

Meet Umgeni Water chairman

Umgeni Water's new chairman of the board Andile Mahlalutye grew up in a rural area in the Eastern Cape and knows well what it means to have access to running water close by.

Andile took up his position in June this year and remains as CEO of Mvula Trust – a non-governmental organization.

He holds a Masters degree in financial management from the Centre for Financial and Management Studies of the University of London as well as a host of other degrees in quantity surveying and project management.

“The challenge for Umgeni Water will be how it responds to the government's development priority to provide a sustainable livelihood for its

citizens. It is a sad reality that while much progress has been made in the elimination of water and sanitation backlogs, significant numbers of people still do not have access to an acceptable level of safe drinking water.”

He said Umgeni Water had been appointed as an implementing agent to help the OR Tambo district municipality in the Eastern Cape.

“We must focus our thinking on how to expand our role as a water services provider to give impetus to rural development and how best we can assist and support municipalities facing challenges with the provision of bulk and reticulation services in areas where water boards do not exist.”

