

SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

H.E. Wamkele Mene, Secretary General of the AfCFTA Secretariat



H.E. Wamkele Mene was elected by the 33rd Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of States & Government of the African Union, to the position of Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat.

Prior to being elected Secretary-General of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, he served as *Chief Director: Africa Economic Relations*, at the Department of Trade & Industry of South Africa. In this role, he was South Africa's chief trade negotiator in the AfCFTA and Tripartite FTA negotiations. During his tenure as chief negotiator, South Africa ratified both the AfCFTA and Tripartite FTAs agreements.

Prior to assuming this position, H.E. Wamkele Mene occupied the position of *Director: International Trade Law & Investment Law* at the Department of Trade & Industry, a role in which he was principal legal counsel on international trade law and international investment law.

From 2010 until 2015, H.E. Wamkele Mene represented South Africa at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland. He was elected to the position of Chairman of the WTO's Committee on International Trade in Financial Services.

Prior to joining the Department of Trade & Industry of South Africa, H.E. Wamkele Mene worked for Wall Street based law firms in the London and Hong Kong offices.

H.E. Wamkele Mene has written and lectured internationally on international trade law, international investment law and international business law.

Educational Background:

He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Law) degree from Rhodes University in South Africa; A Master of Arts in International Studies & Diplomacy (with specialization in International Economics) from the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), University of London; A LL.M. (Master of Laws) in Banking Law & Financial Regulation from the Law Department of the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE).

Dr. Joel Sentsho – Economic Advisor, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, Botswana



Dr. Joel Sentsho is the Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, and he has been in this position since 2008.

He has worked for the University of Botswana as a Lecturer (1990–2005). Dr. Sentsho has researched and published extensively in the area of International Trade and Finance. Before joining the Ministry, Dr. Sentsho worked as a Senior Research Fellow at the Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA) (2005–2008), where he led the BIDPA Teams researching on regional integration and multilateral trade issues affecting Botswana.

Since he joined the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, Dr. Sentsho has been the Lead Expert in the development of the Intellectual Policy for Botswana (2021); the National Quality Policy for Botswana (2021); Entrepreneurship Policy for Botswana (2018); the Industrial Development Policy for Botswana (2014); the Special Economic Zones Policy for Botswana (2011); and The Trade Policy for Botswana (2009).

Dr. Sentsho was also the Lead Expert in the development of Botswana Textile and Clothing Development Strategy (2013); The Strategy for Development of the Dairy Sector in Botswana (2013); Botswana's Cooperatives Transformation Strategy (2012); The Economic Diversification (EDD) Strategy (2011); Botswana National Export Strategy (2010); and the Investment Strategy for Botswana (2010).

Dr. Sentsho has also been instrumental in the development of Botswana's negotiating positions at SACU, SADC and the SADC EC Economic Partnership Negotiations (2014).

Educational Background:

Dr. Sentsho holds a PhD from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland.



Mr. David Jarvis – Industry Corporation of South Africa - Strategy and Corporate Affairs



Mr. David Jarvis is Divisional Executive for Strategy and Corporate Affairs at the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), a position he has held since April 2015. His division includes departments focusing on corporate strategy development and monitoring, research and information services, innovation and continuous improvement, marketing, stakeholder management and CSI.

Mr. Jarvis' first job was as a researcher for the Trade Union Research Project in 1993. He joined the National Labour and Economic Development Institute (NALEDI) in 2000 as Head of its Sector Strategies unit. After a stint as acting executive director of NALEDI he moved to the department of Trade and Industry in 2005 working in the Director-General's office and headed up the Economic Research and Policy Coordination unit in the department during 2008 and 2009.

Mr. Jarvis joined the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) as Head of Research in 2009 and was later DBSA's General Manager for Strategy. He left DBSA to join the IDC as Head of Corporate Strategy and Portfolio Management in 2013.

Ms. Leila Farah Mokaddem – Director General Southern Africa of the African Development Bank as Country Manager and Resident Representative



Appointed in 2021 as Director General Southern Africa of the African Development Bank as Country Manager and Resident Representative, Ms. Leila Farah Mokaddem was the Resident Representative of the AfDB in Morocco and in Egypt from 2014 to 2020. Prior to that, she occupied the positions of Regional Resident Representative in Dakar, Senegal, and head of financial institutions where she designed innovative financial solutions for Africa including the African SME Guarantee Fund, AfDB trade finance Initiative and the women in business initiative.

