



Foreword

We are pleased to present the Strategic Plan for Mangosuthu University of Technology from 2020 to 2025. The plan was created through an 18-month process involving staff, students, alumni, community leaders, and other stakeholders committed to helping MUT become a quality public higher education institution. We intended to develop an ambitious agenda to take us through the next five years as we work to provide access to excellence in higher education in an increasingly competitive and global knowledge-based economy. We feel this document achieves that goal.

This plan is pragmatic. Firstly, it realises that our University is already home to several areas of excellence in education, research, and community engagement that need further consolidation and strengthening as the cornerstones for a young and developing research-informed University of Technology. Secondly, it recognises that MUT is operating in a financially constrained context and environment and does not seek to commit MUT to a radical change of its business model not matched by its capacity, capabilities, and resources. Thirdly, the plan presents specific strategic initiatives to take MUT to higher levels of academic excellence and relevance to its communities and stakeholders. Finally, it recognises the need to expand the available human and capital resources necessary to meet these vital challenges.



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This plan is aligned to national policy priorities outlined in the Higher Education Act (1997), the White Paper for Post-School Education and Training (2013), the Policy Framework on Differentiation in the South African Post-School system developed by the DHET, and the aspirations of the National Development Plan. Specifically, the plan deepens MUT's commitment to quality undergraduate career-focused programmes and impactful research in niche areas and strengthens MUT's differentiated contribution to the National Development Plan's vision of a knowledge-intensive economy and the advancement of socio-economic development of its communities.

The plan has been warmly endorsed by the Senate and Council. We extend our thanks to all who contributed to its development, drafting, and refinement. We are confident that it provides an aspirational and robust framework within which the University can develop its plans on an annual basis and continue to thrive in the uncertain but exciting period that lies ahead. We look forward to working with all colleagues to achieve the plan's objectives and ensure the sustained success of our University.