

Curriculum Vitae - Mamphela A. Ramphela

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Overview

Dr Mamphela Ramphela has had a celebrated career as an activist, medical doctor, academic, businesswoman and global thought leader.

In 1968 she enrolled for a medical degree at the University of Natal, where she became involved in the South African Students Association (SASO) and was a founder, with Steve Biko, of the Black Consciousness Movement. In 1976 she was detained under the Terrorism Act, and from 1977 to 1983 she was banned to Tzaneen in the Northern Transvaal.

She has a PhD in Social Anthropology, a B Com degree, a Diploma in Tropical Hygiene and a Diploma in Public Health. In 1996 she was appointed Vice-Chancellor of UCT. In 2000 she became a managing director of the World Bank, based in Washington, DC, a post she held until end of 2004.

Dr Ramphela has served as chairperson of many boards and is a founding trustee of the Nelson Mandela Foundation since inception in 1999. She was a founder of the Open Society Foundation for South Africa and the Citizens Movement and is Co-Founder of ReimagineSA. In October 2018 Dr Ramphela was appointed co-president to The Club of Rome, her term ended in 2023. Ramphela is Chair of the Desmond Tutu IP Trust.

Dr Ramphela was one of the founders of the Black Consciousness Movement that identified psycho-social liberation as a prerequisite of true emancipation of a people. That emancipation starts with self-liberation that unleashes the full human potential. Leap Schools is a living model of this revolutionary idea.

She is the author of several books and publications on socio-economic issues in South Africa, including *A Passion for Freedom*, *Laying Ghosts to Rest* and *Conversations with my sons and Daughters*, her latest book *Dreams, Betrayal and Hope* is her analysis of 'the state of the nation' in South Africa.

Ramphela has received numerous national and international awards acknowledging her scholarship and leading role in spearheading projects for marginalised people in South Africa and elsewhere.

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Employment / Experience Record

Start	End	Company/Organisation	Position
2013	2014	Agang South Africa	Founder, Leader
2010	2012	Gold Fields Limited	Chairperson
		Technology Innovation Agency Board	Chairperson
		Letsema Circle	Executive Chairperson
2006	2012	Medi Clinic Holdings	Non-Executive Director
2005	2009	Circle Capital Group	Executive Chairperson
2005	2007	Standard Bank Limited	Non-Executive Director
	2013	Remgro Limited	Non-Executive Director
2004	2005	Global Commission on International Migration (Geneva)	Co-Chair
2000	2004	The World Bank	Managing Director
1998	2000	South African Reserve Bank	Non-Executive Director
1996	2000	University of Cape Town	Vice-Chancellor
1995	1995	Institute for Democracy in South Africa	Director, Public Information
1991	1995	University of Cape Town	Deputy Vice-Chancellor
1991	1995	Equal Opportunities Research Project	Director
1986	1991	UCT – Tenure Social Anthropology	Senior Research Officer
1984	1986	SALDRU (South African Labour & Development Research Unit)	Fellowship
1978	1984	Ithuseng Community Health Programme (Tzaneen)	Founder & Medical Officer in Charge
1976	1977	Black Community Programmes (Eastern Cape)	Branch Manager
1975	1977	Zanempilo Community Health Centre (King William's Town)	Founder & Medical Officer in Charge
1974	1975	Mt. Coke Mission Hospital, King William's Town	General Medical Experience

Boards and Foundations

Planetary Guardians	Active
African Mayoral Leadership Initiative (AMALI)	Active
Global Commission on Economics of Water	Active
Desmond Tutu IP Trust	Active
The Club of Rome Member (Co President 2018-2023)	Active
ReimagineSA	Active
Global Compassion Coalition	Active
Sibanye Stillwater Advisory Panel	Active
Indoni Arts, Dance and Leadership Academy	Active
Nelson Mandela Foundation (Board of Trustees)	Active
South African Council of Churches Convention Process – Steering Committee Member	Active
LEAP Schools – Patron	Active
South African Scenarios 2030 – Leadership Member	Active
Steve Biko Foundation	2013
Eluthandweni Homes for Aids Orphans	2013
Link SA Trust	2013
Mo Ibrahim Foundation	2013
Open Society Foundation of South Africa	2013
Oppenheimer Memorial Trust	2013
Veolia Environment Institute	Active
Ukhukula Trust (University of Cape Town)	2013
Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)	2009
Fynbos Foundation	2009
Hugh Masekela Academy for the Arts & Entertainment	2009
Ifa Lethu Foundation	2009
Ithaka Foundation	2009
Library of Alexandria (Board of Trustees)	2009
Rockefeller Foundation (Trustee)	1999 - 2009
UNESCO Task Force on Higher Education	1997 - 2000
Member, the South African Reserve Bank Board	2000
Red Cross Childrens Hospital Trust (Patron)	2013
New Crossroads Youth Centre (Patron)	2013
Rhodes Scholarships in Southern Africa (Chair)	1995 – 1998

Education

1991	University of Cape Town	PhD	Social Anthropology
1984	University of Witwatersrand	Diploma	Public Health
1983	University of South Africa	B. Com	Administration
1982	University of Witwatersrand	Diploma	Tropical Health and Hygiene
1972	University of Natal	MBCbB	Bachelor of Medicine

