Jan 1981 – Dec 1989
William Hills Secondary	Educational	Head of Dept.	Jan 1990 – Dec 1991
Lenasia Secondary	Educational	Head of Dept.	Jan 1992 – Jan 1994
KZN Dept of Education And Culture	Management Service	Ass/Dep Director: Arts & Culture	Jan 1994 - Mar 2005
KZN Dept of Arts & Culture	Management Service	General Manager (Act): Arts and Culture	Aug 2010 to Aug 2011
KZN Dept. of Arts & Culture	Management Service	Director: Arts & Culture	Mar. 2005 – Dec 2019

PROFILE

Former Director in the Kwa-Zulu Natal Department of Arts and Culture (25 years) as well as a secondary school educator and Head of Department (14 years).

Dr Govender has a Doctorate and Master's Degree which he obtained Cum Laude for research undertaken in traditional Indian and Zulu rituals and practices. Dr Govender has a string of other academic and professional qualifications.

Received a Ford Foundation International Fellowship for his PhD Research as well as a post-doctoral Fellowship at the Columbia University, New York where he had to develop a leadership programme for Ten African countries.

Recently completed research in New Delhi, India as an IBSA Visiting Research Fellow of the the Research & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS). The research was geared towards the Promotion and Protection of Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Indigenous Knowledge System (IKS) with the focus on Traditional Medicine (TM) in India, Brazil and South Africa to strengthen the IBSA Trilateral relationship.

Currently Executive Director of Mzansi Empowerment Enterprise (MEE) – A consultancy that focuses on skills development and training, research development and diversity management. Through the consultancy Dr Govender has empowered many people especially from the disadvantaged sectors of society.

CEO of the Tamil Business Warriors (TBW) a business networking organization with members in all the provinces in South Africa and an international footprint in Malaysia, Reunion Islands, Mauritius, India, Singapore, China and Madagascar.

CEO of Southside FM a community radio station based in Kwa-Zulu Natal.

Appointed by the South African government as a Social Cohesion Advocate with the Department of Arts and Culture, Republic of South Africa and have been tasked to head a Rapid Response Task Team to address issues related to racism, xenophobia, gender-based violence and other social ills that confront society.

Other positions:

- Council Member of the Playhouse Company, a provincial performing arts theater
- Chapter 11 Committee Member of the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC)
- Africa Regional Head – Advocacy Unified Network – The Hague, Netherlands
- Advisory Board Member – Journalists and Writers Foundation – New York
- Secretary-General of the *Africa Association for Leadership and Social Justice (ARALS)*.
- Vice Chairman of the *Social Justice Advocacy Campaign (SOJAC)*.
- Member of the Advisory Board of the *Turquoise Harmony Institute* which is responsible for strengthening dialogue and tolerance among people from different cultural, linguistic and cultural backgrounds.
- Advisor to the *One Universe Foundation* based in Bangalore, India.
- Chairperson of the Africa Kingdom Diaspora Alliance (AKDA) an organization responsible for uniting all the kingdoms in Africa.
- Panel member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Network of SA
- Vice Chairperson of the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital Board.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Spent two months in America on the invitation of the US Government on the International Visitors Programme (IVP) to study minority cultures and arts administration in 1996. Represented South Africa on the Rotary International Group Study Exchange Programme, visiting France for a period of six weeks.

Visited Turkey in 2010 and 2011 on the invitation of the Turquoise Harmony Institute to establish relations for nation Building, social cohesion and tolerance.

Coordinated programmes for the Fulbright - Hays Seminar for visiting academics from the USA from 1996 to 2004. Hosted and arranged programmes for a number of International visitors from the USA, France, India, Mauritius, Malaysia and Singapore.

Presented papers on aspects related to culture, religion and social justice in various parts of the world including, Great Britain, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Mauritius, Senegal, Australia as well as different parts of South Africa.

Participated in the United Nations Interfaith Dialogue in Jan 2023

Participated in the Global Summit on LiFE Economy in New Delhi in November 2023

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

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- ❖ Junior Chamber - Four Outstanding Young South Africans Award (FOYSA) (1993)
- ❖ Post Natal/ Impression) Young Achiever Award (1993)
- ❖ Junior Chamber - Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award (TOYP) (1994)
- ❖ Junior Chamber Achiever Award (1996)
- ❖ Rotary International Award (1998)
- ❖ Minister's Award for the most outstanding official in the KZN Department of Arts and Culture (2014);
- ❖ Award by the KZN Department of Arts and Culture in 2015 and 2016 as the Best Senior Manager in the Department
- ❖ Love to Live Nelson Mandela Peace & Hope Award (2015),
- ❖ the King Shaka Award for promoting for African Intellectuality and positive race relations in South Africa and Africa (2019).
- ❖ Premier's Service Excellence Award and the BMW Supertech Business Award for the best Government Department in KZN in 2014 and 2015,
- ❖ First Prize in a National Radio Lyric Writing Competition (2018)
- ❖ Tamil Business Warriors Award for Outstanding Community Service (2019)
- ❖ House of Shaka: Isihlabani Award for African Intellectuality and promoting Positive Race Relations in South Africa (2020)

REFERENCES

1. **Mr MR MNGUNI**
2. **Mrs CN KHUMALO**
Acting DG – Department of Sport, Arts & Culture
3. **COMMISSIONER SHAFIE AMEERMIA**