



Xolisile Khanyile

Adv Xolisile Khanyile is a career prosecutor who has served different roles in law enforcement agencies for 23 years. Xolisile served in a senior position in the Asset Forfeiture Unit for more than five years and was appointed by the President of South Africa as a Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for eight years, two years in the South Gauteng Division as the Acting DPP and six years in the Free State Division as the DPP.

Since January 2018, she has held the position of Director of the Financial Intelligence Centre (the FIC) of South Africa, where she has been responsible for the strategic and operational functioning of the FIC, ensuring the fulfillment of its domestic and international mandate. She currently holds the Egmont Group Chair position, appointed in July 2022.

As part of her Director role, Xolisile represents the FIC and the Government of South Africa at various international events, allowing her to build necessary relationships with essential stakeholders.

Xolisile has conducted several training sessions, nationally and internationally, for prosecutors and investigators, including the International Symposium on Corruption Hosted by the University of the Free State in 2013 and the International Strategy to Combat Illicit Trafficking in Precious Metals held in Cape Town by the United Nations Inter-regional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) on March 8-9, 2016. Nationally, she presented a paper at the 2016 National Traffic Indaba, Black Association Legal Education Centre: High Court Motion and Ethics Workshop. Xolisile has also provided training on financial crimes, sexual offences, asset forfeiture, corruption, human trafficking, and environmental matters for the Africa Prosecutors Association to numerous African countries, including Mozambique, Mauritius, and Angola and the DRC.

Xolisile holds a B Juris and an LLB degree from the University of Zululand, an MDP from the Business School of the University of Free State (UFS) and an LLM from the UFS, respectively. She attended the Duke University African Women Chartered Accountants' Women Leading Africa Programme in 2015 and graduated in 2016. She also participated in the 4th Innovative Road Safety Management Leadership Programme in Melbourne, Australia, in 2015.