Ms. Mokaddem has managed multi-billions investment portfolio in 35 African countries, in particular in infrastructure and financial services sectors. Prior to AfDB, she was long-term fiscal advisor to the IMF.

Ms. Mokaddem started her career at the Ministry Economy of Tunisia and has an MBA degree in Finance and International trade, respectively and is sitting at the Board of the Afreximbank.

Educational Background:
MBA degree in Finance and International trade, respectively.

Mr. Molise Ramaili – Interim Chief Executive Officer, LNDC

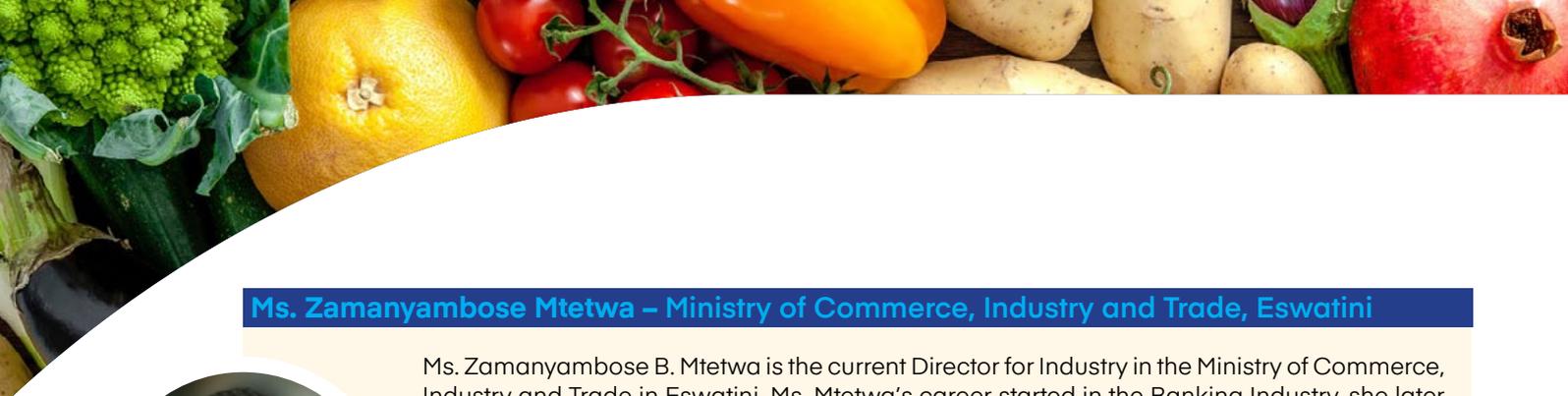


Mr. Molise Ramaili joined LNDC in May 2021. He is a lawyer by profession and joined LNDC after having held positions in senior management at Lesotho PostBank, Letshego Financial Services and First National Bank of Lesotho Limited. He has also worked for Vodacom Lesotho and WASCO. He has served as a Legal Officer, Senior Specialist: Legal Contracts, Compliance Manager and Company Secretary.

Mr. Ramaili earned his Bachelor of Laws Degree at the National University of Lesotho. Upon completion of his degree, he was attached at Horn and Van Rensburg Attorney's in Bloemfontein, and later returned to Lesotho.

Mr. Ramaili is optimistic about this era and believes this is the time for the youth and women to be empowered, hence the need to be exposed to more opportunities in business. He views LNDC as leading the diversification of industry, citing the IT sector as an example of how LNDC can dive into the investments that will facilitate the economy of Lesotho towards the 4th industrial revolution.

Educational Background:
Bachelor of Laws Degree at the National University of Lesotho.



Ms. Zamanyambose Mtetwa – Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade, Eswatini



Ms. Zamanyambose B. Mtetwa is the current Director for Industry in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade in Eswatini. Ms. Mtetwa’s career started in the Banking Industry, she later moved to the public sector where she has served his Majesty’s government for the past 15 years.

