



Ms. Fébé Potgieter-Gqubule

Former Deputy Chief of Staff of the African Union Commission

Potgieter-Gqubule was Deputy Chief of Staff of the AU Commission, based at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia until March 2017. She was appointed to this position in May 2015, after serving as Advisor for Strategy and Planning to the AU Commission Chairperson, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma since 2012. Prior to joining the African Union, Potgieter-Gqubule was the South African Ambassador and Head of Mission to Warsaw, Poland.

Potgieter-Gqubule currently is a member of the interim board of the SABC, the board of the Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflections (www.mistra.org.za), and of the African City Alliance Think Tank. She previously served as Chairperson of the Board of the Lejweleputswa Development Agency (2009-2013), as Deputy Chairperson of the board of the State Information Technology Agency, SITA (2010-2013), a member of Council of the Mangosotho University of Technology (2012-2014), advisory board of the University of Witwatersrand's Education Policy Unit (EPU) (2011-2013), and the Board of the Education and Training Unit (2002-2012).

She is a director and publisher for Khaloza Books, a small press started in 2017, which publishes fiction and non-fiction for children, teens and young adults.

Fébé worked as NEC Coordinator at the ANC Headquarters from 1998-2004, on the editorial board of the journal *Umrabulo* and served as a member of the National Executive Committee of the African National Congress between 2007 and 2012.

Potgieter-Gqubule served as a Member of Higher Education Restructuring Reference Group (2003-2004), appointed by Minister of Education, Prof. Asmal in May 2003. She chaired the Department of Higher Education's Community and Adult Education Task team (2011-2012), which produced the report on Community Colleges.