

Western Cape Provincial Security Advisory Committee: Background information and short biography of members

Section 26 of the Western Cape Community Safety Act stipulates that the WCPSAC must consist of:

The **representative from the judiciary, the Cape Bar or the Cape Law Society** is **Judge Ntlupheko Yekiso**, who started his career as a court interpreter in Worcester and eventually became a Judge of the Western Cape High Court. Judge Yekiso was the first African lawyer to open a practice in Cape Town. He enrolled at UNISA and he completed his B. Proc Degree in 1978. He completed his articles of clerkship in Cape Town and was admitted as an attorney in 1979. During this time he furthered his studies and in 2000 was conferred a Master's degree in Constitutional Law from the University of the Western Cape. In July 2002 he was appointed as an acting judge and three months later he was appointed permanently to the bench of the Western Cape High Court.

The **representative from a non-governmental organisation** involved in policing or related areas is **Ms Clare Ballard**, a practicing attorney. She is currently the Programme Head for the Penal Reform Programme for Lawyers for Human Rights. Her research and academic expertise include constitutional law, penology, policing, use of force and criminal justice. She has extensive knowledge and has authored a number of academic articles, papers and opinion editorials in the field of criminal justice. She holds both a BA and LLB degree from the University of Cape Town, a course in Advanced Constitutional Law from the University of Witwatersrand and a Master's in Law from Cornell University in New York.

The **senior academic with experience in the field of criminology** is **Professor Clifford Shearing**, a senior scholar at the University of Cape Town's Law Faculty, a Professor at the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice with Griffith University, Australia and the School of Criminology at the University of Montreal. He also holds visiting positions at the Australian National University and the University of New South Wales. Prior to 2014, he held the positions of the South African National Research Foundation Chair in Security and Justice, as well as the Chair of Criminology and the Director of the Centre of Criminology at the University of Cape Town from 2006-2013. He obtained a Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Toronto in 1977. Professor Shearing is a well-established and internationally recognised scholar in the field of policing and security. His research and writing has focused on the development of theoretical understandings that can be used to enhance the quality of security and justice governance.

The **representative of the business community** is **Mr Crispin Sonn**, a member of the Board of Advisors at the Graduate School of Business at the University of Cape Town. He holds the position of Chairperson of Foodforward and is a member of the Board of Members of Food Bank South Africa as well as the Non-Executive Director of the Luxembourg and Toronto based mining company Frontier Rare Earths. He is the Executive - Director of Gamiro Holdings, which has a 51% interest in Khana Energy, a company that has interests in various renewal energy projects. Gamiro Holdings also owns Gamiro Advisory Services (Pty) Ltd. which is a professional advisory practice. He holds a BA degree in Social Science and Humanities from the University of Cape Town, an Honours degree in Business and Administration from Stellenbosch Business

School and completed the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Programme (AMP).

Finally, **Mr Gideon Morris** is the Head of Department: Community Safety and is appointed as an ex-officio member to the WCP SAC.

All four Members embody the spirit of community and bring expertise, talent and a wealth of experience to the Western Cape Provincial Safety Advisory Committee. The Minister of Community Safety welcomes members of such a high calibre on the Committee and looks forward to their contribution to the improvement of safety in the Western Cape Province.