MOTIVATION

DR MATLI WALTER

Dr Walter Matli offers a wealth of experience, with more than 10 years of academic experience through various positions in both public and private institutions of higher learning. Dr Matli's career in academic environment involves research on Educational Support, 4IR on jobs, ICTs, Innovation, Capacity development of People who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs). The bright, enthusiastic and committed Matli is currently a researcher and lecturer (Information Systems 2 subject head) in the Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences at Vaal University of Technology. The 32 year old, has since published articles and presented in both local and international conferences and journals – this include BRICS Young Scientist Forum among others.

Matli is currently waiting for his Phd graduations with UNISA (October 2019). He is an alumni with University of Johannesburg (Information Systems Auditing), University of the Free State (Higher Education), Vaal University of Technology (IT Masters) and NITTTR [India] (Technical Education).

Apart of academic space, he previously served as an advisor to Property Forensic Biometrics Network System Company (Start-up), and a Director at Matshabe System Corp.

Voluntarily work - He is currently serving a three year term as a Secretary of the Clinic Committee in his community, ZA Domain Name Authority (ZADNA) committee

member, and has previously broadcasted on community radio station for over four years.

In 2010, he attained *Cum Laude* for his B-Tech in IT qualification. Followed by Vice-chancellors Academic Excellence Award – Faculty of Applied and Computer Sciences (*Student who attained the highest average in the respective faculty*) in 2011. He received Rectorate's award for Teaching Excellence (*Highest Recognition category*) in 2014. Recently in 2019, received *Special Commendation* (1st runner up) at the 2019 South African Accenture Rising Star Awards (Persons below the ages of 40 years).