

BRIEF BIOSKETCH

RUTENDO LERATO NGARA

Rutendo Lerato Ngara is an African Indigenous Knowledge Systems practitioner, transdisciplinary researcher and speaker from Southern Africa, whose professional interests have spanned from clinical engineering, healthcare technology management, socio-economic development, mathematics, leadership and fashion design; to the interface between science, culture, cosmology and paradigms of healing.

She is a Co-Founder of Ancient Wisdom Africa and Ancient Wisdom Foundation; and a member of a number of interdisciplinary organisations and cross-cultural groups dedicated to indigenous knowledge and the protection of sacred sites and bio-cultural regions, such as, the Earth Elders, the Grand Council of the Eagle and the Condor, the Earthrise Collective and the Assegaia Alliance. She has served on a number of boards, advisory and convening committees, including the Credo Mutwa Foundation, the South African Wushu Foundation, the Future of Work Foundation, the People's World Commission on Drought and Floods, and Project Biome.

Holding a BSc(Engineering) in Electrical Engineering and an MSc (Medicine) in Biomedical Engineering, Rutendo's transdisciplinary focus centres on bridging Western and Indigenous paradigms – particularly between medical knowledge systems, the economy, the environment, gender and education.

The quest for interconnectedness, co-existence and complementarity underpins her endeavours.