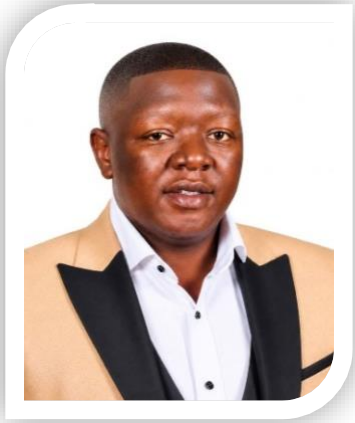
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Dr Ephias Mugari is an NRF-rated climate change adaptation researcher at the Centre for Global Change, University of Limpopo (South Africa), where he leads the integration of social science perspectives into research projects to enhance societal impact. He holds a PhD in Climate Change Adaptation from the University of Botswana and an MSc in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Zimbabwe. With over a decade of research experience across Zimbabwe, Botswana, and South Africa, Dr Mugari has contributed to major regional and international initiatives, including the Adaptation at Scale in Semi-Arid Regions (ASSAR) Project, the South Africa/Flanders Climate Adaptation Research and Training Partnership (SAF-ADAPT), and the GEF-7 Sustainable Land Management Project. His expertise spans participatory research co-design, sustainable land management, climate-smart agriculture and agroecological transitions, climate information services, early flood warning systems, disaster preparedness, and disaster risk reduction. He is a Fellow of the Association of Commonwealth Universities' Commonwealth Futures Climate Research Cohort and the CATER School on Transdisciplinary Climate Change Adaptation Research, while also serving on the Limpopo Provincial Disaster Management Advisory Forum and the National Disaster Management Centre's Technical Task Team on the development of the National Disaster Research Agenda. Dr Mugari has presented at COP28, the inaugural Africa Climate Summit, and numerous international conferences. His work contributes to advancing climate resilience, sustainable livelihoods, and evidence-based adaptation policy across Africa.