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My goal is to facilitate economic and social development in Africa, through the appropriate use of ICT's.

Education

Masters of Business Administration (MBA): 1995; Full time at the Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town – Research report: “Management issues in creating an Internet presence”.

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.): 1990; Computer Science and Industrial Psychology, University of the Witwatersrand.

Work Experience

02/01 - current
Cape Town

Western Cape Provincial Government:

My role as Director of the Cape Online programme is to transform this provincial government organisation into one that can effectively use ICTs, striving towards e-Government.

Personal milestones include: approved e-government strategy, programme management, Cape Online Forum (a public sector e-business community), and various e-government point interventions.

10/00 - current
Cape Town

Future Perfect Corporation:

Future Perfect Corporation (FPC) is a black empowerment company. FPC primarily trades as Radian, a professional services company providing e-business strategy, marketing, research and technology skills tuned to reinventing companies to compete and win in the digital, networked economy. We work as freelance consultants on developments of various global e-business projects.

Personal milestones include: DeBeers – community of interest, ICANN At Large study for PCMLP – Oxford University and the Markle Foundation, Strategic planning and development of SA's successful incubator, the Bandwidth Barn, Research and strategic planning for a Library Internet access project for 200 libraries, establishing an advisory board for the City of Cape Town, ICT diffusion study for the Department of Trade and Industry, etc.

Future Perfect Corporation also trades as Vanilla, a niche ISP providing a range of basic services primarily for the public sector.

Prior to 2000, I have worked in various Internet and ICT related companies. These have included work across various industries, all-relating to product, research and development projects. These companies included Andersen Consulting (now Accenture) and Telkom (the SA monopoly telecom operator).

Other experience, skills and interests

- Member of the Board of the Public Interest Registry (PIR), administrators of the .org domain
- Member of the Board of the Cape IT Initiative (CITI <http://www.citi.org.za>),
- Member of the Board of the Bandwidth Barn (<http://www.bandwidthbarn.org>),
- Committee member ISOC South African chapter
- Committee member namespace za
- Administrator of Afridns – an internationally recognized non-profit organisation to address issues of African domain names (<http://www.afridns.org>).
- Co-ordinator and founder of the Cape Telecommunications User Forum (CTUF <http://www.ctuf.za.org>).
- Computer Society of South Africa (Western Cape chapter) – IT person of the year (2001)
- Africa ICANN Director nominee 2000, founding member of the AfrICANN (Africans interested in ICANN), member of the African Network Operators Group (AFNOG) and AfriNIC (the nascent Regional Internet Registry), Co-ordinating committee member of ICANN At-Large and the Civil Society Internet Forum.

References

"I have known Alan for many years and have closely followed the Internet work he has been involved in. He is the most knowledgeable person I know as regards the Internet, its application in commerce and its wider impact on society. Over the last few years he has given me invaluable advice for my business, the validity of which has been our point of reference in the rapidly shifting technological environment."

Dr. Ian Neuberger, CEO Medpages – a healthcare data services company. (mobile: +27 83 4484555; email ian@medpages.co.za)

"Alan brings to any project a deep understanding of the workings and capabilities of the Internet, together with an intuitive knowledge of the new economy. He follows through by leading or contributing to implementation teams with expertise and enthusiasm. Having said this, his perspective on technology is that it is primarily an enabler; he is always principally focused on the business or customer benefit of any initiative."

Mark Neville, Managing Director, Sunesi Clinical Systems – a developer of digital tools for medical diagnostics. (mobile: +27 83 259 1723; email mark@neville.za.net)

"Alan is certainly one of the most 'net savvy' persons that I know. In addition to his razor sharp intellect, he is insightful, conscientious, helpful and has showed immense initiative, integrity and ability. He has also built up a network of well-placed individuals the world over in the online industry who hold him the highest esteem."

Lance Michalson, Michalsons - a SA Law boutique specialised in IT law. (mobile: +27 82 8254061; email lance@michalson.com)

"Alan is a people person, and has impressed me with his ability to join any team or discussion, and to contribute, guide, and address the key issues that are brought forward while making sure all believe the outcome is the correct one. His ability to draw on, and balance, his knowledge of people, business, and technology has been an ally in advocating my passion for open-source technologies, where appropriate, at Sunesi and beyond. Working with him at Sunesi has been a pleasure, and I look forward to our continued association in the various communities and projects in which we both participate."

Neil Blakey-Milner, Systems Administrator, privileged FreeBSD developer - (mobile: +27 83 2337061, email nbm@mithrandr.moria.org)