Dr Audrey Leah Shibambo

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Dr Shibambo is a trained police officer and a qualified social worker, with a total of 36 years’ experience in Law Enforcement. She served a successful 30 years in the South African Police Service (SAPS) retiring at the level of Deputy National Commissioner, with the rank of Lieutenant General. She then served a further 6 years at the Department of Transport Agencies (Cross-Border Road Traffic Agency (C-BRTA) and National Traffic Police) as the Road Transport Inspectorate Commissioner and executive manager responsible for training and corporate services. While working at the Dept of transport, Dr Shibambo led the Inter–Ministerial task team that was responsible for resolving cross-border conflicts between South Africa–Lesotho and South Africa–Mozambique. She facilitated discussions to resolve the conflict, prepared and made presentations to the Ministers of the affected countries, Parliamentary Committees and the SADC Secretariat.

Dr. Shibambo is one of the experts responsible for the rollout of the UN Women *Handbook on Gender Responsive Police Services for Women and Girls Subject to Violence*. In July 2021,

she participated in the Paris Generation Equality session on gender-responsive policing and addressing violence against women and girls. She also presented the rollout of the handbook to the high level meeting of the Tanzania Police management in November 2021.

She is currently the Discipline Leader (HOD) in the School of Policing and Law Enforcement at the STADIO institution of higher learning (a private university in South Africa), for the long-distance students. She also manages wellness centres in the townships, providing social work, primary health care and dance workshops.

Dr Shibambo is the 2nd Vice-President of the International Association of Women Police (IAWP), a position she has held since 2018. Prior to which 2018 she was the 3rd Vice President. In 2013 she was the Conference Director for IAWP’s first Annual Training Conference to be held in Africa.

She has addressed several national and international platforms, on issues related to wellness and advocating for the rights of victims of crime, in particular gender-based violence, sexual harassment, victim-oriented policing and the advancement of women in law enforcement.

Dr Shibambo is a Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership and Change; Her thesis was on improving customer service in Community Service Centres of the South African Police Service to the advantage of victims of crimes. She also holds a Master’s in Public Administration. This dissertation was on improving internal and external Communication in the South African Police Service to benefit victims of crime. In 1991, she qualified as a Social Worker gaining a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from the University of South Africa.