

# Brief Curriculum Vitae

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## **Short profile: Prof Hannes Rautenbach**

Professor Hannes Rautenbach was born in Petrus Steyn in the Free State and went to school in the Pretoria region. After graduating with a BSc degree in Meteorology in 1987 he joined the South African Weather Bureau in 1988 as a Meteorologist and later in 1991 as a Senior Meteorologist.

In 1991, he joined the newly established CORDATA Chair in Meteorology as Research Assistant in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Pretoria. In 1995 he was appointed as Lecturer, and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2000, and again to Associate Professor in 2006. During this period, he also served as coordinator of the Meteorology Unit at UP, which is the only Unit of its kind in southern Africa to offer undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Meteorology.

In 1999 he received a Doctoral degree in Meteorology from the University of Pretoria.

In 2006, Professor Rautenbach became Head of the Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology, a position that he held for eight years until 2014. During this period, he also served between 2010 and 2014 as Director of the University of Pretoria's Water Institute.

Between 2005 and 2010 he was President of the South African Society for Atmospheric Sciences, and still serves as Board Member of the National Association of Clean Air.

Prof Rautenbach served on various bodies that evaluate research and was leader of various research projects at, amongst others, the Water Research Commission and the National Research Foundation. He has currently published more than 47 scientific papers in accredited science journals, presented more than 100 talks at national and international conferences.

As an established researcher, he is currently rated as a C2 scientists by the National Research Foundation.

Between 2016 and 2018 he was appointed as Chief Scientist (Climate Change and Variability) at the South African Weather Service. In 2017 he was invited to serve as Extraordinary Professor in the School of Health Systems and Public Health at the University of Pretoria, and Professor Rautenbach currently hold the position of Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at Akademia.