

# H.E. Amb. Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter



Ms. Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter has served as South Africa's Chief Negotiator and Deputy Director-General (DDG) in the International Trade and Economic Division (ITED) at Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) since October 2014. This entailed the development and implementation of trade, intellectual property rights and investment policy. She has led South Africa's trade negotiations with various partners, including the European Union, UK and Mercosur. At the regional and African continental level, this included leading trade negotiations, bilateral and regional trade engagements in the Southern Africa Customs Union, Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), the Tripartite Free Trade Area negotiations between East African Community, Common Market for East and Southern Africa and SADC and the African Continental Free Trade Agreement. She has also led negotiations on behalf of South Africa in a number of multilateral platforms such as the G20, BRICS and the Commonwealth.

Ms. Mlumbi-Peter joined the dti as Director: NEPAD/AU in September 2005 and was appointed as the Chief Director for Africa Multilateral Economic Relations in May 2008 to drive regional economic integration in Africa.

She is an accredited Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution Mediator.