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Adv Louis van Vuren wins the 2026 FISA Chairperson's Award

At the 16th Annual FISA Conference sponsored by Hollard Court Bonds, held at the Sandton Convention Centre on 9 September, the annual FISA Chairperson's Award was handed to Adv Louis van Vuren, in recognition of his significant and major contribution to the fiduciary profession.

Louis has 30 years of experience in the fiduciary industry, across a wide range of specialisations and leadership positions. He served as CEO of FISA from January 2015 to September 2025, helping to establish FISA as the pre-eminent body representing fiduciary practitioners in South Africa. He is currently Director: Trust Services at Finlac Risk and Legal Management, a financial planning practice in Cape Town. Previous positions include state advocate, legal adviser and senior management positions in Old Mutual Trust and BoE Trust.

FISA Chairperson Mr Chris Murphy said: "Louis has had a remarkable career over many years. He put his skill and experience to work as CEO of FISA, making an enormous contribution to professionalising the institute and making key input into industry issues. He always had members' interests at heart and I cannot think of anyone who currently deserves the award more than him."

Louis holds BA, LL B and LL M degrees from RAU (now UJ), the Advanced Certificate in Leadership from UCT and the Advanced Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Planning (cum laude) from UFS.

He is a non-practising advocate of the High Court of South Africa and holds CFP® professional, FPSA® and TEP designations.

Louis has lectured in the fields of financial planning and fiduciary at UFS, US, USB, Milpark Education and UWC.

He served on the ILPA / FPI examination committee (1997 – 2002), initiated the FPSA® examination introduced by FISA in 2011, and was moderator of the CFP® professional examination of the FPI (2019 – 2020).

Louis is a co-author of the Fiduciary Services Handbook, a LexisNexis publication.

More about the FISA Chairperson's Award

The award is given annually to the person who, in the estimation of the FISA Chairperson and the FISA Council, has made a remarkable and significant contribution to the fiduciary profession. Nominations are called for in the months leading up to the FISA Conference. No sitting FISA Councilor or any employee of or contractor to FISA is eligible. See past winners [here](#).

Photo caption: Louis van Vuren

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FISA members come from trust companies and banks, as well as the legal, accounting and financial planning professions.

FISA members do estate planning, draft wills, administer trusts, deceased estates, and beneficiary funds, supply tax advice and compliance services, and administer client assets.

FISA helps to smooth processes for members and the public, through its good working relationship with the Master's Office and the SARS.

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