

Dr. Nokuzola Mndende's Biography

Dr Nokuzola Mndende holds a PhD in Religious studies from the University of Cape Town. She has specialised in Comparative Religion, African Traditional Religion, feminist/womanist theology and Religion in Education. A lecturer of African Traditional Religion and religion Education at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and at the University of South Africa (UNISA). Has been a Deputy Chairperson for the Commission on Traditional Leadership Disputes and Claims.

She is now an activist for the promotion and protection of the rights of the practitioners of African Traditional Religion in the contemporary society and is also an activist for the elimination of all forms of gender abuse. Is the President of Icamagu Spirituality; a national organisation for African Traditional religion (ATR) in South Africa and also a Director of Icamagu Heritage Institute-an academic institute that develops African Traditional Religion clergy (iiNjoli).

Is a freelance presenter of ATR at Umhlobo Wenene FM, a second largest radio station of the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC). Her radio Program Ibuzwa Kwabaphambili had won an award for the Best Heritage Practitioner from the Eastern Cape Department of Sports Recreation Arts and Culture in 2017.

She has presented papers internationally and has published several books on Heritage and Spirituality. She received an African Tradition Studies Champion Award from the circle of Concerned African Women Theologians.