Ms. Mtetwa has extensive knowledge in public policy formulation, policy management and evaluation, scenario planning, knowledge management as well as managing service delivery. Ms. Mtetwa has participated in the formulation of a number of government policies and has written a paper on the influence of Policy on Rural SME Development in Swaziland.

Ms. Mtetwa is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Eswatini National Industrial Development Corporation (ENIDC) and the Land Speculation Control Board. She is also the Secretary of the Special Economic Zones Committee.

Educational Background:

Masters of Management from the University of the Witwatersrand School of Governance, Johannesburg.

Dr. Michael Nokokure Humavindu – Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade, Namibia



Dr. Michael Nokokure Humavindu is currently Deputy Executive Director: Industrialisation and Enterprise Development at the Ministry of Industrialisation, Trade and SME Development. Previously he served as Director: Economics and Sector Research at the Namibian Competition Commission. Previously he also served as the Manager of Research at the Development Bank of Namibia and as an Economist in the Ministry of Environment and Tourism in Namibia.

These work experiences have exposed him to developing skills in industrial policy, MSME sector development and finance, natural resource economics, environmental valuation, cost-benefit analysis, financial deal structuring, policy and product development, project and infrastructure finance appraisals and micro and SME credit delivery strategies development. He has also published some of his research as peer-reviewed journal articles.

Dr. Humavindu is currently serving on the boards of Namibia University of Science & Technology (NUST) and the Agribank. And currently chairs the Environmental Economics Network of Namibia (EENN) and is a Director on the Peugeot-Opel Assembly Namibia (POAN) board.

Dr. Humavindu is also a member of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism’s Nature Conservation Board. Previously he served on the Boards of Namdeb Holdings, Debmarine Namibia and the Sustainable Development Advisory Committee.

Educational Background:

*PhD (Economics) from the University of Umeå, Sweden;
MSc (Finance & Investment) from Durham University, United Kingdom;
MA (Economics) from Stellenbosch University in South Africa.*

Ms. Teboho Tsekoka – Ministry of Trade and Industry, Lesotho



Ms. Teboho Tsekoka serves as Investment Promotion Manager in the Department of Industry, Ministry of Trade and Industry Lesotho. The Department is responsible for development of Industrial Sector and attraction of Investment, both foreign and domestic. She has more than 20 years public sector experience in areas of trade policy and trade negotiations where she has lead groups of experts in Market Access Negotiations, working on Southern African Customs Union (SACU), Southern African Development Community (SADC) and World Trade Organisation (WTO) negotiations. She has also been Lesotho’s representative as Counsellor in Geneva Switzerland as well as Programme Officer – Economic Partnership Agreement in the SADC Secretariat. She holds a BCom Degree from the National University of Lesotho and a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Kwazulu Natal.



Ms. Sinah Mosehla – Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, South Africa



Ms. Sinah Mosehla is a Director for the Cosmetic sector Desk in the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition of South Africa. She started her career working in the mining sector as an Assistant Environmental Manager where she later joined the dtic Pharmaceutical desk in 2004 and later joined the Chemical desk in 2008.

Part of her responsibilities include development, implementation and monitoring of sector strategies, policies and master plans. Ms. Mosehla has extensive training in Public Administration in areas of policy development and policy implementation; as well as in Biochemistry. She served on a number of Technical committees and boards in the cosmetics, pharmaceuticals and chemical sectors.

Mr. Willem Van Der Spuy - Chief Director: Export Development Promotion & Outward Investment (EDP&OI)/Operations, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition



Mr. Willem Van Der Spuy currently serves as Chief Director providing strategic and operational support to the Export Development, Promotion and Outward Investment (EDP&OI) Branch in the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic) of South Africa.

The EDP&OI Branch aims to create a conducive environment for the growth, transformation and diversification of South African exports, including through leveraging opportunities presented by the AfCFTA. He also serves as Acting Chair of the SACU Sub-Committee on Export Promotion. He has more than 20 years public and private sector experience in the areas of trade policy as well as export and investment promotion, including serving as South Africa's Foreign Economic Representative (FER) to Brazil.

Mr. Obert Yuyi – Acting Executive Director, Botswana Investment Promotion Agency, Investment Promotion



Mr. Obert Mpho Yuyi is the Executive Director Investment Promotion (A) of Botswana Investment and Trade Centre. His role includes, promoting and attracting domestic and foreign direct investment into targeted growth sectors, and provide informatioto assist in advocating for changes in the investment climate in Botswana.

