

## Deputy Chairperson's Profile

Dr Sylvia Mmamohapi Pheto began her career with the new democratic dispensation, working for Central Statistical Service in 1994 and moving to the North West Provincial Legislature in the Committees Section where she provided research and support to various Portfolio Committees of the Legislature. Further, she worked for various Government Departments in the North-West doing research, monitoring and evaluation and went on to work as Parliamentary Officer and Manager responsible for Media Relations and Marketing.

(In 2014) After twenty years of public service, Dr Pheto took sabbatical to grow the family business while undertaking research for her Phd studies and to be active in various civil society formations. She is a Communicator of note, a Project Manager and Civil Society Leader and highly active in organising rural women (mainly) focusing on gender equality and women empowerment. She is currently a member of the National Executive Committee of CONTRALESA and the National General Secretary of CONTRALESA Women Wing.

Dr Pheto holds numerous post-graduate qualifications from various institutions of higher learning amongst which is a Doctoral Degree (PhD) in Political Studies, Masters in Peace Studies and International Relations, and a BA Degree in Communications from North West University. Dr Sylvia Pheto was appointed by his Excellency the President, President Cyril Ramaphosa to serve as a Commissioner to the CRL Rights Commission in the capacity of Deputy Chairperson with effect from the 1st July 2019.