

## **Zane Cleophas**

Zane Cleophas, Group CEO and co founder , Areta Holdings (Security & Defence, Consulting and Technologies). Currently he consults in domestic and cross border defence and security technologies, border security, OEM technical evaluations and project management. His previous experience includes consulting on information and communications security, country risk assessments, aviation security and ICT systems security. He also served as member of both military intelligence and civilian intelligence structures. He is former Acting Deputy Director General ICT, and Chief Director of National Border Priorities at the Department of Home Affairs, he also served as Chairman of the Border Control and Operational Coordinating Committee (BCOCC). He held various positions in international forums including the African Union (AU) Border Program and International Telecommunications Union (ITU) HLEG on Cybercrime, as well as numerous positions in safety and security structures, amongst others, the JCPS cluster, NatJOINTS and the Presidential National Commission (PNC) on Cybersecurity. He currently serves on the National Defence Industry Council (NDIC) work stream, the National Cyber Initiative aimed at government and private entities' response to the growing cyber threat and the AMD Innovation and Future Defence committee. As a former Military Officer, he holds various military and civilian qualifications, also a Postgraduate qualification in International Migration Policy and Management qualifications in Security Technology including a Post Graduate qualification in Fraud and Forensics Investigations from Unisa.