



Peter Setou

Chief Executive Officer

Vumelana Advisory Fund

Peter Setou obtained a law degree from the University of the Western Cape in 1990. He has attended a number of management courses including the Executive Leadership Program at the University of Cape Town in 2007.

He joined the Vumelana Advisory Fund as its Chief Executive in 2016. Vumelana is a non profit organisation that assists beneficiaries of land reform to develop their land. It funds advisory services to structure commercially viable partnerships between communities and investors to enable the creation of jobs, generation of income and skills development. Over the last 25 years Peter has worked in a number of sectors, in legal, micro-finance and most recently land reform sectors.

- In 1991 he joined the North West Consumer Council as a Legal Officer. He assisted consumers in civil actions and was involved in consumer education.
- In 1997 he moved to the National Department of Welfare as a Legal Advisor, drafting laws and advising the Minister.
- He joined the Micro Finance Regulatory Council (MFRC) in 1999 as the head of the Education and Communication division with responsibility for the management of the National Debt Counselling Programme.
- In 2006 he became Senior Manager Education and Strategy at the National Credit Regulator with responsibility for strategy, policy development and legislation. 

Peter has been a member of a number of public bodies, represented South Africa in international forums and lectured on micro finance.

- Peter was a member of the South African Law Commission Project teams on Comprehensive Child Care legislation (1999) and the review of section 74 of the Magistrate Court Act (2003)
 - Between 2002 and 2004 he was a member of the Project Steering Committee on the BANKSETA Micro Finance Skills Project and part of an International Consultative Panel of the dti responsible for providing guidance on the development of a comprehensive consumer policy for South Africa.
 - He was part of the DTI team responsible for the National Credit Bill which was promulgated into law in 2005
 - As part of his work in micro finance Peter participated in a number of South African delegations and presented papers at international conferences, including those in Portugal, Uganda, Kenya, Brussels, Australia, Ghana, the UK, Hong Kong and the USA.
 - **He has been a part-time lecturer at the Centre for Financial Inclusion in Africa at the University of Pretoria since 2012.**
 - **In 2012 he co-founded a company to help land reform beneficiaries use their land effectively - Stanford holdings, which has been involved in a wide range of land reform projects with a number of communities and is a partner to the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform.**
 - **Peter is a member of a land reform claimant community, and is part of the Barokologadi claimant community assisted by Vumelana in 2015 to establish a partnership with a commercial investor for the development of their land.**
 - **Since 2012 Peter has been Executive Director of Stanford Holdings working to assist the beneficiaries of the land reform programme to use their land effectively.**
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