

RENEÉ THOMPSON

Reneé Thompson is an experienced Researcher, Parliamentary & Government Liaison Officer with a demonstrated history of working in Parliament and Government for 16 years.

She holds a Masters in Journalism from Stellenbosch University. She is currently doing her PhD with her research topic: The legislative process of the South African Parliament and Portfolio Committees.

Over the course of her career, Reneé held numerous specialised positions, including a number of positions with the African National Congress (ANC) Caucus at Parliament. Her experience includes drafting political party statements for the National Assembly, speech writing, internal communications management, media, communication and stakeholder management.

She also worked as Parliamentary Liaison Officer for two Cabinet Ministers. Reneé was one of the inaugural recipients of the Apolitical Academy Public Service Fellowships.

Thompson Trust runs its corporate social investment programs through Sisters 4 Life, a non-profit organisation which focusses on women empowerment in rural areas of the Western Cape. Sisters 4 Life is a registered NGO who can also issue Section 18A's to donors.

During Womens Month, August 2021, Reneé was chosen as 1 of the 50 Women in Power in South Africa 2021, under the category: The Networking Woman.

Reneé Thompson & Thompson Trust is PRISA accredited for SADC.



RENEÉ THOMPSON - EXPERIENCE

- 1. Thompson Trust Management Consultant (2019 - Present):** Renowned for her astute legislative analysis and unwavering advocacy for human rights and gender equality. Demonstrates exceptional skill in fostering inclusive stakeholder engagement, driving impactful policy outcomes.
- 2. Transformation Manager for Clicks (2018 - 2019):** Spearheaded transformative diversity initiatives, propelling gender equality agendas within the corporate landscape. Successfully navigated complex regulatory frameworks, ensuring seamless compliance with BBBEE legislation while empowering women through the Helping Hands Trust.
- 3. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Parliamentary Liaison Officer (2011 - 2017):** Exemplified unparalleled leadership in supporting executive authority, mastering the intricacies of parliamentary affairs. Orchestrated seamless stakeholder interactions and meticulously coordinated high-profile events, earning accolades for her diplomatic finesse.
- 4. African National Congress (ANC) Parliament Manager (2009 - 2011):** Distinguished for her visionary approach in fortifying internal communications within one of the nation's most prominent political entities. Crafted compelling narratives and curated strategic initiatives, fostering a culture of transparency and cohesion among members.
- 5. Managerial Roles in ANC (2006 - 2009):** Played a pivotal role in managing critical resources and archives, ensuring the preservation of institutional memory. Instrumental in orchestrating impactful ANC events and publications, amplifying the organization's reach and influence.
- 6. Co-founder of NGO Sisters 4 Life:** Pioneered an inspiring grassroots movement dedicated to women's empowerment in rural communities. Leveraging a deep understanding of societal challenges, Renéé and her team championed education and sustainable livelihoods, leaving an indelible mark on countless lives.

RENEÉ THOMPSON - QUALIFICATIONS

Reneé Thompson's formidable qualifications further underscore her candidacy:

1. **PhD in Public & Development Management:** Stellenbosch University (Expected Graduation 2024) - Research Topic: The Role of Parliamentary Committees in the Legislative Process.
2. **Beginners Legislative Drafting:** University of Cape Town (April 2021).
3. **Public Participation: Executive Short Course:** Stellenbosch University (October 2016).
4. **MPhil Journalism:** Stellenbosch University (March 2016).
5. **Digital Social Media Training:** Sentient Communications (May 2009).
6. **Writing for the Media II: Press Releases:** Stellenbosch University (May 2009).
7. **Records Management Course:** National Archives (October 2008).
8. **Communication, Culture and the Image of My Company:** Stellenbosch University (July 2006).
9. **Correspondence in Your Official Capacity:** Stellenbosch University (June 2006).
10. **Writing for the Media I: General:** Stellenbosch University (March 2006).
11. **Light in the Jungle - Advanced - Editing:** The Write CO. (May 2005).
12. **Basic Copy Editing and Proofreading:** John Linnegar (February 2005).
13. **Administration Skills for Office Administrators:** Cape Technikon (September 2004).
14. **BA (Sociology):** Stellenbosch University (1998).

Reneé's comprehensive academic repertoire, complemented by her vast professional experience, positions her as an exceptional candidate poised to elevate the Commission for Gender Equality's mission to new heights.