

## **International Chess Master Watu Kobese Curriculum Vitae**

- 1987 - South African Junior Champion
- 1988 - Winner: Standard Bank Open, Vista Open, Coca-Cola Open and Twins Propan Open
- 1989 - 2nd in the SA Closed
  - 1st SA Junior Championships
- 1994 - 1st Tims Lock and Key International in Botswana
  - Represented SA at the Moscow Olympiad
- 1995 - 1st Zone 4.3 Southern African Championships
  - Awarded the International Master title
- 1996 - 1st Kenyan International Tournament
  - Represented SA at the Yerevan Olympiad
- 1997 - Played in the World Knockout Championships in Gronningen, The Netherlands
- 1998 - Represented SA at the Elista Olympiad
  - Represented Africa in World Cup, Cap de Adge, France
- 1999 - 1st Salou International, Spain, ahead of 12 Grand Masters
  - 1st in Cuca, Angola
  - Played in the World Knockout Championship in Las Vegas
- 2000 - 1st in Toernoi de Augusto, Luanda
- 2001 - 1st SA Closed
  - Tied 1st African Individuals, Cairo
  - 3rd in Lisbon Open
  - Played in World Knockout Championship, Moscow. Tied the classical match against world's no.5 Peter Leko 1-1
- 2002 - Represented Africa in the World Cup, Hyderabad, India
- 2003 - 1st in SA Closed
  - 1st Spescom International, Johannesburg
- 2004 - Represented SA in Calvia Olympiad, Spain
  - SA Open Champion
- 2005 - Played in World Knockout Championship, Khanty Mansisk, Russia
  - 3rd in Hastings, England
- 2006 - Represented SA in Turin Olympiad, Italy
  - SA Open Champion
  - 2nd in Portsmouth premier, England
- 2008 - SA Open Champion
  - Represented SA in Dresden Olympiad, Germany
- 2010 - 2nd Cuca, Angola
  - Represented SA in Khanty-Mansik Olympiad, Russia
- 2011 - SA Closed Champion
- 2012 - 1st Waterkloof Open, Prestige Open, Capablanca Prestige, Kara invitational.
  - Member of SA team for Istanbul Olympiad.

### **Coaching**

- 1990-1993: Attended the Jugenddorf Christophorus Schule in Altensteig, Germany. The Leistungszentrum was taught by GM Ludek Pachmann, then GM Miroslav Filip and finally GM Lothar Vogt.

- 1998 - Coached SA Juniors at the World Junior Championships in Oropesa, Spain.
- 2002 - Coached the Botswana National teams at the Olympiad, Bled, Spain.
- 2003 - Coached the Botswana National ladies team in Obuja, Nigeria
- 2007-2012 - Coached and trained at the Waterkloof High School Chess Academy
- Since 2013 - Teaching Chess as a school subject at the German International School  
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