

A Profile of Mr. Brutus Malada

Brutus Malada is well-known public figure, commentator, analyst and writer. He has more than 15 years of work experience, including working in international institutions.

Brutus was awarded a prestigious research fellowship by the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and served the entire duration of the fellowship at UNESCO's Headquarters in Paris in the Director General's office, working under the wing of the head of Internal Oversight Services.

His work experience with international institutions includes working for the European Union Delegation to South Africa where he served as a project manager for the education portfolio, providing technical and financial support to the South African Higher Education Sector. It was during his tenure at the EU that he was responsible for managing a scholarship programme – the Erasmus Mundus – that provided hundreds of South African students, including Univen students, to study abroad.

His research and academic experience include working in such reputable institutions as the National Research Foundation, the Human Sciences Research Council and the Centre for Education Policy Development, as well as the University of the Western Cape (UWC). At UWC Brutus was advisor and speech writer to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Tyrone Pretorius, the role he served at the height of the #FeesMustFall movement. Before this, he served as a speech writer to Mr Yunus Carim, then Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

Brutus Malada is a product of the University of Venda. He graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Education in 1998 and Honours 2001. It was during his time at Univen when he served as a member of the Student Representative Council. Brutus has a Masters of Education from the University of Johannesburg.

Brutus is a prolific writer with articles in academic journals, chapters in books, and he has been a guest columnist for some of South Africa's leading national newspapers, including the Sowetan, City Press, the Star and Sunday Independent. He is a regular commentator on television and several radio stations.

By electing Brutus Malada President of the Convocation, the University of Venda stands to benefit handsomely from his wide network among research and academic institutions, funding agencies and several public platforms that he has access to and from his wealth of experience in higher education and governance.

As an alumnus and therefore ambassador of the University, Malada is ready to hoist the flag and the name of his *alma mater*, the University of Venda, high.

Vote Brutus Malada for President of the Convocation!