



Information about the resource persons



Mr. Olympus Manthata
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Olympus Manthata 's current role as Head of Climate Finance at the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) includes the management of Climate Financing mechanisms that the DBSA is accredited to, such as the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Mr. Manthata has been the Fund Manager for the SA Green Fund that the DBSA manages on behalf of the Department of Environmental Affairs. Mr. Manthata has been instrumental in assisting the DBSA to obtain the GEF accreditation, as a first national agency to do so, and further contributed to the successful accreditation of the bank by the GCF.

He also contributed to the establishment and implementation of South Africa's National Green Fund, where he, as the Fund Manager for the National Green Fund, oversaw the commitment and disbursement of over ZAR1 billion worth of debt, grant and mezzanine financing into high impact investment projects which are realizing significant social, economic and environmental returns.

His 26 years' experience includes working as an Investment Professional within development finance arena, the technology innovation/commercialization space and various facets of the Engineering Environment as Business Development Manager, Engineering Manager and Commercial Manager.