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## **Celebrating Women Ombudsman 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL & THE AFRICAN OMBUDSMAN RESEARCH CENTRE (AORC), A RESEARCH AND TRAINING ARM OF THE AFRICAN OMBUDSMAN AND MEDIATORS' ASSOCIATION

Cordially invite you to a webinar **themed: Celebrating Women Ombudsman**

In celebration of the Women's month in South Africa, AORC has planned a series of webinars for African Ombudsman and their staff.

The topic will be centered around the discussion of the challenges faced by women Ombudsman in a patriarchal African society and how woman Ombudsman can make a difference in the lives of the poor and marginalized.

These webinars are an excellent opportunity to discuss the challenges of women Ombudsman in a patriarchal African society, how these challenges are overcome and also to highlight the unique strengths that women Ombudsman are able to offer to make a difference in the lives of the poor and marginalized. This is not because women Ombudsman think that they are better than men but because they have a different approach to finding solutions to problems.

These webinars would enhance the capacity of Ombudsman throughout the continent in their tasks of making a positive difference in the lives of the poor and marginalized. They will also contribute to the development of skilled resources within the Ombudsman institutions to the benefit of each participating country and Africa as a whole.

- **English / Portuguese:** Friday, 28 August 2020 (10 AM SA) GMT+2:

- Speaker 1: Hon. Martha Chizuma – Ombudsman - Malawi.
- Speaker 2: Antónia Florbela Rocha (Deputy Ombudsman: Angola)
- Facilitator: Adv. Kholeka Gcaleka (Deputy Public Protector: South Africa)

- **French / Arabic:** Monday, 31 August 2020 (10 AM SA) GMT+2:

- Speaker: Hon. Nichole Tirant-Gherardi (Ombudsman – Seychelles)
- Facilitator : Hon. Monique Andréas Esoavelomandroso (Médiateur de la République Madagascar)

- French to Arabic Facilitator/Interpreter: Mme Ingy El Shanoubi – (International Affairs: National Council for Human Rights - Egypt)

*Please note that due to time constraints, there will not be a live question and answer segment. Participants may however submit relevant questions to Franky Lwelela ([Lwelela@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:Lwelela@ukzn.ac.za)) or Marion Adonis ([adonism@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:adonism@ukzn.ac.za)) by no later than 10h00 on Thursday 27 August 2020 for the English/Portuguese and Friday 28th August 2020 for the French/ Arabic. Alternatively, participants may pose their questions via the Q & A function during the webinar as time has been allocated for a response to questions raised before and during the session. If there is insufficient time to respond to all, the questions and answers will be sent to participants after the webinar.*

Enquiries Only

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