

Mr Siyaduma Biniza

Siyaduma "Siya" Biniza is a Political Economist specialising in Industrial Policy, Regional Industrialisation and Regional Integration. With more than 5 years' experience in research, organisational strategy, business development and financial management, Siya has extensive knowledge and skills which he gained through the experiences below.

Siya has an insightful understanding of the political economy of development, entrepreneurship, and public affairs for corporations and social formations.

Core Competencies: Policy Research, Organisational Development, Leadership, Relationship Management, Stakeholder Engagement, Problem-solving, Communications and Public Affairs.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

University of the Witwatersrand – Johannesburg, South Africa	
M.Com. - Master of Commerce in Development Theory and Policy	2015
Thesis: "How is the South African State Promoting Investments that Increase Local Content in the Production of Automobiles?: A Critical Evaluation of Investment Promotion and Industrial Policy (1994-2014)"	
B.Com. (Hon.) - Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Development Theory and Policy	2013
Thesis: "What is the Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on Unemployment in Post-Apartheid South Africa?: Bridging the Chasm between Ideology, Scholarship and Policy-Making"	
University of Cape Town (UCT) – Cape Town, South Africa	
B.Soc.Sc. PPE - Bachelor of Social Science in Politics, Philosophy and Economics	2012
B.Sc. - Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (Discontinued)	2009
Port Rex Technical High School – East London, South Africa	
NSC - National Senior Certificate (Academic Merit with Two Distinctions)	2007

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Economic Issues in Regional Integration (International Monetary Fund)	Sep 2015
Ebène Cybercity, Mauritius	
Regional Industrialisation and Regional Integration (Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies)	Jul 2015
Johannesburg, South Africa	
Macroeconomic Diagnostics (International Monetary Fund)	Mar 2015
Ebène Cybercity, Mauritius	
Innovation, SMMEs and Trade (UCT Graduate School of Business, UCT School of Economics)	Mar 2015
Pretoria, South Africa	
Pullen Farm Writing Workshop (University of the Witwatersrand)	Sep 2014
Nelspruit, South Africa	
PARI Dissertation Programme (Public Affairs Research Institute)	Feb-Oct 2014
Johannesburg, South Africa	
Workshop in Scientific Writing Skills (University of Stellenbosch Language Centre)	Feb 2013
Johannesburg, South Africa	
UNASA UCT Diplomacy Course (United Nations Association of South Africa UCT Chapter)	Jul 2012
Cape Town, South Africa	

CTI Education Group - Student Advisor
Sales and Marketing Division

Jun – Dec 2013

Curriculum and enrolment advisory to prospective students. Extensive communication, sales, presentation and administrative experience.

UCT – Alumni Relations Intern
Development and Alumni Department

Sep 2011 – Feb 2012

Coordinating the department's alumni and donor relations, events and pledging relations. Liaising with the UCT Association of Black Alumni and Smuts Hall Alumni, facilitating events and projects. Relationship-management and organisational development experience.

UCT- Computer Lab Assistant
Information and Communication Technology Services

Sep 2008 – Apr 2012

Assisting UCT students, staff and visitors with Information Technology services, printing and all computer-related queries at Student Learning Centre. Adept computer and customer service experience.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Independent Development Trust – Member of the Board of Trustees

Nov 2016 - Present

Providing leadership to the Independent Development Trust as an organisation in transition with a new Executive Committee and Chief Executive Office who assumed office in April 2015.

Caswill Body Corporate – Chairperson, Caswill Board of Trustees

Sep 2015 - Present

Providing leadership to the Caswill Body Corporate as it transitions from a newly formed sectional title scheme under the Sectional Titles Act (No. 95 of 1986) into a sustainable entity. Supporting and sustaining the operations at Caswill, providing governance leadership under the Management Rules and the Conduct Rules of the scheme, and strategic fundraising support.

UCT - Mentor, Emerging Student Leaders Programme (ESLP)

2012

Mentored for the UCT ESLP, which is an annual leadership and skills development initiative seeking to enhance the leadership capacity of UCT students.

UCT iKhaya Day House - Treasurer

Sep 2010 – Oct 2012

Balanced all iKhaya accounts, managed the annual budget and fund-raising strategies. Diminished a three-year budget deficit of over R30 000 into a budget surplus during first year of service; and maintained surplus budget thereafter.

UCT History and Current Affairs Society – Treasurer and Strategist

Sep 2008 – Jun 2011

Managed finances for two years before strategically overseeing operations, admin and finances for the History and Current Affairs Society changed the brand and nearly doubled membership.

HONOURS AND PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

Economic Research Southern Africa Postgraduate Fellowship	2014
Public Affairs Research Institute-Nedbank Master's Fellowship	2014
Wits Postgraduate Merit Award	2014
Department of Trade and Industry Public Bursary	2013
UCT ESLP, Mentor Award	2012
Students for Law and Social Justice National Seminar, Delegate Award	2009
Brightest Young Mind Seminar, Delegate and Best Idea Award	2009