

## **Duduzile Mnisi-Khoza**

Women in Tourism Chapter Chairperson Mpumalanga Provincial Business: Dakarai Boutique Hotel



Duduzile Mnisi-Khoza is a successful entrepreneur with 25 years of experience. Her unique boutique hotel and event venue offers township tourism and hospitality experiences in the heart of Thulamahashe in the Mpumalanga province.

"My venture integrates cultural tourism, wellness tourism, and eco-tourism to highlight the richness of our region. We are also actively involved in destination marketing, skills development, and we host curated tourism experiences."

"I envision my business as a model for inclusive and sustainable tourism that empowers local communities, promotes cultural pride, and supports youth employment. Through strategic partnerships, we aim to expand into a destination management company that links rural experiences with global markets. Ultimately, our contribution will be in building a tourism economy that leaves no one behind," Mnisi-Khoza said.

## **Tourism Leader**

Mnisi-Khoza leads the Women in Tourism (WiT) Chapter that fosters collaboration among women entrepreneurs across the Mpumalanga province. Through the WiT Chapter, she envisions a transformed industry where women are recognised for their contribution to the sector, especially their efforts elevating rural tourism as a driver of inclusive economic growth.

"I'm inspired by the women and youth in our communities who are full of potential but lack access and opportunity. Knowing that my work can open doors, uplift families, and showcase the beauty of our heritage motivates me to work hard. Seeing lives transformed through tourism is my greatest reward," She adds.

## **Community Builder**

Born in Buyisonto Bushbuckridge in the Mpumalanga province, Mnisi-Khoza has dedicated her life to empowering women, developing rural tourism, and creating platforms for youth to thrive in the tourism sector.

"I have recently opened a foundation called Dakarai that seeks to empower the youth in my community. The youth need guidance that will set them up for success. Through the foundation we are able to provide mentorship, assist with career guidance, pay for capacity training," Khoza concluded.

## **Word of Encouragement**



Do not wait for perfect conditions — start with what you have and where you are. Your story, your roots, and your passion are your greatest assets. Step boldly, support one another, and know that as women in tourism, we are not just creating businesses— we are building legacies.









