

## Dr BONGANI KHUMALO'S : PROFILE

Researcher Bongani Khumalo, was born in Paulpietersburg in the KwaZulu-Natal province and completed his matric at Thalana High school before commencing with Teachers Diploma at Esikhawini. He completed advanced certificate in Biology, another certificate in adult education with UNISA. In 1999, he obtained a B. Tech Degree in Education Management at Technikon Pretoria and registered for a Master's degree in 2003. In 2007, the Tshwane University of Technology conferred that degree on him. On the 12 September 2014, he was invited to attend the graduation ceremony in the **GENCOR COMMUNITY HALL** at the Soshanguve Campus in Soshanguve. He was awarded with the life time achievement of the **DOCTOR EDUCATIONIS: EDUCATION**

*In his thesis entitled, “EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF POOR INFRASTRUCTURE ON LEARNERS’ PERFORMANCE AT UMZINYATHI RURAL SCHOOLS”. Bongani identified a number of problems experienced by educators and learners in rural schools. The findings revealed problems in respect of lack of classrooms; overcrowded classes; lack of textbooks; no libraries and laboratories as well as essential facilities needed at school. What is illustrated is that non-provisioning of infrastructure underpins learners’ performance. This unfortunately means that the liberation of South Africans from the cycle of poverty is unachievable. The study recommends that government should provide proper and adequate school infrastructure. In this regard, when the classrooms, laboratories are built, such facilities should provide an environment where learning is relevant, creative, and provides meaningful experiences for the learners.*

In September 2014, he published a journal: *Exploring Educators’ Perceptions of the Impact of Poor Infrastructure on Learning and Teaching in Rural South African Schools*. Name of the journal: **Mediterranean Journal of Social Sciences, Vol 5, NO 20**. On the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014, he attended and presented a paper on South Africa International Conference on Education (SAICE) which was held at Manhattan Hotel Pretoria. The conference was embraced by scholars from other countries. The title was: Perception of Educators on Provisioning of Infrastructure in Rural and Urban Schools: A comparative Study. Recently, he has been invited by SAICE to submit a paper on ICT to be presented in April 2015 at Manhattan Hotel Pretoria. Also, he has been requested to submit papers for publication worldwide. He has been a member of the Northern-Natal Higher Education Committee since 2011, and plays an active role in coordinating meetings with different institutions with the aim of securing a satellite university around Northern-Natal.