



**Minister Barbara Creecy**

### **Current position**

In July 2024 Ms Barbara Creecy was appointed to serve as the Minister of Transport in the new Government of National Unity. Ms Creecy served as the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment of the Republic of South Africa between 2019 and 2024. In November 2019, Ms Creecy was also elected as the President of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN).

Ms Creecy is one of the leaders of the African National Congress (ANC) and currently serves as a member of the National Executive Committee and National Working Committee.

### **Career**

Ms Creecy was one of the longest serving Members of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature. She joined the legislature in 1994, and until 2004, served in different portfolios including Deputy Chief Whip as well as Chairperson of the Social Development and Education Committees.

- 2004 – 2009 Member of the Executive Council for Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture.
- 2009 – 2014 Member of the Executive Council for Education.
- 2014 – 2019 Member of the Executive Council for Finance.

### **Education**

Minister Creecy holds an Honours Degree in Political Science from the University of the Witwatersrand and a Masters Degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of London.

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**Mr Kganki Matabane**

Kganki is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Black Business Council, an umbrella body of black business in South Africa. He is a highly experienced and seasoned business executive with over 27 years of operational and strategy execution experience, including doing business in

more than 10 countries in the African continent, covering the telecommunications, policy, power utilities, rail logistics, motor retail, Bus Rapid Transport, policy, advocacy, and mining sectors.

He had served and still serves on boards as both Executive and Non-Executive Director. He also served as a Co-Executive Sponsor: Business for South Africa (B4SA) where he worked on the post-covid-19 Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan for South Africa, amongst other matters of national interest.

He is a member of the Presidential BBBEE Advisory Council.

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**Mr Howard Rosen C.B.E, M.A. (Oxon)**

Howard Rosen was born in 1955 and grew up in London. He studied law at Exeter College, Oxford University, and was awarded his degree in Jurisprudence in 1978. He qualified as an English solicitor in 1980. Post qualification, he initially worked in private practice in a London solicitors' firm. From 1981 to 1988, he was in-house counsel for international leasing companies specialising in the legal and tax aspects of international finance. In 1983, he was moved to Zurich by his then employer

At the beginning of 1989, Howard returned to private practice as an English Solicitor and established Howard Rosen Solicitors, an English law firm, in Zug, Switzerland. He specialises in international commercial and finance law, international leasing law and trusts. Aside from being the principal of Howard Rosen Solicitors, he is also founder and Managing Director of Rosetrust AG, Zug, a commercial trust company, and Aviation & Transport Services GmbH, both also based in Zug.

Since 1996, Howard Rosen has been the chairman of the Rail Working Group, a global NGO constituted by UNIDROIT, the International Institute for Unification of Private Law, which is focused on the adoption around the world of the Luxembourg Rail Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment. He has been actively involved in the development, drafting, and ratification of the Cape Town Convention itself and the Aviation and (Luxembourg) Rail Protocols thereto. He has participated in various diplomatic conferences and taken a leading role in drafting and negotiating contracts, regulations for the international registry, and the UN Model Rules on permanent identification of railway rolling stock, all relating to the operation of the Luxembourg Rail Protocol. He works closely with governments, parliamentarians, academics, and international organisations including UNIDROIT, OTIF, the OECD, the European Union Commission, the African Union, and the United Nations Economic Commissions in Europe and Africa, as well as with financiers, operators, manufacturers, and professional advisers in the rail industry.

Howard Rosen is a contributor to numerous journals and books on asset finance, railways, and trusts, and is a regular speaker and moderator at rail workshops, seminars and conferences around the world.

Howard is a member of the Law Society of England and Wales, the International Bar Association, and the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners. He is also enrolled as a Solicitor in the Republic of Ireland. He is a correspondent of UNIDROIT, a member of the Institute of Directors, London, and a former president and now honorary councillor of the British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce. He was president of the Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Europe (COBCOE) from 2005 to 2012 and continued to run its Public Affairs Commission until 2016.

In the 2003 Queen's Birthday Honours, Howard was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for services to British business in Switzerland.

He has British and Swiss nationality, is married with two sons, lives in Zurich, and in his spare time, sings in a local choir, skis, and is a keen aquarist.

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**Mr Rudi Dicks**

Rudi Dicks is the Head of the Project Management Office (PMO) in the Private Office of the President of the Republic of South Africa. He leads several strategic national initiatives, including the Presidential Employment Stimulus, the Presidential Youth Employment Initiative, and the coordination of the Just Energy Transition Investment Plan. He is also at the helm of Operation Vulindlela, a joint initiative of the Presidency and National Treasury aimed at accelerating structural reforms to unlock investment, improve service delivery, and drive inclusive economic growth.

Under his leadership, the PMO supports regulatory and policy reform, tackles bottlenecks to infrastructure development, and coordinates the Presidency's work on local government reform, including multi-stakeholder initiatives such as the Presidential Working Groups in eThekweni and Johannesburg. He has been central to efforts to stabilise and restructure key sectors of the economy, including energy, freight logistics, telecommunications, and water—driving reforms that have helped lift generation caps on independent power producers, catalysed investment in embedded energy, and enabled greater broadband access.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr Dicks played a pivotal role in ensuring that critical sectors remained operational. He was instrumental in facilitating rapid regulatory responses, supporting essential production, and ensuring the continuity of the food and health supply chains. He has also led high-level engagements to respond to the July 2021 unrest, the port and rail crisis, and extortion and violence affecting commercial infrastructure, helping to shape national interventions.

Prior to joining the Presidency, Rudi served as an Outcomes Facilitator at the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME), where he was responsible for economic and infrastructure outcomes. There, he established the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment System (SEIAS), now widely applied across government to assess the impact of policies and regulations.

He previously served as Executive Director of the National Labour and Economic Development Institute (NALEDI), the research arm of COSATU, from 2008 to 2013, and has worked within the labour movement since 1994. Rudi holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Principles and a Master of Science (MSc) in Finance from the University of London, as well as a Management Advanced Programme qualification from the Wits Business School.

Known for strategic insight, and unwavering dedication to public service, Rudi Dicks has earned a reputation—locally and internationally—as one of the most effective and creative public officials of his generation. In recognition of his work, he was honoured in 2021 with an international award for bureaucratic innovation.