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Narend Baijnath is CEO of the Council on Higher Education since October 2015. Before joining the CHE, he was Pro Vice Chancellor of the University of South Africa. Prior to that he occupied the positions of VP: Strategy, Planning and Partnerships and VP: Research and Planning at the same institution. As PVC at UNISA he drove the digitisation and OER strategies of the university.

Narend holds a Masters Degree from Durham University, and a Doctorate from the University of the Western Cape. He taught at the universities of Cape Town and Western Cape, and was Director Academic Planning at UWC before joining Technikon SA in 1998 as Dean of Community Sciences. After serving his term in the latter capacity, he was promoted to Deputy Vice Chancellor: Planning and Development.

Narend has extensive experience in higher education policy, planning, quality assurance, and management. In addition, he has occupied numerous governance roles. He served two terms on the Higher Education Quality Committee. In July 2012 he was nominated the South African representative on the Commonwealth of Learning board by the Minister of Higher Education and Training. He has served on the CoL EXCO, and is currently Audit Committee chairperson. He is a member of the Academy of Science of South Africa. In 2008 he was appointed a Fellow at St Edmunds College, Cambridge University and simultaneously a research professor at OUUK.

He currently serves on the boards of SAQA, Umalusi and QCTO. In 2014 he was elected Honorary Vice President of the National Council for Persons with Physical Disabilities of South Africa.

He is currently a member of the Advisory board of the EU-AU sponsored Harmonisation of African Quality Assurance and Accreditation initiative, and a member of the Hagen University sponsored Universities Futures Project, aside from the advisory board of the Unbundled University project.

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