

PROFESSOR MCEBISI RONNEY NCWADI – INAUGURATION 23 OCTOBER 2018

Professor Mcebisi Ronney Ncwadi was born in KwaZakhele Township in Port Elizabeth. He grew up and studied in Port Elizabeth township primary schools. Growing up in Port Elizabeth townships, in a home where his mother was an informal trader, Professor Mcebisi developed a passion for small businesses and this, to a large extent, influenced his postgraduate research in small business sector and entrepreneurship.

Prof Ncwadi completed his matric in 1982 at Ithembelihle High School in New Brighton, Port Elizabeth. Immediately after passing matric he joined Eastern Cape Building Society which later became Fidelity Bank through a merger. He pursued his studies on a part time basis at the then Vista University, now called Nelson Mandela Missionvale Campus. He completed his BA degree and BAHons Degree in Economics in 1996.

In 1995 he joined University of Port Elizabeth as a Research Officer. In 2002 he enrolled for MA (Economics) at University of Port Elizabeth, now known as Nelson Mandela University. After completing his MA in Economics in 2003, he enrolled for a PhD in Economics in 2006. His PhD Thesis title was “An economic impact assessment of Local Business Service Centres in the Eastern Cape”. Professor Ncwadi joined academia in 2002 until 2008. In 2008 he joined the Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury as a Director in Macroeconomic Analysis Unit of the Treasury. In 2010 he joined University of Fort Hare as a senior lecturer and thereafter as a Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Management and Commerce until 2013. He re-joined Nelson Mandela University in 2014.

Prof Ncwadi holds a certificate in Marine Studies from Washington University/UPE joint programme, and a certificate in Macro-Econometric Forecasting from the IMF. His areas of specialization are Public Finance, Money & Banking, International Finance, Health Economics, Economics of Labour Markets, Macroeconomics, and Applied Econometrics. His research interest is in Public Finance, Policy Analysis and Industrial Economics.

He has published both in local and international journals and has read papers at academic conferences both in South Africa and abroad. Prof Mcebisi Ncwadi is an editor of a Second South African edition of Macro and Microeconomics textbooks published by Cengage Publishers. He is currently a Full Professor and Head of Department of Economics at Nelson Mandela University. He also serves as a co-chair for Pan African Entrepreneurship Research Council Editorial Committee in USA. He is a member of BRICS Academic Forum and Athens Institute for Education and Research in Greece.

Ncwadi has successfully supervised numerous honours treatises, 54 Masters’ Dissertations and 11 PhDs. He has published in DHET accredited journals as well as international Journals. He is a co-author of three books. Prof Ncwadi has recently been awarded a Teaching and Research Grant by the BRICS Think Tank NIHSS to go teach and do research at Fudan University in Shanghai, China and also at National Research University in Russia in 2019.