



**Dr Shadrack Moephuli**

# SASRI WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR!

Dr Shadrack Moephuli has been appointed as the new Director of SASRI starting March 1, 2024. With a rich history of leadership in agriculture, including a 15-year tenure as President and CEO of the Agricultural Research Council (ARC), Dr Moephuli brings a wealth of experience to his new role.

During his time at ARC, Dr Moephuli led initiatives that resulted in significant advancements in animal vaccines, crop cultivars, and technology transfer, benefiting South Africa's agriculture sector. He also played a key role in establishing ARC as a center of excellence, fostering a culture of competitiveness, sustainability, and collaboration.

Prior to his leadership at ARC, Dr Moephuli held various roles in agricultural organisations and government, focusing on biotechnology, genetic resources, and legislation. He holds a PhD in Environmental and Biochemical causes of Reproductive Failure in Mammals from the University of Connecticut and has conducted post-doctoral research and lectured in biochemistry at universities in South Africa.

Dr Moephuli's passion for agriculture and commitment to delivering world-class solutions make him well-suited to lead SASRI. His appointment is welcomed, and his strategic contributions are eagerly anticipated in advancing the sugar industry.

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