Mr. Yuyi joined BITC in October 2012 as Director, Export Development, where he was responsible for implementation of export development initiatives by identifying and capacitating local exporting manufactures, raise export awareness, facilitate and building the capacity of export ready companies to comply with export procedures and market requirements, and linking companies with local foreign and buyers. He is a pioneer of Botswana Exporter Development Programme (BEDP). A comprehensive programme that entrenches export culture and provide export development and promotion assistance in Botswana.

He has previously served as an Assistant Regional Representative BITC Regional Office in London, United Kingdom responsible for promoting Botswana as a destination for foreign direct investment and facilitated of Botswana goods and services within the European Union market. He is a seasoned international business specialist.





Dr. Khanyisile D. Dlamini – Senior Executive Manager, Investment Promotion at Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA), Eswatini



Dr. Khanyisile Dlamini is the Senior Executive Manager – Investment Promotion at Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA), a public enterprise which is a gateway for investors to Eswatini as well as a support centre for export companies operating in Eswatini. Dr Dlamini is passionate in nurturing small businesses and entrepreneurs to reach their full potential.

Dr. Dlamini is the founder and director of TOWAK Consultancy, a financial and business management consulting firm that has footprints in Eswatini and South Africa. She specializes in designing funding models, conducting financial due diligence, financial wellness, training on managing finance, business management and mentorship, as well as conducting commissioned market surveys. She mainly works with Government departments, private companies, non-governmental organisations and micro small and medium enterprises.

Previously, she was a lecturer at the University of Eswatini (UNESWA) and University of Derby, UK and has been a visiting lecturer at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, USA.

Dr. Dlamini’s previous boards’ appointments include: Central Bank of Eswatini, Central Transport Organisation, Industrial and Vocational Training and being a trustee of the Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation Preservation Provident Fund and Eswatini Royal Insurance Corporation Pension Fund. Dr. Dlamini currently sits on several boards including Greystone Partners Limited, Lojaf (Pty) Limited, Cultural City Developments and Eswatini Housing Board.

Mrs. Puseletso Grace Makhakhe – General Manager, Investment and Trade Promotion, Lesotho National Development Corporation



Mrs. Puseletso Grace Makhakhe’s is the General Manager, Investment and Trade Promotion at Lesotho National Development Corporation. Responsible for overseeing of the Investment and Trade Promotion Unit whose mandate is to promote Lesotho as the preferred investment and sourcing destination. Her experience is in investment and trade promotion, investment and trade facilitation, investor aftercare services for retention and expansion of investments, appraisal of business proposals, facilitation of trade shows, and stakeholder engagement. “

Mrs. Makhakhe has 30 years’ experience in the investment promotion and provision of investor aftercare service.

Educational Background:

BA in Business and Entrepreneurship of the National University of Lesotho.





Mr. Gavin Kelly – Chief Executive Officer, The Road Freight Association



Mr. Gavin Kelly has been involved in the resource, strategy and operations field for 32 years – from operations leadership, coordination and training to leadership development, lateral management, operations and business survival training.

Over the years Mr. Kelly has been involved in the development of standards and procedures for driving licence training (driving school industry) and licence testing and issuing; the development of standards and procedures for vehicle equipment standards (non-OEM) and testing (vehicle testing industry); the development of standards for transportation of passengers, goods and dangerous goods and the research and development of road traffic related legislation and the implementation of traffic policing initiatives including the Short Term Implementation Programme (STIP), Arrive Alive, National Traffic Police (NTP), Traffic Officer Diploma, AARTO and finally road safety programmes (public target), formal school curricular programmes (Safety in Traffic Education Programme (STEP), Bridge, School Driver Education Programme (SDEP), Child in Traffic, Scholar Patrol) and industry targeted programmes (Captain Safety, Safe Driver, SafeCab).

Mr. Kelly is involved in various SANS standards committees and has served on various Agency Boards. He is currently finalizing appointment as a SACAS qualified auditor for the ISO39001, ISO4500 and SANS1395, SANS15004 range of standards.

