

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Nationality South African

Education

1977 BA in English and Political Philosophy
University of Stellenbosch

1978 BA Honours in English
University of Cape Town

1983 MA in Film and Television Studies for Education
University of London, Institute of Education

1992 Certificate Programme in Management (MAP)
The Graduate School of Business Administration
University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

Employment

Sept 2004 - present Communications and Information Policy Programme Manager,
Association for Progressive Communications (APC)

July 2002 - present Senior Research Associate: Learning Information Networking and
Knowledge (LINK) Centre, Graduate School of Public and
Development Management, University of the Witwatersrand,
Johannesburg, South Africa

July 2000 - June 2002 Councillor: Independent Communications Authority of South Africa
(ICASA)

April 1999 - June 2000 Councillor: South African Telecommunications Regulatory Authority
(SATRA)

Aug 1996 - March 1999 Partner in Media and Broadcasting Consultants (Pty) Ltd

Oct 1994 - Jul 1996 Special Adviser to the Minister of Posts, Telecommunications and
Broadcasting.

Key experience

- 2006-8 Developed and implemented APC advocacy strategy for the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) as a global policy arena www.intgovforum.org
- 2004-5 Developed and implemented APC advocacy strategy for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in Tunis <http://www.itu.int/wsis/tunis/index.html>
- 2004-6 Coordinator of Component 1c 'ICT Policy Advocacy' of the Catalysing Access to ICTs in Africa (CATIA) programme <http://www.catia.ws/>
- 2004 Member of the Task Force on Financial Mechanisms for ICT and Development of the World Summit on the Information Society, representing APC <http://www.itu.int/wsis/tffm/index.html>
- 2003 Consulted to the Competition Commission of South Africa on telecoms matters
- 2000 - 2002
As ICASA
Councillor Conducted licensing processes for a multimedia service and community radio services.
Finalized regulations on
- Universal service
 - the PSTS tariff regime
 - COA-CAM
 - carrier pre-selection
- Ruled on the disputes between Telkom and AT&T, and Telkom and Internet Solutions
- 1999 - 2000
As SATRA
Councillor Finalized the third mobile cellular license
Co-ordinated the process of developing a regulatory framework for value-added network services including internet service providers
- 1996 Co-ordinated the process leading to the drafting of the South African *White Paper on Telecommunications Policy and the Telecommunications Bill*
- 1993 - 1996 Executive Member Freedom of Expression Institute, South Africa

Award

- 1996 Winner of the 1996 National Telecommunications Forum's Telecommunications Award in the category 'Achiever of the Year' (Individual).

Publications

- 2007 'Another Instance Where Privatization Trumped Liberalization: The Politics of Telecommunications Reform in South Africa – A Ten year Retrospective', Robert Horwitz and Willie Currie in *Telecommunications Policy* Sept/Oct 2007
- 2007 'Open, universal and affordable access to the internet', Anriette Esterhuyzen and Willie Currie, in *The Power of Ideas: Internet Governance in a Global Multi-Stakeholder Environment*, Wolfgang Kleinwachter (ed.) Marketing fur Deutschland GmbH Berlin, 2007: 60-67.
- 2007 'Post-WSIS spaces for building a global information society' in *Global Information Society Watch* (APC & ITeM, 2007) <http://www.globaliswatch.org/>
- 2004 E-strategies and the World Summit on the Information Society <http://rights.apc.org/papers.shtml>
- 2003 'Preparing South Africa for Information Society 'E-services': The significance of the VANS sector', William H Melody, Willie Currie and Sean Kane, *The Southern African Journal of Information and Communication*, 4, 2003: 26-40.
- 1996 'A Rough Guide to the National Telecommunications Policy Process', in *Empowering Communities in the Information Society*, 15 - 17 May 1996 published by the Development Bank of Southern Africa compiled by J D Berlyn