

Abbreviated curriculum vitae - Omri van Zyl

Omri van Zyl (47) is a qualified attorney and holds a BA Law, LLB (Academic Honours), MBA and qualifications in project management, crime intelligence and business development.

He was appointed Executive Director of Agri SA in December 2015, representing 28 000 commercial farmers in 9 provinces, 27 commodity organisations in various *fora* and 48 corporate members. Omri manages a team that has a strong strategic focus on policy and agricultural economic development and covers in amongst others, natural resources, rural safety, commercial and labour and socio-developmental initiatives.



Omri featured in a group of 60 CEO's that were formed to advise government on turn-around interventions to revive the South African economy. In August 2016 he was appointed as trustee on the Sasol Agriculture Trust and in 2017 he served as chairperson on the World Farmers' Organisation's Audit Board as well as an alternate director on BUSA's board of directors. In 2018 he was elected as a member of Danroc's Board of Directors and in 2019 appointed as Chairman of the World Farmers' Organisation's Global Cooperatives Committee.

Prior to joining Agri SA, Omri was a senior associate with Deloitte Consulting and managed a portfolio of businesses including the Revenue Maximisation Unit in Africa, Education Consulting and the Deloitte Africa Agribusiness Unit. He was a member of the Deloitte Global Agribusiness Forum, dealing with multinationals and strategic interventions of these companies. In his career he did several strategies, due diligences and mergers and acquisitions in the agriculture sector. In Deloitte's Forensic Unit he was part of several commercial, fraud and corruption investigations where he led a team of forensic experts in the pursuit of justice.

As an attorney, Omri specialised in commercial law and litigation.

He is widely published and a known thought leader and strategist in the African agriculture sector. In November 2016, he is named continental winner by CEO Global in their "Leading African Recognition Programme" in the category for agriculture.