Mr. Kelly has written articles for the Traffic Digest, Robot, SABOA Bus, Informus and the SAIMAS Journal as well as various newspaper and magazine special feature columns. He has also presented numerous papers at various conferences, both local and internationally regarding aspects of traffic policing, human resource development, systems development and transport policy issues.

Mr. Edward Andrew Beukes – Senior Transport Specialist, The WorldBank Group - Southern Africa Regional Office



Mr. Edward Beukes is a Senior Transport Specialist in the Transport Global Practice at the World Bank. He has been working in transportation across Southern Africa for 20 years, focusing on transport policy, rural roads and freeways, railways and urban transport in both private practice, academia, the public sector and development finance.

Educational Background:

Edward has a background in Engineering, an MBA, and a master’s degree and a Ph.D. in Transport Planning.

Mr. Mbahupu H. Tjivikua – Chief Executive Officer, Walvis Bay Corridor Group



Mr. Mbahupu H. Tjivikua is the Chief Executive Officer of the Walvis Bay Corridor Group. He has over 15 years of experience in the corridor management, transportation and logistics industry. He has served in various senior and executive management roles as well as the academia as a part time lecturer in Business Management, Strategic Leadership and Quality Management Systems. He has done several consultancies and served on various board of directors.

Educational Background:

Mr. Tjivikua holds an MSc (Operations Management & Leadership) from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts, USA, B. Ed (Hons), Rhodes University, HED (Sec), University of Namibia, Certificate in Project Management, University of Stellenbosch, Certificate in Financial Management, Namibia University of Science & Technology.



Mr. Leslie M. Mpofu – Executive Director, Trans Kalahari Corridor Secretariat



Mr. Leslie M. Mpofu is the Executive Director of the Trans Kalahari Corridor Secretariat (TKCS). The TKCS is a Secretariat of the Trans Kalahari Corridor Management Committee (TKCMC), an Organisation established by the Governments of Botswana, Namibia and South Africa to coordinate the development and management of the TKC.

Mr. Mpofu boasts 23 years' experience in the transport sector having served in various capacities at the Ministry of Transport and Communications for 17 years. He also served for four years as a Transport Specialist at the Southern African Customs Union (SACU).

Educational Background:

Mr. Mpofu is a holder of a bachelor's degree in Social Science (BASS) attained at the University of Botswana, a certificate in Transport Management and a Masters in Transport Management attained at the Sydney University. He also holds numerous other developmental training certificates in the transport field as well as management.

Dr. Racious M. Moatshe – Local Enterprise Authority, Botswana



Dr. Racious M. Moatshe is the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Enterprise Authority, a position he assumed in October, 2017. Prior to this appointment, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Business Botswana, where he was instrumental in driving strategy and engaging in Research, Policy and Advocacy that improved the private sector participation in the economy of Botswana.

Dr. Moatshe is a Transformational Leader who has over the years served in various sectors of the economy, and demonstrated his strategic capacity, innovation and broad understanding of entrepreneurship and accelerated SMME development. Of note is his service spanning over 20 years in middle and senior managerial positions at several SMME development, banking, developmental finance and training institutions, including the Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST), where he was the founding Lecturer and Head of Department for the Centre of Management and Entrepreneurship Studies (CMES).

His trajectory also includes working with Standard Chartered Bank of Botswana, Barclays Bank of Botswana, the Citizen Entrepreneurial Development Agency (CEDA), and the Botswana Building Society (BBS).

As a respected thought leader, Dr. Moatshe has previously served in various Boards including the Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA), Botswana Accountancy Oversight Authority (BAOA) and the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC). He continues to serve in high level strategic committees across all sectors of the economy.

He has concluded research work and presented at various conferences both locally and internationally, and in the process forging networks that advance the promotion of entrepreneurship and SMME development in Botswana.

Educational Background:

Dr. Moatshe holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PHD), specializing in E-government; Master's Degree in Strategic Management; Bachelor of Accountancy Degree.





Mr. Thabo Khasipe – Commissioner General, Lesotho Revenue Authority



Mr. Khasipe – Commissioner General of the Lesotho Revenue Authority is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He obtained a bachelor’s degree in Economics at the National University of Lesotho in 1994 before enrolling at the University of Nairobi (Kenya) where he graduated with a master’s degree in Econometrics and Quantitative Economics in 1998.

