

### Term of CSIR President and CEO renewed for five years

Dr Sibusiso Sibisi will continue in the post of CSIR President and CEO, following approval by the CSIR Board that his contract be renewed for a period of five years. Sibisi's first term of office commenced in January 2002.

"The renewal of Dr Sibisi's contract is an acknowledgement of his excellent performance in this position as well as a vote of confidence for the strategic trajectory adopted at the CSIR under his leadership," says CSIR Board Chairperson, Nobusi Shikwane. "He has consistently restated the organisational core purpose of conducting knowledge-generating research that finds application either commercially or in serving societal needs," she comments.

Emphasis has been placed on the strengthening of S&T capacity in critical domains of science in order to better address the development agenda of this country as well as the continent. To this end, Sibisi has actively encouraged partnerships with the CSIR's peers at tertiary education institutions and other research organisations.

Sibisi has also been a key contributor to government strategy relating to S&T. His thought leadership on open source technology, for example, has been widely acknowledged up to Cabinet level. "The standard of intellectual excellence that he drives and the singular vigour with which he pursues organisational objectives have contributed to positive future outlooks for the CSIR," concludes Shikwane.

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