

## **Dr Marinkie Madiope**

Educating and empowering others is a key aspect of Dr Marinkie Madiope's life. The challenge of discovering, innovation and stretching herself and everyone around her are the qualities that she has. The University of South Africa gains from the extraordinary energy that characterises this woman. She is an infectious team leader, spurring others to greater heights. She never tires of challenges, the bigger the better, she thrives on them! What lights her fire intrinsically is intellectual stimulation and being humble enough to learn. She is always on the look-out for something she can do for others: Whether it is large scale advocacy for women's rights or her personal involvement in the supply of sanitary towels for school girls as part of a programme to empower the girl child through exposing them to options. It is humbling to watch her Ubuntu in action.



She has successfully served as the Director for University Teaching and learning since 2015 and takes her role incredibly seriously. As the Director she managed to transform and lead her team of 45 education consultants with a very high level of integrity. Dr Madiope has managed to drive all colleges towards a transformative curriculum since her appointment as a director. The college of Education at Unisa with more than 90000 students benefit from her incredible insights and her caring way of working with our academics. Several curriculum transformation documents were drafted through her leadership e.g. Blended learning guidelines, active learning guidelines etc. Dr Madiope, also managed one of the African Languages project where approximately 16 modules in all colleges were translated into all African languages to serve across the colleges.

Dr Madiope is also the editor of the one and only journal in ODL Progressio since 2016. The first 2 volumes for 2016 were published electronically since she took over as the editor. Marinkie has presented and published papers locally and internally on Mobile Learning, Elearning and Women empowerment.

Her expertise in Elearning is also one of her strong points, she has designed the Unisa Online ethics course which was launched in Geneva in 2015. The course is currently offered internationally by Unisa in collaboration with ethics SA and an international company Globe ethics – giving her an international footprint.

As part of community engagement she is visible among the little-humans in the Africa Crèche Project in empowering women as ECD practitioners. Marinkie is also the chairperson of the Unisa women Forum since 2016 where she has grown the membership of UNISA women forum from 300 to 550. Marinkie is always there to care for women big and small. An ever-present mother and sister.

Marinkie is also one of the ministerial appointees to the Council of the Vuselela TVET College. As a council member she serves and support TVETs colleges in transforming their curriculum and also supporting TVETs to align their programs to the needs of the South African society.

Marinkie also represented South Africa in 2016 on ELearning as a Ministerial appointee: delegation to Taiwan for E-Learning and Bilateral agreement. Dr Marinkie Madiope is also one of the Elearning experts appointed by the African Union to develop an Elearning strategy for the new Open Distance and ELearning University of Africa.

Marinkie is also one of the experts representing South Africa for the proposed African Virtual and E-University. The African University is one of AU's flagship projects that has been proposed for addressing the Agenda 2063 need for accelerating development of human capital, science and technology and innovation through increasing access to tertiary and continuing education in Africa by capitalizing on the digital revolution and global knowledge; reaching large numbers of students and professionals in multiple sites simultaneously-anywhere, anytime; and by consolidating African initiatives and strategies on accelerated development of human capital; science, technology and innovation

## **AWARDS**

Dr Marinkie Madiope is the winner of the UNISA Gender Activism: Advocacy and Promotion of Women's Rights and 2013 Unisa Woman of the Year 2013. She is also the recipient of the award UNISA chancellor's award 2013 and Best performer. Marinkie was also nominated as the first developing researcher amongst professional staff at Unisa in 2013.

## **QUALIFICATION SUMMARY**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Qualification obtained</b>	<b>Date</b>
University of SA	D. Ed.	2013
University of Johannesburg (RAU)	M.Ed.: Computer Based Instruction	2001
University of Johannesburg (RAU)	B. Ed.: Computer Based Instruction (Non-degree course)	1999
University of the North	B. Ed.	1988
University of the North	BA Ed.	1985
Hebron College of Education	Diploma: JSTC	1981
Hans Kekana High School	Grade 10	1979

## **CERTIFICATES AND IT TRAINING ACQUIRED**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Certificate obtained</b>	<b>Date</b>
National School Board Association (Alexandria, USA)	Staff Development: Technology in an Integrated Curriculum	2004
University of London	Online Education and Training	2004

## **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

- Project Management course: Technikon Southern Africa
- Time Management: Technikon Southern Africa
- Assessor Training: IEB
- Moderator: IEB
- Certified Ethics Officer

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