

**Biography: Thabiso Thukani**

Thabiso Thukani is the Regional Manager: Regulatory Affairs for Ericsson Sub-Saharan Africa. In this capacity, he is responsible for all matters relating to regulatory and government policy in SADC region. Of current interest are decisions on spectrum for evolved and future mobile technologies, quality of service concerns and universal access.

His background is in radio access planning and optimisation for different cellular technologies. He was actively involved in planning and implementation of one of the first WiMax (16d) trial networks in South Africa. Since joining Ericsson, he has worked in several capacities from Network Consultant in Radio and Transmission Networks to Solutions Manager/Product Manager for Radio Access Networks.

His consultancy work included planning and designing Greenfield networks for a number of new operators in Africa and optimising the existing networks. He has also been involved with expansion projects for both 2G and 3G networks across Sub-Saharan Africa. Thabiso is passionate about pervasive broadband and firmly believes that the technology choices made now will influence operations for many years to come.