

CELEBRATING WOMEN OMBUDSMAN 28TH AND 31ST 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)

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Please note that due to time constraints there will be no live question and answer session. Participants may, however, submit relevant questions to **Franky Lwelela** (Lwelela@ukzn.ac.za) or **Marion Adonis** (adonism@ukzn.ac.za) by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday August 27, 2020 for English / Portuguese and Friday August 28, 2020 for French / Arabic. Participants can also ask their questions through the Q&A feature during the webinar, as time will be allocated to answer questions raised before and during the session. If there is not enough time to answer all questions, the questions and answers will be sent to participants after the webinar.

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ENQUIRIES ONLY

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SPEAKER & FACILITATOR

PROFILES



HON. MARTHA CHIZUMA

Hon. Martha Chizuma was appointed the Ombudsman of the Republic of Malawi on 1st December 2015. (www.ombudsmanmalawi.org) Her holding of the position of the Ombudsman constitutionally makes her a Commissioner of the Malawi Human Rights Commission, a Commissioner of the Malawi Police Service Commission and an Inspector of Prisons. She holds a Master of Laws with credit in International Law and World Economy from the University of East London (2007) and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) Degree from University of Malawi (2002). She served as Legal Counsel for Limbe Leaf Tobacco Company Limited from 2011 to 2015. Before joining the private sector, she worked with Malawi Government as a judicial officer for about 9 years. Between 2002 to 2011 she held various judicial positions including Senior Resident Magistrate, Assistant Registrar of the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal and Deputy Chairperson of the Industrial Relations Court. She currently serves on the Board of the International Ombudsman Institute as a director of the African Region. She is also Treasurer of the African Ombudsman and Mediators Association (AOMA) and a board member of the Electoral Institute of Southern Africa.

ADV. KHOLEKA GCALEKA

Adv. Kholeka Nompilo Gcaleka was appointed Deputy Public Protector at the end of January 2020 for a seven-year renewable term of office effective 01 February 2020. She holds an LLB Degree and nearing completion of her Master's Degree in Commercial Law with Johannesburg University. Prior to her appointment, Adv. Gcaleka was a Special advisor to the Minister of Public Service and Administration and was prior to that doing consultancy work mainly in the criminal justice space. She also formed part of a committee of inquiry into the state of affairs in municipalities across the Gauteng Province. Between October 2016 and November 2018, she was a Special Adviser to the Minister of Home Affairs and Finance after spending a period spanning more than 12 years at the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), where she rose to the position of Senior Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in 2011. Adv. Gcaleka is a former National Chairperson of the Society of State Advocates of SA and a member of the Black Lawyers Association.



HON. NICHOLE TIRANT-GHÉRARDI

The Ombudsman of Seychelles, Nichole Tirant-Ghérardi is the fourth Ombudsman to take up the Office. She was sworn in as Ombudsman for a seven-year mandate on 30 March 2017. A Seychellois Barrister and Attorney-at-Law by profession, she worked as prosecution state counsel in the office of the Attorney General before joining the private bar where she became one of the first women in a profession dominated by male attorneys. Since she took up the Constitutional responsibilities of the Ombudsman, Nichole Tirant-Ghérardi has wholeheartedly embraced her role and looks at every complaint with the keen eye of a surgeon cutting out the essential with the objective of bringing about longer term improvements in the service delivery and administration of public sector organizations based on lessons drawn.

MME. MONIQUE ANDRÉAS ESOAVELOMANDROSO

Mme. Monique Andréas Esoavelomandroso, Mediator of the Republic of Madagascar was appointed in September 2008 for a 6-year term. She has a Master's Degree in Law (University of Madagascar). She studied financial auditing in Paris and at the University of Pittsburgh. She then worked in administration. From 1971, she held ministerial responsibilities in different ministries: Rural Development, Finance and Economy, Population and Budget (including the Management of Women and Family Affairs between 1977-1993). In 2003-2004, she was appointed Minister for Decentralization, Development of Autonomous Provinces and Municipalities. From 2004 to 2008, she served as Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Commission.



MME INGY EL SHANOUBI

Mme Ingy El Shanoubi is the Coordinator of the Ombudsman Unit at the National Human Rights Council (CNDH-Egypt). She holds a Bachelor of Arts. Having completed graduate studies in bilingual translation (French-Arabic) and member of the General Secretariat of the CNDH since 2009. She assists the President of the CNDH in matters related to cooperation with the various Ombudsman associations and prepares the relevant files. She sets up cooperation plans with the various Ombudsman Associations (AOMA, AOM and AOMF) as well as with the Venice Commission and Senghor University. She organizes training workshops, conferences etc. and prepares thematic studies addressed to international ombudsman institutes. She is the Coordinator of cooperation with the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF).

HON. ANTÓNIA FLORBELA DE JESUS ROCHA ARAÚJO

Hon. Antónia Florbela de Jesus Rocha Araújo is the second Deputy Ombudsman of the Republic of Angola who took office on January 19, 2018. She has a Law degree and Master's degree in the area of International Legal Sciences. She has participated in several Seminars and Conferences in various parts of the world, some of which were the Defense of the Rights of Women and Children and Gender equality. She was a Teacher from 1973 to 1985 and is currently Associate Professor of Higher Education at Universidade Lusíada de Angola. She has held positions at the level of the Secretariat of the Council of Ministers and the Civil House of the President of the Republic, from 1990 to 2017, as: Director of the Session Preparation Office; Advisor to the Secretary; Director of the Office of the Secretary General of the Support Services to the President of the Republic; Assistant to Legal Counsel; Advisor and later Secretary for Judicial and Legal Affairs of the President of the Republic. She is a Lawyer and a member of the Superior Council for the Judiciary.

