

Prof Lindiwe Majele Sibanda

Prof. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda is a recognised leader, transdisciplinary scientist and esteemed advisor with a career spanning 30 years. She has served in numerous leadership capacities at management, trustee, and advisory levels.

Prof. Sibanda currently serves as the Director and Chair of the African Research Universities Alliance - Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Food Systems (ARUA-SFS) at the University of Pretoria where she leads a team of research experts in transdisciplinary research on Africa's Food Systems. She is also hosted by the University's Centre of Advancement of Scholarship as a Senior Research Fellow.

In previous roles, Prof. Sibanda has served as the Chief Executive Officer and Head of Diplomatic Mission, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) which has a presence in 17 African countries. She also formerly held the position of Vice-President at the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) in Kenya for more than 15 years.

Prof. Sibanda continues to serve and provide expert guidance on strategic issues aimed at addressing Africa's wicked societal challenges. She serves as the co-chair of the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA), is an SDG12.3 Champion among the SDG Target by 2030 Champions on Reducing Food Loss and Waste and a commissioner for the EAT-Lancet Commission on Sustainable Healthy Food Systems. Finally, Prof. Sibanda also sits on international boards of Nestle and the One CGIAR Systems board. An avid farmer herself, Prof. Sibanda always makes time to attend to her farming activities throughout the year.