

Hon. Minister Dr. Thambo Gina Profile

Honourable Dr Thambo Gina hails from Lubulini in the Lubombo region and is now in his second term as Minister of Economic Planning and Development.

Dr. Gina is an elected Member of Parliament, having twice won elections in his home of Lubulini Inkhundla, first in 2018 and again in 2023. Before joining politics, Hon. Dr. Gina had a long career across the public, private and Non-Governmental sectors. In 1982, he joined the then University of Swaziland (now Eswatini) as a Lecturer, a position he held until 1986 when he joined the United Nations Conference in Trade and Development, spending a year there. In 1997, Dr. Gina then took up his longest ever fulltime assignment, becoming the CEO of the Swaziland Industrial Development Company until 2011.

A year later, in 2012, he was put in charge of the Swaziland Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre. He left that role in 2015 and in 2016 became CEO of Lidwala Insurance Company, which would prove to be his last job before joining politics in 2018. After winning elections in 2018, Dr. Gina was appointed by His Majesty King Mswati III as Honourable Minister of Economic Planning and Development.

Honourable Gina has also served in a number of boards, including 14 years in the board of the Royal Swaziland Insurance Company, where he also served as Chairman. He also sat on the board of the Swaziland Agricultural & Water Development Company from 1999 to 2004, also serving as Chairman. The Honourable Minister has also been Chairman of the board of the NORSAD Finance Company. Dr Gina has been part of the Economic Review Commission (1995-1997) and Economic Recovery Strategy (2010-2012) committees.

Honourable Gina holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Guelph, Canada. He also holds an MA Economics from the University of Waterloo, also in Canada and a BA Economics from the then University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.