

## UCT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024 – CONVOCAATION NOMINEE



### **TSHEDISO MATONA**

#### **CONVOCAATION NOMINATORS**

- Prof Haroon Borhat
- Mr Gcobani Tunyiswa
- Mr Simphiwe Cele
- Dr Rashad Cassim
- Prof Faizel Ismail
- Mr Sandile Tyini

#### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

I am UCT's alumni, having graduated in 1991 with honours and bachelor's degrees in economics and politics.

While at UCT, I was a leader in black student organisations and was active in the university's affairs during a period of historic transformative events at the university.

This was a life-changing formative time which launched my 29 years career in public service, and I rose to lead several government departments, interacting with business, academic and research institutions, and development agencies, locally and internationally.

I have maintained a keen interest in developments at UCT. I view the university as a precious common heritage and resource in South Africa's and humanity's development. I deem it imperative that this status and UCT's national and international esteem be safeguarded and enhanced.

I believe I am eminently qualified to contribute to this mission, drawing from my change-making role and experience in South Africa's public affairs, and from my time as a leader at UCT, during which I promoted constructive dialogue and trust between students and UCT's administration, as part of healthy overall governance at the university.

It would therefore be a privilege to serve in UCT's next Council.

## **BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE**

Tshediso Matona is a leader and seasoned professional with a long career at the highest level in the public sector.

He is currently Commissioner of the Black Economic Empowerment Commission since October 2022. Prior to that, he was Special Advisor to Minister of Trade, Industry, and Competition, Mr Ebrahim Patel, and was previously the DTIC's Director General (2005–2010) and later DG of Public Enterprises (2011–2014), overseeing major state-owned enterprises; followed by a short stint as CEO of Eskom (October 2014–May 2015), and Secretary for Planning, National Planning Commission (2015–2021). He has been at the centre of development policymaking and planning in the post-1994 democratic government since the Mandela and Mbeki administrations, supporting the Cabinet and interacting with top executives and leaders of business, labour, civil society, and research institutions, locally and internationally.

Matona has wide-ranging experience in public policy and practice in South Africa, as regards economic regulation, transformation, corporate governance, investment, industrial and trade policy (he was SA's diplomat at the World Trade Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland, 1996–1998).

He holds a master's in development economics from East Anglia University (UK) and bachelor and honours degrees in economics and politics from the University of Cape Town, and various certificates from international universities, including Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Governance Institute of Southern Africa and of the National School of Government and serves on boards of public and private entities.