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### Nationality

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### Career History

Dhesigen is currently Head of Climate Adaptation at the South African Presidential Climate Commission. He is also Head of the African Climate Risk and Human Security Programme at the Institute for Security Studies, Africa. He is a leader, a scientist and activist for positive social change. He is also President of the global NGO, Human Right 2 Water, and a Founding Member of the Water Policy Group. He is a member of the Board of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), a member of the CGAIR and Vice Chair of the Technical Advisory Group on Water to the UAE.

He was previously the CEO of the Water Research Commission (WRC), South Africa's dedicated national Water and Sanitation Innovation, Research and Development Agency for 10 years. He has previously served in senior positions in the South African national government and South African universities having begun his career as a medical scientist in a specialist children's hospital. He was a Councillor of the South African National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI).