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**Prof. Edward A. Nesamvuni** is currently Professor of the Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, Faculty of Natural & Agricultural Sciences, and University of the Free State. He is a person driven by the passion for human development. He is the Managing Director: Khanimambo Innovative Solutions and INVICTUS AEN2 Institute Of Skills And Capacity Development (2001- date); His academic honours include being Land Bank Research & Teaching Chair and Directors of two Centres of Rural Development (UNIVEN) and Centre for Rural Community Empowerment (UNILIM).

He won 15 Research Innovations Awards and led over 26 major work based innovative projects that improved service delivery in government service. Administrative Executive - Registrar of the University of Venda (2013 - 2019); Deputy Director General - Head of Department of Agriculture; General Manager Agriculture: Research & Training; Senior Manager Research & Extension - Limpopo Government; Academic Director: Centre for Rural Community Empowerment (2005 - 2013). Prior to his engagement in Limpopo Government, He was appointed founding Director of Human Capital at the Department of Science & Technology, South Africa in (2004 - 2005). His academic career includes serving as Professor Extra-ordinary at the Centre for Sustainable Agriculture at the University of the Free State, South Africa from 2005 - 2020. At the University of Venda, He served as Associate Professor and Director for Centre for Rural Development, Head of Department of Animal Science, Deputy Dean and Dean of the School of Agriculture, rrrural Development & Forestry at the University of Venda from 1996 to 2003. He served for three years (2006 - 2008) as an Executive Member of the National Agricultural Education & Training Forum. He served as member of the South African Agricultural Research Council for seven years (1997 - 2003).

He holds a PhD in Animal Breeding & Reproduction. He is an established Leader whose foundation is based on Kingdom Principles of God - led and taught Leadership to Church and Community meetings from 1998 to date. Beyond his Agricultural background and foundation, He is a scholar in Leadership, Business and Administration.

His fields of specialisation include Leadership & Administration, Research Management, Human Capital Development & Planning, Rural Development, and Agricultural Policy.