

## **Zinzi Mgolodela:**

Zinzi Mgolodela is Director: Corporate Affairs Woolworths SA.



Zinzi has headed up the BEE and Transformation portfolio at Woolworths for more than ten years. Under her leadership, the BEE and Transformation office has partnered the business consistently on the company's transformation journey. In this role, she was responsible for leading and facilitating the implementation of the transformation strategy using BBBEE as one of the transformation tools and framework across the business.

Zinzi has been instrumental in developing a sustainable model for Enterprise and Supplier Development at Woolworths, with some notable successes deriving shared value for the entrepreneurs involved and the Woolworths supply chain. Prior to this appointment, Zinzi was the Corporate Social Investment Manager at Woolworths, developing the company's CSI strategy and successfully managing the Woolworths Trust activities.

In 2017, Zinzi was appointed to the WSA EXCO as Director of Corporate Affairs reporting to Woolworths CEO, Zyda Rylands. This new role combines the portfolios of BEE, Transformation and Stakeholder Relations.

Zinzi represents Woolworths at the Retail Association (RA) and was nominated by the RA to the Development Chamber of Nedlac. She also represents the Retail Association in Business Unity SA (BUSA). In 2015, she was awarded with the National Manager of the Year award by BMF. She further extends her passion for development and inclusivity in the boards of NGOs she is a member of. She is an active board member of Gold; Restitution Foundation and The Clothing Bank. She is also a trustee in the Woolworths Trust as well as in the Wooltru Healthcare Fund. Before Woolworths, Zinzi held different functions in corporate South Africa driving issues and strategies on Empowerment, Sponsorships, CSI and HIV/AIDS amongst other things. She was hugely influenced towards socio-economic issues by the University of the Western Cape where she graduated with a BCom degree and a Honours degree in Business Economics.

Zinzi is a proud mom of three (a boy and two girls) and hails from the Eastern Cape.