

PETER ALKEMA, CIO OF BUSINESS BANKING, FNB



Peter Alkema has spent 15 years in IT both in consulting and banking where he has led large IT implementations and operational teams. He has spoken at industry conferences in Frankfurt, Philadelphia, Amsterdam, Durban, Cape Town and Johannesburg. Peter is busy with his PhD at Wits University researching the impact of senior leadership on Agile software development teams.

Alkema is married with five children and lives in Johannesburg where he received his Masters in Engineering from Wits University in 2000. He has hiked all over South Africa, worked as a youth television presenter, learnt to parachute and wrote his first book in 2014 which was on woodworking.

As a passionate and talented professional Peter has a range of skills and experience, including leadership as he is able to motivate diverse teams to achieve highly aspirational goals, while maintaining a flair for individual coaching and mentorship. Transformation, as Alkema has led numerous large-scale journeys in HR, procurement, finance and real estate in industries from mining to banking. In terms of operations, Alkema has been responsible for medium sized operations in the procurement and property support functions in banking. Finally, communications, as he is skilled at presenting complex ideas using simple concepts and metaphors which ensure teams are bought in to the change journey.

He was awarded a semi-finalist position in the South African Boss of the Year competition for 2010. During his employment at Absa he was voted by his peers as employee of the year for 2008 and 2009.

Alkema won the 2016 Visionary CIO award, presented by the Institute of IT Professionals South Africa (IITPSA), in partnership with ITWeb, Gartner Africa and GIBS.