



Lydia Sindisiwe Chikunga
Deputy Minister of Transport, South Africa

Honourable Lydia Sindisiwe Chikunga, MP is the National Deputy Minister of Transport in the Republic of South Africa. She was appointed in June 2012 to date. Her priority areas of responsibilities under her Portfolio as the Deputy Minister of Transport broadly involve:

- Parliament & Cabinet programmes
- Transport Safety and Security in the Aviation, Maritime, Rail and Road Safety disciplines
- Oversight of Strategic Programmes in Maritime such as The National Oceans Economy (Operation Phakisa –Blue Economy)
- Oversight the Transformation Programme of the Transport Sector
- Champions Women, Youth and People Living with Disability Enterprise Development within the Transport Sector – under the banner of the South African Network of Women in Transport (SANWIT)
- Oversight of The Department of Transport State Owned Entities (SOEs)
- Oversight of Provincial Departments of Transport
- Stakeholder Management and International Relations
- Represents the National Department of Transport in the South African AIDS Council
- A member of the Benguela Current Commission
- A member of the Presidential Infrastructure Coordinating Commission (PICC) Secretariat, Management Committee and PICC Council.

She holds the following qualifications a Master's degree in Nursing from the University of Pretoria, BA Honours from UNISA, a Diploma in Midwifery and a Nursing Science Diploma both from Edendale Nursing College. She is currently studying towards a Master's degree in Political Science. She is not only a passionate, self-driven health and transport sector empowerment practitioner; She is a tried and tested, selfless, and tireless leader of the African National Congress, a feisty hardworking advocate for a holistic socioeconomic development and emancipation of women and the rural poor.