



AN ACCOUNTANT AND A FARMER

A qualified accountant, Mfundo Bhengu (Class of 1999) knew from a very young age that a Diploma in Cost and Management accounting was the right choice for him. He also knew that MUT was the ideal institution to give him the relevant and precise training that would help him find his dream job.

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More than fifteen years later, he vividly remembers the battle he and his other classmates had to fight to challenge the perception that cost and management accounting was the most difficult qualification. Mfundo and a group of classmates organised an imbizo to ensure that other students and corporate partners developed a liking for the qualification. Through that imbizo, they managed to pull together giants in the field of accounting who came to campus to support their initiative which ultimately opened a number of doors for MUT accounting students.

As Senior Finance Manager: Performance Management Capital, Mfundo is responsible for managing financial affairs for Anglo Invest, a portfolio of more than R9 billion a year. "I'm responsible for financial management, financial modelling, financial reporting

and implementation of internal control systems and measures. What is interesting is that 98% of my job is what I learned at MUT; all my other qualifications are just an addition to the very firm foundation I got from my cost and management accounting diploma," he says.

Growing up in the rural village of Umzinyathi, Mfundo always had a passion for farming and is forging ahead to fulfil his passion. He owns a farm located in the Free State with a market value of R67 million. As if that were not too much work and responsibility for one man, he also finds time to pursue further studies and believes that as a businessman he needs to understand all the aspects of the business, not just the financial side.