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In February Woza Moya underwent a process of developing and strengthening Governance Structures. We are thrilled to introduce a professional, dynamic and diverse new Board of Directors at Woza Moya:

DR AMON KASAMBALA

CHAIR

Originally from Zambia and Malawi, now permanent resident in South Africa, holds a doctorate degree in Social Sciences from the University of Stellenbosch. He is Founder and CEO of the Global Advisory Plan Services (GAPS), a multinational leadership and management consultancy providing leadership training, organizational development and management support to corporate businesses and international organizations. Amon's work experience spans across 26 countries in Sub Saharan Africa. His academic background has seen him on various international platforms, such as being a distinguished guest speaker at the United Nations Forum for African based international diplomats at the UN in New York. We are honored at Woza Moya to have him as our new Chair. Amon is married and father of 2 sons.



PUMLA MABIZELA

VICE CHAIR

Pumla has been working in the field of development for 24 years. Pumla was born in Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape, moving to Lesotho to attend high school. Her development career began at an early age with a local organization GROW, in Lesotho. Pumla joined the Oxfam Australia team in 2003 in Durban, overseeing many NGOs, including Woza Moya. In 2016 Oxfam closed down in South Africa, and Pumla was offered a managerial position at Biowatch, an environmental advocacy NGO. A highlight in her career was attending the Coady Institute at St Francis Xavier University with other young citizen leaders from around the world, to address contemporary global challenges and opportunities. Pumla is passionate about changing peoples' lives; she loves to be surrounded by young people and new ideas. She speaks Xhosa, Sesotho, English, isiZulu fluently and a little Pedi. Pumla has 3 children, a son in law and 2 grandchildren.





JOVITA DA SILVA TREASURER

A long standing supporter of Woza Moya since it started in 2000; she does a lot of volunteer work for us, and has an intimate knowledge of our organization. Jovita graduated from the University of Cape Town with a Bachelor of Social Science degree and a Higher Diploma in Education (PGP), in 1983. She works in a managerial position in a large dynamic family retail business in Durban. Jovita has a keen interest in Complementary Therapies; she is a registered Therapeutic Aromatherapist and Reiki practitioner. She is a founder member of Aromatherapy Society of South Africa and its Chairperson for several years. Jovita loves the outdoors, hiking and travelling. She has a passion for crafts and has been volunteering, helping steer the Woza Moya craft projects for the past 4 years.

DR BONGIWE NDLOVU

Bongiwe was born in 1985 in Ufafa Valley. Growing up in a poor family, she attended local schools, excelling academically, in particular in Maths and Science, her favourite subjects. Against all odds, Bongiwe went on to study in Durban at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), where she completed her MMedSc (Pediatrics), BSc Hons (Medical Biochemistry) and BSc (Biomedical Science). She recently finished her PhD degree in Medical Virology at the HIV Pathogenesis Programme, UKZN. As an academic she is now doing research in the field of HIV-1 vaccine development. She is also a lecturer in the school of Laboratory Medicine and Medical Sciences at the UKZN. Bongiwe has been the recipient of many awards: the Department of Science and Technology Doctoral Fellowship Award in the South African Women in Science 2012; the prestigious Columbia University South African Forgarty HIV/ Aids international award, to do her laboratory training in the US. She was recognized by the Golden Key international award as one of the top 15% students within her university.





S'PHESIHLE RADEBE

Also born in Ufafa Valley, in 1987, is an Environmental practitioner. After completing a Bachelor of Social Science degree, in Geography and Rural Resource Management, he continued to do his Honours in Geography and Environmental Management, at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He also holds a certificate in Project Management from Varsity College. S'phesihle later joined Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) as an Environmental Education officer. He has a keen interest in community development, social change, natural resource management and environmental planning. He also enjoys mentoring young stars, helping them to shape their careers. He is currently doing his masters in Environmental Sciences at Rhodes University in Grahamstown.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS:

SUE HEDDEN
DIRECTOR

BENEDICTA MEMELA
MANAGER

JANE NXASANE
MANAGER

THERESA SAMUELSON
ACCOUNTANT

The COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (previously called Management Committee) continues to have official legal status, although the buck now stops with this newly appointed BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALSO IN FEB

One of our oldest partners, Clowns without Borders South Africa, spent a week at Woza Moya, visiting the Ufafa Valley schools. Clown, Siphon Mdlletshe's shares his reflections <http://cwbsa.org/node/647>





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