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Prof Dzvimbo has been working as an academic, university manager, researcher, and consultant in the global north and south since 1979. He is currently the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and Research) at the Vaal University of Technology (VUT) in South Africa.

Prior to his appointment to the VUT in October 2014, he was the founding Executive Dean of the College of Education (CEDU) at the University of South Africa (UNISA). During that same time, he also successfully chaired the Board of the Unisa Center for Early Childhood Education. From March 2009 to July 2011, Prof. Dzvimbo was a Deputy Executive Dean in the College of Human Sciences (CHS) at UNISA where he was responsible for College marketing; research, and community engagement. During his tenure in the CHS at UNISA, he was seconded to the Department of Basic Education (DBE) in the Government of South Africa where he led a small team to conceptualize the establishment of the Centre for Continuing and Professional Teacher Development in the DBE.

He is the past Chief Editor of the Africa Education Review Journal (SA); the past Africa Regional Editor of the International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education (USA); and a past member of the editorial board of Teaching in Higher Education (UK). He was appointed in 2014 by the Director General of Unesco to be a member of an international board for the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education based in Moscow for five years. Prior to that appointment, he also served on another UNESCO board on ICTs in Education for five years. He is currently a member of the board of the Zimbabwe National Council of Higher Education (ZIMCHE).

Prior to his appointment to UNISA, Prof. Dzvimbo was a Senior Professor of Education Management and later Head of the Department of Education Management at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) in South Africa. He taught courses and supervised doctoral and master's students in Educational Management. Prof Dzvimbo has supervised several masters and doctoral students at the University of Zimbabwe, the Rand Afrikaans University, the University of Johannesburg, and the University of the Witwatersrand. He has been an external examiner of doctoral theses at several universities including the University of Namibia and the University of KwaZulu Natal.

In 2003, he became Rector of the African Virtual University (AVU) based in Nairobi, Kenya for five years from the World Bank in Washington, DC where he was a Senior Education Specialist in tertiary education. While in the World Bank, he provided higher education sector support in the Caribbean, Ghana, Mozambique and Sierra Leone. He also focused on writing and contributing a conceptual piece on the International Migration of Human Capital globally in the World Bank.

As Rector of the AVU in Kenya, he worked with almost 60% of the major universities on the African continent in the field of using ICTs in teaching and learning in higher education. His organization was one of the first ones on the continent to offer programs using ODeL methodologies and the development of Open Education Resources (OERs). During that time, he gained valuable experience in working in education development in Francophone, Lusophone, and Anglophone African countries. He has presented papers at international conferences and as a key note speaker in several countries including Austria, Canada, England, Germany, Japan, Singapore, and in a number of states in the USA.

Prof. Dzvimbo was the founding Vice-Chancellor of the Zimbabwe Open University (ZOU). He was a Dean in the Faculty of Education at the University of Zimbabwe. He has also worked as an educational consultant for bilateral and multilateral organization such as USAID, DfID, UNESCO, SIDA, CIDA, SAWID, UNICEF, SARUA, the Royal Netherlands Embassy, and the Southern African Development Community in

education projects on the African continent. He also worked in several Provincial Education Departments in South Africa as a consultant in the education and training of school principals and in strategic management provincial education departments.

He held teaching positions at: the Prince of Wales Secondary School, Freetown-Sierra Leone; the School of Basic Studies, Ahmadu Bello University -Nigeria; the University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA) as a lecturer; the University of Zimbabwe as a part time lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Dean and eventually Pro Vice Chancellor; the University of the Witwatersrand, as a Senior Lecturer; the Rand Afrikaans University, as an Associate Professor; and the University of Johannesburg, as a full Professor. His main areas of specialization are in Educational Leadership and Management, Curriculum Studies, ODeL; Higher Education, Teacher Education, Educational Planning and Change Management in higher education. He obtained his PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA); a Master's degree from Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria; a Post Graduate Diploma in Education from Fourah Bay College, the University of Sierra Leone; and a BA from the same university.

He has also studied French in Aix En Provance, France and Portuguese in Madison in the USA. He taught courses in Educational Planning at INDE in Maputo, Mozambique on a part time basis. Prof. Dzvimbo did his post-doctoral studies at Stanford University in the USA and attended A course in the use of ICTs in Educational Planning at Harvard University in the USA.

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