



Zamo Gwala
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Acting Chief Officer: Municipal Finance, Fiscal Policy & Economic Growth

Zamo joined SALGA in 2020 as the Portfolio Head for Economic Development and Investments. This portfolio assists municipalities to develop and implement strategies that aim to create an environment that is conducive for business development and growth. Planning for economic development at the local level is also part of this portfolio.

Currently, Zamo is serving as the interim Chief Officer at SALGA overseeing the municipal finance portfolio, trading services that include electricity, water, and waste management as well as his portfolio of economic development.

He started his working career with Eskom in 1990 filling a variety of roles in electricity pricing, marketing, rural electrification, and project management. He then joined Siemens in 1999, working in the Power Distribution division as the Business Development Manager focusing on electricity distribution and metering. He later joined the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) heading their KwaZulu-Natal Regional Office for a short while before he was promoted to head office to join the Project Finance team as the Senior Project Manager focusing on food, beverages and agro-industries. It is at IDC where Zamo honed his skills in project finance where he was involved in appraisal, investment and post investment management of various projects and businesses. Between the period 2006 and 2018, Zamo served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Trade and Investment KZN (TIKZN). As the CEO, he was responsible for the strategic leadership and general management of the entity and the position allowed him the opportunity to build a wide network of business associates in the private and public sector as well as international organisations. Prior to joining SALGA, Zamo provided general management to a cookware manufacturing company, INSA (Pty) LTD and facilities management company, OCS Africa as an interim CEO.

Zamo is a Development Economist who holds a B. Com (Hons) and MBA from University of KwaZulu-Natal as well as a Leadership Development certificate from London School of Politics and Economics.