

CURRICULUM VITAE — H.E. AMBASSADOR NOSIPHO NAUSCA-JEAN JEZILE

Born on 20 February 1966 in the Eastern Cape Province of the Republic of South Africa.

Currently the Ambassador in Rome (Italy) and Permanent Representative to the UN Agencies in Rome of the Republic of South Africa, Chair of the African Regional Group (ARG), Member of the FAO Programme Committee and current Chairperson of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS).

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL POSITIONS

- Chairperson African Regional Group in Rome 2023 — current
- Alternate CFS Bureau Member — current up to 27 October 2023
- Member of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP) in 2022
- Member of the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) 2021-2023
- Chairperson of the Directors-General Cluster for International Cooperation, Trade and Security 2020 in the Republic of South Africa
- Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole at the UNCCD COP 13
- Leader of the national delegation to various Conventions and Conferences of Parties (COPs), Climate Change, Bioversity, Convention on Trade in endangered species CITES, UN Committee on Sustainable Development (CSD)
- Member of the OECD Environmental Policy Committee 2019
- Member of the Council Global Environmental Facility
- Served in various governing boards of national entities: 2022 - National Bioversity Institute (formerly South African Botanical Institute), and the South African Tourism Board – 2005

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL REPORTING

Responsibility for Country Reports on implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in which South Africa is a Party (i.e., Chemicals-Basel Convention, Stockholm, UNFCCC-NAMAs, CBD and its protocols, UNCCD).

GEF country evaluation reports as a focal point.

PUBLICATIONS

NBSAP, UNCCD NAP, UNFCCC-NAP, National Adaptation Strategy, Ecosystem based Adaptation Strategy, Nationally Determined Contributions NDC first country version.

POLICIES AND LEGISLATION

National Environmental Management Laws and subsequent amendments up to 2020.

EMPLOYMENT

Former Director General for 12 years of the South African Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, subsequently Environmental Affairs and later Forestry, Fisheries and Environment.

Extensive Leadership experience in the public sector administration, policy development, innovation, and evidence-based program implementation.

Formative role in the implementation of Agenda 21, towards the Millennium Development Goals; initiated the domestication of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, hence under her stewardship South Africa adopted the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; inscribed a list of additional World Heritage Sites under UNESCO; concluded a deal for developing countries to combat desertification targeted at reversing land degradation to improve agricultural potential for global food security; enabled successful hosting of UNFCCC COP 17 in Durban, South Africa - a prelude to the Paris Conference of Parties, and South Africa's ratification of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Science with majors in Biochemistry and Physiology from the University of the Western Cape, including a higher diploma in Education with distinction in physical science and geography from the same university.

Enrolled in various programmes with certification in management practice for total quality management, and organisational leadership at various institutions, including courses on negotiations, and Advanced Management Program (AMP188) at Harvard Business School in Boston.

Matriculated with senior certification for university qualification at Nyanga Senior Secondary School in 1984.