

## **DR PAULINE MACHIKA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CAD**



**Dr Pauline Machika, a scholar and social scientist, assumed her responsibility as Executive Director of the Centre of Academic Development at the Vaal University of Technology with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2011.**

**Dr Machika matriculated at the Immaculate Senior Secondary in Cape Town and thereon proceeded to receiving her Bachelor of Arts at the University of the Western Cape, her Bachelor of Education at University of Cape Town, her Masters of Science Education at Oxford in 1999 and her D. Phil at the University of Johannesburg in 2006.**

**Dr Machika previously served as the Director of the Academic Development Centre at the University of Johannesburg. A position she held for ten years, during which she co – partnered in many teaching and learning projects as well as university- wide programme implementation within a multi- campus setting.**

**Dr Machika has been a senior women in senior management since 2000 and has been an activist , participating in seminars through keynote addresses, a writer of newspaper articles as well as a participant in radio programmes.**

**The incumbent is extremely passionate about teaching and learning, and in particular issues around access and success for students disadvantaged by apartheid as well as blended learning within a university setting.**

**Dr Machika is a member of HELTASA (Higher Education Learning and Teaching Association of Southern Africa) and is a Journal reviewer for the International Journal of Learning, Teaching and Educational research. The incumbent is a member of the following associations and societies namely, Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia, The Southern African Association dedicated to the advancement of research in Mathematics, Science and Technology Education, the American Educational Research Association, and the South African Swedish University Forum (SASUF) amongst others.**

**Current research includes being an active researcher in a National Research Foundation study concerning position and space in higher education in Sub Saharan Africa, in partnership with Unisia and six other higher education institutions. Dr Machika has published numerous articles in Dohet funded journals and is currently involved in master's co-supervision.**

**Dr Machika is a member of the Executive Management Committee and Council at the Vaal University of Technology. In her role as Executive Director : CAD she has been responsible for the development and implementation of the Teaching and Learning Policy, Student, Module and Peer Evaluation Policy; Tutor Policy; First Year Experience Policy; Blended Learning Policy; Assessment Policy. Recognised Prior Learning Policy as well as the Academic Plan of the VUT. She has also been appointed to the Standard and Review Committee of the Council for Higher Education.**