

RESUMÉ OF CONSUL-GENERAL AFRICA

Mr Darkey Africa is South Africa's Consul-General in Lagos, Nigeria. He was born in Huhudi, Vyburg in South Africa. He participated actively in the struggle against Apartheid as an underground operative of the ANC and SACTU in the 1980's until its unbanning. During this time, he served as Publicity Secretary of the Huhudi Civic Association and organiser for the Garment and Allied Workers Union(GAWU) and the South African Railways and Harbours Union(SARHWU)between 1980 and 1985 in Johannesburg and also in the Regional Structures of the United Democratic Front(UDF), as President of the South African Youth Congress (SAYCO) in the then Northern Cape, served in the structures of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU in the then PWV between 1985 to 1990.)He was part of the cadres that established ANC structures in the then Northern Cape after the unbanning in 1990 before the country was restructured into 9 Provinces.When the country was demarcated into 9 Provinces,he served in the Provincial Government of the North West in various capacities from 1994 until 2009.He was then asked to set up the Planning Commission in the North West from 2011 until June 2015 and tasked with the responsibility to draft a Provincial Plan, aligned to the National Development Plan (NDP). From 2002 to 2005, Mr Africa conducted research on both housing and local government and has over the years acquired extensive expertise in provincial and local government during his 10 year tenure as MEC for housing and local government. He has participated and contributed to all relevant local government and housing policies and programmes in South Africa prior to 1994 and beyond. He attended several short courses during his long career in Government, focusing mainly in Economics, International Political Economy, Public Finance and Leadership Development at the following Universities: Birmingham in the UK,Stellenbosch,Unisa,UWC(All in South Africa) and Wharton in Pennsylvania.

He completed his academic studies with the University of the Free-State where he completed two Masters Degrees between 2000 and 2005 in Development studies and Political Transformation and Governance. He enrolled for a

Doctoral Degree (PhD) in 2009 with the University of the Free State with the Thesis “**Role of Parliaments in Foreign Policy**”, but could not complete due to other commitments.

He also completed several short courses with the following institutions:

- University of Birmingham (UK)
Certificate (1991- Six months) Local Government Studies
- All India Institute of Local Government
Certificate (1991 - Three months) Local Self Government
- University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)
Certificate (1996) Leadership Development Programme
- University of the Western Cape
Certificate (1997) Political Economy and Globalisation
- University of Stellenbosch
Certificate (1999) Practical Economics in a South African Context
- University of South Africa (UNISA)
Certificate (2007) Economics and Public Finance

He has been accepted in 2017 for a Master Programme on Global Diplomacy with SOAS, University of London (formerly known as the School of Oriental and African Studies)

Mr Darkey Africa served as the Head of the Planning Commission in the North West Provincial Government. He also served as the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) in following portfolios of the North West Provincial Government: MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, MEC for Finance and Economic Development, MEC for Local Government and Housing Development. An MEC is at the rank or equivalent of a Commissioner in the Federal System.

Mr Darkey Ephraim Africa is married to Thandiwe Doris Africa (Nee Ndlovu)

He was appointed 2015, as the new Consul General of the Republic of South Africa to Lagos, Nigeria and assumed his responsibilities on the 5th May 2016.

Mr Darkey Africa was recently inducted as an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Information Management (FIIM). The Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Information Management is a unique award that is specifically reserved for personalities who have distinguished themselves in the society through service, selflessness and other peculiar contributions through which the lives of many have been affected positively.