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Chris holds a National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering and a B.Sc. (Statistics and Operations Research), as well as certificates from the University of Stellenbosch Business School and Wits Business School. He spent a lifetime of varied experiences from Automotive Test Engineer with the Nissan factory in Rosslyn, as Quality Engineer at Somchem (now Rheinmetall Denel Munition), as Senior Lecturer in Statistics and Programming at the Cape Technikon (now the Cape Peninsula University of Technology), as Manager of Educational Software Development at Nasou (part of Nasionale Pers, now Media24), then back to Somchem to model and optimise propulsion systems for canons and rockets, and as Development and Marketing Director and later CEO of Agricar (manufacturer of agricultural carriers and forklift trucks). He subsequently spent 17 years as Business Consultant working for Dimension Data locally and internationally, consulting in the USA, UK, Europe, Australia and South Africa before retiring in March 2017.

He is passionate about renewable energy, electric vehicles and the challenges of energy storage – especially for microgrid rollout in Africa, as well as for large scale industrial applications across Africa. He recently formed Africa Energy Storage Solutions with two experienced partners, while continuing strategic business consulting in his private capacity for a large retail organisation.

Chris is a qualified professional photographer (New York Institute of Photography) and has many other interests, including 3D printing, while he's been an active mountain biker for the past four years.