



Yusuf Timol

Professional Summary

Yusuf Timol holds a BA(Hons) from the University of the Western Cape and an MBA from the University of Stellenbosch Business School. He started working as a Business Analyst at New Africa Technology Holdings. This was followed by a move to Kaiser Associates, a global strategic management consulting firm where he served as a principal consultant working on predominantly economic development projects in South Africa, Dubai and India. He then moved to public sector as a Director in the South African Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in 2003, responsible for crafting and implementing a customised sector programme in the 'ICT and Electronics' industry. After managing this desk for 6 years, he chose to pursue a career in the Foreign Service and served as the 'Economic Counsellor' at the South African Embassy in Iran, and thereafter progressed to 'Minister Economic' at the South African High Commission in London. After returning to South Africa in 2014, he took charge of the DTIC's localisation policy in the South African Mining Sector with emphasis on supplier development and digitization of the sector's supply chain. In 2020, Mr Timol was appointed 'Minister Economic' to represent the Department at the South African Embassy in Beijing with the mandate to recruit investment and facilitate trade. Upon his return to the DTIC in January this year, he reassumed the role of reviving the mineral processing and mining equipment desk within the department.