

# Prof. MS Zibi

Chairperson of the House of Traditional Leaders

A man  
of stature...

“A rural and traditional expert, passionate about the development of his people and environment.”

## BACKGROUND

- Madoda Shadrack Zibi was born into and raised by a royal family in Khayakhulu, North West, on the 19 September 1946.
- “Madoda enkundla” means men of stature, which is a symbolic meaning of his name as it reflects the role that he plays in today’s society; as bestowed on him by birth, Madoda Shadrack Zibi is the traditional leader of the Amahlubi community in the North West.
- He is married to Thokozile Zibi, with whom he shares two sons and one daughter.

## EDUCATION

- Attended and completed Khayakhulu Primary School in 1961.
- Having been awarded the *Andrew Smith Bursary* from the Presbyterian Church in 1963, he commenced his secondary education at Loveday High School and matriculated in 1967.
- In 1968, he registered at Fort Hare University for a Bachelor of Commerce degree and Master of Arts after receiving the *Reckitt and Colman Bursary* Fund. He completed his degree majoring in Economics, Business Economics and Private Law.
- Having obtained a German scholarship through the South African Council of Churches in 1977 via the *Oekumenisches Studiewerk*, he advanced his education and registered at the Ruhr University Bochum, Germany, for the degree Magister Artium in Social Sciences, which he completed in 1981.
- He obtained a further scholarship to register at the International Management Institute in Riedenburg in Germany. On completion of the course, he was employed by a Housing Cooperative in Cologne and served for six months to gather some experience before returning to South Africa.
- In 1998, he completed a degree of Master of Public Administration at the University of Pretoria

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## EXPERIENCE

- In 1971, before leaving for Germany, he was employed by the Argus Printing and Publishing Company (The Star).
- In 1974 he joined Standard Bank at the Johannesburg Stock Exchange branch.
- Upon his return to South Africa in 1984, he joined Standard Bank in Rustenburg, assuming positions of officer and administrator.
- He was appointed as District Manager at Agricor in 1990.
- He joined the Office of The Premier in 1995 as Development Coordinator, a position that he held until the end of 1996.
- His determination to excel saw him being appointed as Deputy Vice Chancellor Development at the University of Potchefstroom, a role he fulfilled until 1992. He then served as Deputy Vice Chancellor Staff and Students until 2007.
- With intentions to retire in 2011, he was appointed Chairperson of the House of Traditional Leaders in the North West, a position he still currently holds.
- He has maintained acting president positions for Economists Society of South Africa, World Economic Forum, and acting president for Development Society of South Africa.
- He has served as National Treasurer for Contralesa (Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa).
- He was a board member for Aardklop.
- His travels opened up incredible windows of opportunity for him internationally; Ruhr University in Bochum (Germany) invited him in 2001 to discuss a collaboration agreement with the Development Research Institute.
- He has visited the University of Marburg in West Germany under the auspices of the Kuebel Foundation with the aim to discuss cooperatives as a form of development stimulation.
- He was invited by the city of Groningen in Holland to explore possibilities of collaboration.
- He repeatedly attended study sessions at the International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg from 2006 until 2010.
- In 2009, he presented a paper on diversity management in tertiary institutions at the University of Bangkok, Thailand.
- He presented a paper on the Traditional Court’s Bill at the Centre for Science at the University of Berlin, Germany, in May 2011.
- The highlight of his presentation opportunities came in August 2011 when he was invited by the World Bank to a Conference on Access to Justice by the poor.