Mr. Khasipe also obtained a Master of Business Administration (MBA), Business/Commerce, General Degree from the University of Orange Free State (South Africa) in 2008.

Mr. Khasipe joined the LRA as Commissioner of Customs and Excise 2003 and was later appointed to the position of Deputy Commissioner General, serving in the position from 2004 to 2007. He also acted in the position of Commissioner General for a period of one year. He then joined Stanlib Lesotho as General Manager from 2007 to 2008.

Mr. Khasipe was the country’s ambassador to Kuwait from 2008 to 2014 before joining DAVCap as Managing Director from 2014 to 2015. His last appointment, before joining LRA, was to the post of Deputy Executive Secretary at Southern African Customs Union in Namibia.

Mr. Sibani Mngomezulu – CEO, Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority



Mr. Sibani Mngomezulu was appointed CEO of the Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority (EIPA) in July 2019. Prior to that, he was based in Johannesburg, South Africa where he worked for global investment banks Merrill Lynch and JP Morgan, advising on local & cross-border transactions, including mergers & acquisitions.

Mr. Mngomezulu was an approved executive at a JSE sponsor and he is well versed with the regulatory landscape spanning the Companies Act, JSE and NSX (Namibia) Listings Requirements and the Takeover Regulations. The role of approved executive at JSE Sponsor encompasses advice regarding ongoing obligations for listed companies and advice on compliance with the listings requirements for transactions to ensure regulatory compliance. Sibani was an executive at a publicly quoted conglomerate on the JSE with responsibility for various roles over time including corporate governance, commercial and risk management, investor relations and strategy.

Mr. Mngomezulu’s broad experience extends across banking and corporate law from the time spent in corporate finance, corporate governance and general management as well as executive management experience gained from executive and non-executive director roles in SA and elsewhere in Africa. He is regularly engaged to speak at conferences and facilitate training on corporate governance, ethics and leadership, and has sat on company boards in South Africa, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

His leadership of EIPA came at a time when the country found itself in a difficult economic situation and the EIPA was identified by the government of eSwatini as a strategic vehicle through which to deliver on the objectives of the Strategic Roadmap, the Kingdom’s national development strategy.

EIPA’s role of promoting investment into eSwatini and trade has become more pronounced and critical to achievement of the strategic objectives central to achievement of the Kingdom’s Covid-19 Economic Recovery Plan. He is privileged to lead a competent and performance driven team at EIPA for a time such as this.

Mr. Mngomezulu holds Fellowships of the Chartered Governance Institute; the Institute of Directors South Africa and is a Chartered Director of the Institute of Directors South Africa. He is a Fellow of the Africa Leadership Institute, and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

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 FCIS, F. Inst.D, CD(SA)*



Ms. Nangula Uaandja – Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board



Until December 2020, Ms. Nangula Uaandja served as a Partner at PwC Namibia, with over 20 years' experience in auditing and has served as lead partner on audits of organizations across various sectors and industries. She has also been involved in non-audit work such as consulting on various matters, fraud investigation, assisting clients with budgetary processes, the analysis and interpretation of financial statements, presentations on the roles and responsibilities of directors and a host of other relevant topics.

Ms. Uaandja was named Namibia's Businesswoman of the year in 2011. Besides playing a role on the Accounting/Auditing Professional Bodies such as the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Public Accountants and Auditors Board, she also served as a member of the Tax Court Appeal and was appointed as a member of the first Public Office Bearers' Remuneration and Benefits Committee by the President of the Republic of Namibia from 2006 to 2009.

There are many firsts in Ms. Uaandja's life - she was the first black female Namibian to qualify as a Chartered Accountant and the first female and first black Namibian to occupy the position of PwC Managing Partner as well as that of President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Namibia. Over the years Ms. Uaandja has grown a burden concerning the triple challenges of unemployment, inequality and poverty that are facing Namibia. It is this burden that led her to pursue further studies (first the master's in business leadership and now Doctor in Business Leadership) with focus on the collaborative role required between the public and private sectors to drive inclusive economic growth and find common solutions to these challenges. It is also this burden that led to her resignation as the Head of PwC Namibia earlier this year and later accepting the President's appointment to the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board.

