

CURRICULUM VITAE

HAMMAN JACOBUS OOSTHUIZEN

NAME OF FIRM: OABS Development (Pty) Ltd
NAME OF STAFF: Hamman Jacobus Oosthuizen
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QUALIFICATIONS

- 2014 Ph.D. Agric. (Agricultural Economics) University of Stellenbosch
Title: Modelling the financial vulnerability of farming systems to climate change in selected case study areas in South Africa. Study leader: Prof J.P Lombard
- 2000 Treasury Management and Trade Finance Diploma Institute of Bankers
- 2000 Advanced Credit Diploma Institute of Bankers
- 2000 CAIB (Certified Associate of the Institute of Bankers)
- 1994 M Comm (Agricultural Economics) University of Pretoria.
Title: Privatization of the Marico-Bosveld Government Water Scheme. Study leader: Prof. J van Zyl
- 1992 B Comm Hons (Agricultural Economics) University of Pretoria
- 1991 B Comm (Agricultural economics), University of Pretoria

EXPERIENCE

After graduation in 1992, Dr Oosthuizen started his career as an agricultural economist. He gained experience in various fields of the agricultural sector in South Africa and several other countries whilst working in the National Department of Agriculture, the commercial banking sector as well as in private consulting.

He obtained his master's degree from the University of Pretoria during his employ with the Department of Agriculture by doing research on the viability of privatizing government water irrigation schemes.

He joined Absa Bank in 1995 as an agricultural adviser and was awarded CAIB (Certificated Associate of the Institute of Bankers) membership in 2000. Dr Oosthuizen left the Bank's service in 2002 to pursue other interests, including twenty-three years in the retail industry.

He joined OABS in 2005 as a consultant and was appointed as director in 2012. Countries of work experience include South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Peoples Republic of China, Mexico, Russia, Switzerland, Germany, Indonesia, and Morocco.

Dr Oosthuizen was appointed in 2015 as a member of Government Technical Advisory Centre (GTAC) Sub-panel of the Jobs Fund Agricultural Specialists, National Treasury, RSA. In 2021, he was appointed as a member of GTAC Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC).

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Dr Oosthuizen obtained his PhD degree at Stellenbosch University in 2014, with the subject of his thesis “Modelling the financial vulnerability of farming systems to climate change in selected case study areas in South Africa”. He was appointed Lecturer Extraordinary in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Stellenbosch University (2017 – 2020). He has acted as external examiner / moderator for Stellenbosch University, University of the Free State and Nelson Mandela University.

Dr Oosthuizen has been involved with the Water Research Commission (WRC) for many years as researcher on several projects. He was also nominated as Reference Group member responsible for oversight of two research projects of the WRC.

Experience in the Agricultural sector includes, amongst others, literature review; compilation of reports, data collection for various crops in terms of input costs, crop yields, water needs, etc. from role-players in the industry; construction of typical farms and dynamic linear programming models, optimum combination of farming activities; report writing; provision of inputs to Absa's monthly Departmental and Board report; recruitment and appointment of personnel; identification of strategic growth areas for both primary and secondary agribusinesses; development and updating of specific credit policies; development of a risk grading system for agricultural co-operatives; analyses of risk profile of agricultural co-operatives; provisions for bad debt; legal issues – investigate implications of new legislation for the Bank e.g. Water Act, Labour Tenants Act, Restitution of Land Rights, Co-operative Act, Land Bank Act, etc.; present viewpoints in radio interviews, represent Absa Agri-business on the Banking council; to manage a portfolio of high profile AgriBusiness clients on a day-to-day basis in order to mitigate risk for the Bank; individual credit mandate as well as member of the Commercial Credit Committee.

As part of OABS, Dr Oosthuizen gained vast experience on a wide spread of agricultural disciplines over the past twenty years and was involved in various successfully completed projects to a wide spectrum of clients, both local and abroad.

In January 2019 Dr Oosthuizen was appointed Managing Director (MD) of OABS.

During his career Dr Oosthuizen participated in numerous projects for local and international clients as researcher, agricultural economist and financial modeler. He was project leader on many of these projects, including leading large multidisciplinary teams.
