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Mr Yusuf Adam holds a BCom and BCom Hons from the University of South Africa, a Master's in Public Administration from the University of the Free State, as well as Postgraduate Diplomas in Maritime Studies (Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University) and in Advanced Banking (University of Johannesburg).

He is currently a development consultant and has extensive knowledge in policy development, and in programme design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. He specialises in applying an integrated development approach to a variety of economic sectors and goals. Previously, he held several positions, among others as Executive Manager of the Northern Cape Provincial Department of Economic Affairs; Manager: New Business and Development at the Mercantile Bank, as well as Manager: Western Cape Region and National Education Programme at Kagiso Trust.

He served in diplomatic missions abroad for trade and investment promotion, and served as Economic Counsellor based in Beijing and as East Asia Regional Manager based in Tokyo covering several countries in East Asia. He has been part of negotiating several bilateral agreements.

In a key assignment Mr Adam is currently providing advisory and project management services to the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU), the Institutional Planning Division and the Office of the Vice Chancellor. This involves the development of a Maritime and Marine Sciences strategy for the NMMU. This will lead to the establishment of South Africa's first dedicated maritime campus with various undergraduate, post-graduate research and innovation programmes. He also has a keen interest in skills development in support of the country's oceans economy strategy. In the energy sector he is looking into the oil and gas sector to develop opportunities in the value chain, beneficiation, ocean structures and the related skills pipeline.