

NAME OF FIRM:	OABS Development Pty Ltd
NAME OF STAFF:	Jan Jacobus Olivier
PROFESSION:	Project Evaluation Specialist/Project Management
DATE OF BIRTH:	02 September 1945
YEARS WITH FIRM:	1 year
NATIONALITY:	South African

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1967 Bachelor of Arts (Geography Honours), University of Free State
- 1974 Master of Arts (Urban- Rural Interface), University of Natal (Durban)
Title: Geographical Study of Company Towns in Natal with special reference to Mandini.
Study Leader: Prof Ron Davies
- 1984 PhD (Urban Geography/Third World Urbanisation), University of Pretoria.
Title: Problems of Urbanisation within Bophuthastwana and Kwa-Zulu: A Geographical Interpretation within Africa context.
Study Leaders: Proff. P. Smit and P.S. Hattingh
- 1986 Post –Graduate Bursary to spend sabbatical leave at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. Conducted a study on the urban-rural interface and border development towns within Israel.
- 1998 Engineering for Non- Engineers, University of Pretoria
- 2001 Introduction to Basic Financial Practices and Solutions, University of Pretoria
- 2011 Introductory course on Cost Benefit Analysis, Conningraph Economics, Pretoria
- 2012 Advanced Indicator Development for Monitoring and Evaluation, University of Stellenbosch
- 2012 Credit Skills for Development Financiers, Moody Analytics, Midrand.
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EXPERIENCE

Jan has a strong post -graduate academic background, combined with 26 years empirical experience which resulted in a multi-disciplinary skilled Regional Coordinator, Project Management and Development Project Evaluation Specialist position within the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA). His professional excellence resulted in continuous promotion, which culminated in the membership of the Development Bank of Southern Africa Leadership Group, responsible for policy and strategy development, business modelling, organisational and operational policy formulation and revision for effective and sustainable infrastructure delivery within the South African development space.

He served as a permanent member on several South Africa Operations and DBSA –wide Management Committees, advising the different committee structures on the development soundness of projects and initiatives submitted for potential investment and technical support. He has obtained vast experience in the advocacy of development impact indicators and the facilitation of core infrastructure indicator training courses. He coordinated and participated in more than 80 development initiatives and infrastructure evaluation programmes/projects (both urban and rural/agricultural) across the South African space economy. Target clients included municipalities (local/district), water boards, irrigation boards, co-operatives, and private sector (mainly mining groups). Tasked at several occasions to act as mentor for young professionals, with the objective to transfer operational lessons of experience in the fields of project management, client facilitation and communication, conceptualisation and integration of project modular knowledge and information, and development outcome project evaluations of infrastructure and capacity building investment projects and programmes.

Jan joined the OABS team as an Associate in November 2014. He was part of a Core Team that recently successfully conducted an Ex-Post evaluation of the Ceres Bulk Water Augmentation Scheme on request of the Development Bank of Southern Africa.