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PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW

Distinguished higher-education executive with over 30 years of leadership experience across public and private universities. Recognised for driving institutional turnaround, academic innovation and global accreditation success, including EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA accreditation. As a proven strategist in higher education transformation, Prof Klopper significantly expanded institutional enrolments, established new faculties and business schools and introduced multiple accredited postgraduate qualifications that align with emerging industry needs. His leadership combines academic excellence with commercial agility, digital transformation and talent development, advancing universities as future-focused, sustainable institutions. He is a published scholar and thought leader and has contributed extensively to academia through 61 textbook chapters (in 31 editions), 47 teaching cases, 16 peer-reviewed articles and the supervision of 88 doctoral theses and master's dissertations.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic Head

Belgium Campus iTversity | 2025 - Present

- Provides strategic academic leadership across a multi-campus model, ensuring curriculum coherence, academic integrity and research excellence aligned with national and international benchmarks.
- Champions experiential and interdisciplinary learning by integrating technology, leadership and business disciplines to develop industry-ready, digitally fluent graduates.
- Provides governance leadership at campus and group level, chairing the Belgium Campus iTversity Academic and Industry Advisory Boards and contributing to additional academic boards across the UXI Private Education network to strengthen institutional alignment, regulatory compliance and industry integration.
- Drives research growth, digital transformation and faculty capability development with influence beyond the institution, contributing to sector advancement through leadership engagement in SAICTA, TICON Africa and broader continental initiatives in applied technology education.

CEO & Executive Dean: Teaching, Learning & Research

Da Vinci Institute for Technology Management | 2020- 2024

- Led a period of strategic repositioning and institutional growth by aligning academic strategy with market engagement, doubling enrolments while strengthening operational performance and enhancing the learner experience.
- Advanced the academic enterprise through curriculum renewal, structured research integration and strengthened quality assurance systems, reinforcing academic credibility and programme integrity across all offerings.
- Chaired Senate and the Higher Degrees by Research Committee and established a Strategic Advisory Board comprising African and international leaders to expand global partnerships and elevate institutional influence.

Executive Dean & Director

MSA Business School, Monash South Africa | 2011-2019

- Founded and led the MSA Business School and the Faculty of Business, Engineering & Technology, establishing an integrated academic architecture aligned with global Monash standards and governance frameworks.
- Contributed to the achievement and maintenance of EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA international accreditations (2012, 2015, 2018) strengthening global recognition, academic credibility and institutional competitiveness.
- Advanced interdisciplinary collaboration across business, engineering and IT, embedding integrated learning models that enhanced academic innovation and graduate relevance.
- Secured and negotiated the establishment of the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) enterprise development office on campus, expanding community engagement, enterprise development and institutional impact.

EDUCATION

- **D.Com Marketing Management**
  University of Johannesburg (2009)
- **M.Com Marketing Management** *(Cum Laude)*
  Rand Afrikaans University (1998)
- **B.Com Hons Marketing Management**
  Rand Afrikaans University (1997)
- **B.Com Marketing Management**
  Rand Afrikaans University (1996)

STRATEGIC & ECOSYSTEM IMPACT

- Chair, Training, Education & Professional Development Committee and Member of the Research Committee of Technology Information Confederation (TICON) Africa (2026 – present)
- Director, Agri X (2024 – present) – building industry–academia entrepreneurship platforms across the agricultural value chain.
- Board Member, South African Private Higher Education (SAPHE) (2024 – present) – influencing higher education policy and sector development.
- Board Member, Workplace Wellness Association of South Africa (WWASA) (2024 – present) – supporting national workplace wellness standards and advancing integrated employee wellbeing strategies across sectors.
- Founding Partner, CEO APX (2024 – present) – building a high-level executive platform that connects founders, investors and strategic partners to accelerate growth and enterprise scale.
- Chair, National Institute for Development & Training (NIDT) (2021 – present) - advancing skills and institutional development nationally.
- Deputy Chair, South African Business Schools Association (SABSA) (2024 - 2025) & Board Member (2012 – 2025) – shaping business school standards, accreditation and strategic positioning in South Africa.
- Board Member, Chartered Marketer Professional Designation (CMPD) (2014 – present) – contributing to the Marketing Association of South Africa (MASA) national professional standards and annual Chartered Marketer Board Exam
- Director, LeadersLab (1998 – present) – facilitating executive development, entrepreneurship acceleration and leadership capability-building across corporate, academic and founder ecosystems.