

1. PERSONAL DETAILS



The image above documents Ms Seer Siya Hlongwa after facilitating a regular training session with the Human Rights Commission.

INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY OF NOT OPTIONAL, BUT A CENTRAL GOAL IN DEMOCRACY

Training and workshop initiatives with the Human Rights Commission are always open to discussion and debates on various perspectives that balance the rights and responsibilities on government, civil-society, business and multi-lateral partners in the co-production of peace and security in our systems as the Republic of South Africa.

Ms Seer Siya Hlongwa chairs sessions as a guest and friend to the Human Rights Commission to create awareness on diversity and inclusion in all sections of the economy.

Full Name: Seer Siya Hlongwa

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Strategic human rights advocate, media practitioner, and civic engagement leader with extensive experience in public discourse, governance participation, gender equality advocacy, and constitutional awareness initiatives.

Demonstrated commitment to promoting respect for human rights, strengthening democratic accountability, and advancing equality and social justice in South Africa, in alignment with the mandate of the South African Human Rights Commission and the principles of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Recognized for strong capabilities in policy advocacy, human rights communication, public education, stakeholder engagement, and social impact initiatives across civil society, media platforms, and community leadership spaces.

Experienced in strategic communication, human rights awareness campaigns, gender justice advocacy, and civic education initiatives, with a proven ability to engage diverse audiences and institutions in advancing constitutional rights.

3. CORE COMPETENCIES

Human Rights Advocacy

Constitutional Governance

Gender Equality & Social Justice

Public Policy Awareness

Strategic Communications

Media Engagement & Public Education

Civil Society Leadership

Human Rights Monitoring & Reporting

Stakeholder Engagement

Democratic Accountability

Public Participation & Civic Education

Digital Media Strategy

Institutional Governance Awareness

Community Mobilisation

Research and Policy Commentary

4. RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Director

Resilience Rising Initiative (RRI)

South Africa

A civic and social development initiative focused on human rights awareness, gender equality advocacy, leadership development, and community empowerment.

Key Contributions:

- Developed and led initiatives promoting human rights education and social justice awareness in line with constitutional values.
- Facilitated public discussions and digital advocacy campaigns addressing gender-based violence, social inequality, and civic participation.

- Built partnerships with leaders and organisations supporting human rights, women’s leadership, and democratic accountability initiatives.
- Promoted public awareness of constitutional rights and responsibilities through media and digital platforms.

Media Strategist, Content Creator & Public Engagement Practitioner

Independent Media Platforms | South Africa & International

Developed and managed public engagement platforms focused on social commentary, human rights awareness, leadership discourse, and public interest issues.

Key Contributions:

- Produced digital content promoting human rights literacy, civic participation, and social accountability.
- Engaged international and local audiences in discussions relating to democratic governance, gender equality, and social justice.
- Utilised digital media platforms to advance public dialogue on constitutional rights and societal challenges.
- Collaborated with public institutions, organisations, and stakeholders on communication strategies related to social impact initiatives.

5. GOVERNANCE & PUBLIC SERVICE ENGAGEMENT

Candidate – National Council on Gender-Based Violence

Shortlisted Candidate | South Africa | 2026

Selected among top national candidates for appointment to the National Council on Gender-Based Violence, reflecting recognition of leadership and expertise in gender justice advocacy and policy engagement.

Responsibilities included preparation for participation in parliamentary oversight structures, policy engagement, and national human rights frameworks.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL IMPACT FOCUS AREAS

Gender-Based Violence Prevention

Human Rights Promotion and Protection

Constitutional Literacy

Gender Equality Advocacy

Public Awareness Campaigns

Community Empowerment Initiatives

Leadership Development

Social Justice Advocacy

Media and Human Rights Communication

7. EDUCATION

Master of Science in Development Planning Degree Qualification

The University of the Witwatersrand

Graduated 2021

Additional Training / Professional Development:

Human Rights Awareness

Media Communication Strategy

Public Engagement and Civic Education

Leadership and Social Impact Advocacy

8. ALIGNMENT WITH COMMISSION MANDATE

My professional work reflects direct alignment with the statutory mandate of the South African Human Rights Commission as outlined in the South African Human Rights Commission Act, 2013.

Key alignment areas include:

Promotion of a culture of human rights

Advancement of equality and social justice

Public awareness of constitutional rights

Advocacy against gender-based violence

Monitoring social conditions affecting human dignity

Encouraging civic participation in democratic processes

9. DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information contained in this curriculum vitae is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I consent to verification of my qualifications and suitability screening as required by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa.

Signature: *S. Hlongwa*

Seer Siya Hlongwa

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