
PROFILE OF SHONISANI TIKVA MASUTHA

Declared Top 100 South African Shining Star by Inside Education and subsequently top 8 in the Sports and Recreation category, Shonisani Masutha is not only influential in South Africa but is a global representation of hope even on international platforms. She was profiled as a game-changer by SABC Sport and embraced as a 'woman in sport' by Limpopo Sport Zone.

Shonisani has been of great service in the numerous sport federations in which she served as an executive member. These include being a student ambassador of the International University Sport Federation (FISU), a former executive member of University Sport South Africa (USSA), a chairperson of the student committee of the African University Sport Federation (FASU) and currently an assessor of the Confederation of Universities and Colleges Sport Association (CUCSA). Her most recent project was organizing the 2020 FISU Volunteer Leaders Academy (FVLA) held in Kazan, Russia.

The University of Venda Convocation would benefit greatly from her international network. Furthermore, she remains dedicated to both academic and professional growth. Since graduating from the University of Venda with a bachelor's degree in Social Work, Shonisani completed a Master's in Public Health specializing in Policy and Health Management, a cum laude in Advance Health Management from Yale University, a second Masters in Sports Administration from the Russian International Olympic University (RIOU) and is currently pursuing her Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management.

Her eight years' professional expertise ranges from multi-sports and federations management, social work as well as health management and policy. She currently works for the International University Sport Federation (FISU) as a Regional Sport Events Coordinator for the African continent. She previously worked as a Sub-District Manager tasked with several projects focusing on HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, early detection and HIV Testing Services. She is a qualified Public Health Practitioner with a competitive approach towards policy making, implementation and analysis. The well-being of communities has a special place in her heart".

She is former Deputy President of UNIVEN SRC, former Limpopo Provincial Secretary of the South Africa Students Congress (SASCO) and was tasked with amongst other responsibilities to be a custodian of the organizational funds and to fundraise on behalf of four University campuses and over 20 TVET Colleges within the Province.

Given all of the above, she is, without doubt, an asset to the University Convocation. Lastly and most importantly, she comes with fresh ideas drawn from her global movement, some of which have not been explored within the country.

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