Honoris Causa (Honorary Doctorates)

2023	University of Glasgow		Doctor of the University
2007	University of New York, USA	D.H.L.	Doctor of Humane Letters
2005	University of Witwatersrand, SA	LLd	Doctor of Laws
2005	Miami University, USA	D.H.L.	Doctor of Humane Letters
2005	Yale University , USA	D.H.L.	Doctor of Humane Letters
2004	University of Glasgow, UK	DLitt	Doctor of Letters
2003	McGill University, Canada	D.Sc	Doctor of Science
2002	Manchester University , UK	PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
2002	Harvard University, USA	PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
2002	Emory University, USA	PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
2001	University of Cape Town, SA	D.Sc	Doctor of Social Science
2001	University of Nottingham, UK	LLd	Doctor of Laws
2001	University of Sussex, UK	LLd	Doctor of Laws
2000	Cambridge University, UK	PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
1999	University of Orange Free State, SA	PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
1998	Sheffield University, UK	MD	Doctor of Medicine
1998	University of Michigan, USA	LLd	Doctor of Laws
1998	Brown University, USA	LLd	Doctor of Laws
1997	Institute of Social Science, NL	PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
1997	Princeton University, USA	LLd	Doctor of Laws
1997	University College, UK	D.Sc	Doctor of Science
1991	Tufts University, UK	Sc. D	For Distinguished Career
1989	Natal University, SA	MD	Doctorate of Medicine
1984	Hunters College (CUNY), USA	D.H.L	Doctor of Humane Letters

Awards

2024	Lifetime Achievement Award – Greentech Festival - Berlin
2012	The National Order of the Legion of Honour - France
2010	Admitted to the Order of Simon of Cyrene
2010	Shoprite Checkers Woman of the Year Lifetime Achiever Award
2010	School of Nursing, Philadelphia, USA
2008	City Press & Rapport Award
2008	SAMA Award
2007	NRF Lifetime Achiever Award
2007	Global Health Sciences Award, USA
2003	The Kilby Awards Foundation, UK
2002	Outstanding International Leadership & Commitment, USA
2001	Woman of Distinction, SAWWO
1996	Woman of the Year, Shoprite Checkers (Education)
1992	Woman of the Year, Women's Bureau of South Africa (Community Health)
1991	Barnard Medal of Distinction, USA
1990	Leon/Fox Foundation Community Relations : Uprooting Poverty: The South African Challenge
1990	The Alexander Petri Award : Outstanding contribution to Arts and Humanities University of Natal
1990	The NOMA Award for Publishing in Africa: Uprooting Poverty: The South African Challenge

Research Awards

- 1991-1995 Carnegie Grant for Adolescent Research in New Crossroads
- 1990 Anglo American and De Beer Chairman's Fund Grant for Adolescent Research in Western Cape African Townships
- 1990 United Methodist Women Global Ministry's Call for Prayer Grant for Breast Cancer Research Amongst Women in Hostels
- 1989 Canadian International Development Research Center and Ford Foundation once-off grant to complete Hostel Research
- 1988-1989 Carnegie Distinguished Visiting Scholarship at the Ratcliffe College's Bunting Institute
- 1987 Carnegie Corporation travel grant to USA to visit intervention programmes aimed at American children and young people
- 1986 Anglo American and De Beer Chairman's Fund 3 year grant for field research work amongst migrant hostel dwellers in the Western Cape
- Ford Foundation 2 year grant

Publications – Books

- 2017 Dreams, Betrayal and Hope – PenguinRandomHouse ISBN978-1-77609-092-1
- 2014 My Life – A Passion for Freedom – I.B. Tauris ISBN 978-1-78453-042-6
- 2013 A Passion for Freedom : Biography – Tafelberg ISBN: 9780624065074
- 2012 Conversations with My Sons and Daughters – Penguin Books
ISBN: 9780143530411
- 2008 Laying Ghosts to Rest: The Dilemmas of Transformation in South Africa – Tafelberg
ISBN 978-0624045793
- 2002 Steering by the Stars – Tafelberg ISBN: 9780624040965
- 1995 A Life (also published as Across Boundaries) David Philip Publishers,
ISBN 978-0864863164
- 1995 The Affirmative Action Book: Towards an Equity Environment: Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA), Public Information Centre (PIC), Cape Town, South Africa
- 1993 A Bed Called Home: Life in the Migrant Labour Hostels of Cape Town – David Philip Publishers 9780821410639
- 1992 Restoring the Land: Environment and Change in Post Apartheid South Africa: Editor, Panos, London UK ISBN978-1870670272
- 1991 Bounds of Possibility – The Legacy of Steve Biko and Black Consciousness: An Overview: Co edited with Pityana et al. David Philip Publisher
ISBN 978-0864862105
- 1989 Uprooting Poverty – The South African Challenge – Report of the Second Carnegie Enquiry into Poverty (co-authored with F. Wilson): David Philip Publishers, Cape Town, South Africa and WW Norton, New York, USA