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Dr Thulani Dlamini is the Chief Executive Officer of the Council for Industrial and Scientific Research (CSIR).

Dr Dlamini started his career in 1998 at Sasol as a research scientist in the field of Heterogenous Catalysis. He was a Chief Researcher at Sasol in 2005, when he left to join the CSIR as the head of the National Laser Centre. In 2008, he was appointed in the position of Group Executive: Research and Development at the CSIR, a position he held until 2011 when he left the CSIR to join Sasol as the Executive Manager: Research and Development and later became Vice-President for Strategic Research and Technology.

Dr Dlamini holds a PhD in chemistry, from the University of the Witwatersrand and a Master's in Business Leadership from the University of South Africa. He holds five patents in the field of Fischer-Tropsch Technology.

He was a member of the Presidential Commission on the Fourth Industrial Revolution. He currently serves in the National Advisory Council on Innovation and is a member of UNDP South African Programme Board. He is also a member of the South African Academy of Science.