

CURRICULUM VITAE OF NTSIKI JOSEPH MASHIMBYE



Ntsiki Joseph Mashimbye has served as South Africa's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Arab Republic of Egypt since January 2021.

Ambassador Mashimbye previously served as South Africa's Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) from 2010 – 2016 and to the Federative Republic of Brazil from 2016 to 2020.

In the DRC he played an important role in the work of the Regional Oversight Mechanism for Peace, Security, and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Great Lakes Region. He represented the South African President in the Technical Support Committee of the Regional Oversight Mechanism. The main task of this mechanism was to silence the guns and create a conducive environment for investment, economic development and cooperation.

As part of the Great Lakes Regional Oversight Mechanism, Ambassador Mashimbye represented South Africa in a number of Conferences, Summits and Seminars of the African Union, European Union and the United Nations in and around the globe. Ambassador Mashimbye was instrumental in concluding the RSA-DRC Treaty on the Grand Inga Hydro-electrical Power Generation.

Under Ambassador Mashimbye's leadership, South Africa's trade deficit with Brazil was significantly reduced whilst conversely, foreign direct investment from Brazil to South Africa had increased. Ambassador Mashimbye also oversaw South Africa's successful participation in all BRICS related meetings leading up to the 11th BRICS Summit under Brazil's chairship of the bloc in 2019. Africa-Brazil relations were also strengthened under Ambassador Mashimbye's stewardship through the deepening of project-based cooperation with the Brazil-Africa Institute. All of these achievements were accomplished despite having to navigate bilateral relations through three ideologically different Brazilian administrations.

Between 2005-2009, Mashimbye was engaged in various entrepreneurial ventures and was a Senior Manager in the Property Group of Investec Bank. At various intervals, he was also Executive Chairman of AA (Kirsh) Emergency Services and Fire Raiders Pty Ltd.

For a decade, from 1994 to 2004, Mashimbye was the youngest elected Member of the New Democratic Parliament of the Republic of South Africa (The National Assembly) and was Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence and Chairman of the Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services.

As Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee of Defence (JSCD), which is established under the South African Constitution, Mashimbye led the Parliamentary oversight role of the Armed Forces and also oversaw the formulation and implementation of the Defence Review.

Ambassador Mashimbye served in the Armed Forces and holds the rank of Colonel in the Air Defence Artillery.

He is 52-years old and was born Pretoria where he began his political activism that led to his detention without trial by the apartheid government. He was forced into exile (in Angola, Germany, USSR and Zambia) at an early age.

Ambassador Mashimbye holds a diploma in Political Studies from the Jugendhochschule Willem Piecke in Berlin, Germany.

He is currently studying towards a Master's degree in International Relations at the University of Johannesburg.

He is married, has six children and is a passionate golfer.