

## **Brief Resume: Linda Olga Nghatsane**

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### **Background**

Linda Olga Nghatsane was born in 1958, February 08 in Muhlava Cross Village that is under Muhlava Tribal Authority in Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. She grew up in a Christian and a farming family. She is the founder and director of Exilite 499 cc, an Agro-processing Enterprise that processes Orange Fleshed Sweet Potato into flour and pasta and Limpopo Church Network (a Non-profit organization) that is focused in community development.

Linda is a passionate farmer; seasoned community-developer/builder who is committed to making a difference in communities.

### **Educational Qualifications**

She holds a diploma in general nursing and midwifery (1981) South African Nursing Council; a diploma in nursing education, (1984) University of the North; BA cur Nursing (1992), UNISA (Education & Community Health); a diploma in project management Cum Laude (2000), Damelin and a Master of Public Health (MPH) (2005) University of Pretoria;

### **Work Experience**

She has worked in Gazankulu College of nursing as a lecturer, (1986 to 1990), Giyani Poultry farm as a farm-manager (1990 to 1994), Vurhonga 1, child survival project, a community-based program as a Health Educator/Field Co-Ordinator, (1994 to 1999) World Relief Mozambique (funded by USAID Central Fund), rural development and consulting (2000 to date) in various countries in Africa, a country manager (2010 to 2024) Willow Creek Community-Church Global connections, a USA based organization, she was stationed in South Africa, Exilite 499, a director managing vegetable production and agro-processing (2012 to date), a director of Limpopo Church Network (NPO), managing responsible for community development and poverty alleviation initiatives (2013 to date)

### **Achievements**

She has accolades of having won several awards including the Shoprite Checkers-SABC 2 business entrepreneur award as well as being an overall winner on for Shoprite Checker SABC 2 Woman of the Year Award and SA Government National Department of Agriculture Female Farmer award respectively thus; becoming the Female Farmer of the Year in 2006 and the Shoprite Checkers Woman of the Year in 2007. She a winner of SA Writers Association Award - Mpumalanga Farmer of the year award in 2008. Recognised for her contributions in Agriculture as a Country winner (South Africa); Regional winner (SADC-South: namely South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho and Swaziland) a Continental winner (Africa) and a life time achiever in *Agriculture of Africa's Most Influential Women in Business and Government and Titans Building Nations* hosted by CEO Global in 2016.

She has been a participant in the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)16 and 17 programs of the United Nations (New York, USA) representing issues that pertains to small holder women farmers, (2007 to 2009)

Above all, she is a Christian and loves the Lord!