

Summary Bio
Advocate Shamila Batohi
National Director of Public Prosecutions



- Advocate Shamila Batohi serves in the position of National Director of Public Prosecutions South Africa, the first woman to be appointed in this position.
- Batohi completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Durban Westville and post-graduate LLB degree, at the University of Natal. She started her career as a junior prosecutor in Chatsworth Magistrates Court in 1986.
- In 1995, Batohi was seconded to the Investigation Task Unit, a multi-disciplinary Unit established by the former President Nelson Mandela, to investigate apartheid era atrocities in the province of KwaZulu Natal (KZN).
- In 2000 Batohi was appointed the first Regional Head of the erstwhile Directorate of Special Operations (DSO aka the Scorpions) in KZN. This was a multi-disciplinary Unit set up, in the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), to investigate serious organised crime.
- Batohi is also known for her position as the Leader of the evidence in the high-profile King Commission of Enquiry into cricket match-fixing, which implicated the former South African captain, Hansie Cronje.
- In 2002 Batohi was appointed the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in the province of KZN, a position she held until 2009.
- For much of the last decade, 2009-2109, Batohi served as a Senior Legal Advisor to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court at The Hague, The Netherlands.