



Theo Venter

Professor of Practice, School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy, College of Business and Economics, University of Johannesburg. Previously attached to the NWU Business School until December 2020. Prior to that, he was special advisor to two Vice Chancellors of the North-West University (2004-2016). He is also a political commentator on South African politics, especially on radio and TV since 1987. He has received recognition at the NWU as one of the most quoted members of the university staff in the media from 2013 to 2017. In 2015 he was nominated as Agriculturalist of the Year by journalists in agriculture.

Early in 2022 he completed a fourth project with *Sakegesprek met Theo Vorster* on scenarios and business decisions for KYKNET and this project continued in 2023 with Theo Venter as scenario expert on the panel. He also contributes regularly to the TV programme *In gesprek met Lourensa Eckard* on Monday evenings. From 2013 to 2019 he presented a scenario planning workshops to the SDSP (ESPN) at the South African National Defence College. He contributes a monthly opinion column in *Farmers Weekly* since 2021 and regularly contributes to Litnet.

In April 2022 he was acknowledged by the Potchefstroom Business Chamber for his community involvement and was elected to the Council of the North-West University. In September 2022 he was appointed as chair of the Expert Panel to review the North West Provincial Growth and Development Strategy. He holds two master's degrees in political science, one of which was obtained in the USA as a Fulbright Scholar.