



**SADA**  
THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
DENTAL ASSOCIATION

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**TITLE:**

**SADA's FDI NLO DR KHANYI MAKWAKWA APPOINTED TO THE FDI WOMEN DENTISTS WORLDWIDE BOARD**

**STATEMENT:**

**The South African Dental Association is proud to announce the appointment of their FDI Liaison Officer at the FDI to the FDI Board of Women Dentists Worldwide**

**GAUTENG – 26 September 2022**

SADA is thrilled to report that Dr Louisa Nokukhanya Makwakwa, has been elected to the FDI Women in Dentists Worldwide Board. Congratulations!

Dr Khanyi Makwakwa was recently re-appointed to her post as SADA's FDI Liaison Officer. She serves the South African Dental Association and the profession with excellence, focusing her networking efforts on ensuring the optimum engagement of SADA in the FDI.

As the SADA NLO, she attended the annual FDI parliament and World dental congress and presented the SADA amalgam policy statement at the 2021 virtual World Dental Federation 2021 (Sydney, Australia) She was also invited as a speaker to speak on the following topic '*Covid – 19 - A year in review – South Africa*'.

She is a specialist in the Department of Community Dentistry at the Sefako and serves as a Board member of the Health Professions Council of South Africa. She began her oral health career as a Dental Therapist and went on to complete a Bachelor of Dental Surgery, an advanced Diploma in Clinical Dentistry, and a Master's degree in Public Health.

With oral health care experience spanning over 20 years, in academia, public, private and mining sectors Dr Makwakwa has gained extensive insight into diverse sectors and is not unaware of the challenges and opportunities in both the micro and macro oral health environments.

Khanyi has a passion for Public Health and continued education for oral health professionals. She has served as the SADA FDI International Liaisons Officer. During her tenure, she participated in the annual FDI Parliament and World Dental Congress where policies on oral health were deliberated and finalized. She has made valuable contributions during these sessions and ensured that policies adopted incorporated nuances peculiar to the South African and greater African context. Dr Makwakwa has acted as the primary contact between the FDI and the South African Dental Association.

**FDI Women Dentists Worldwide** exists to co-ordinate the activities of the national groups; promote the collection of information about women dentists and their patterns of working; address inequalities where they exist; facilitate contacts between women worldwide and enhance their full participation in all branches of the profession.

**Ends**

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**About SADA:**

The South African Dental Association (SADA) is the peak national body for the dental profession in South Africa representing the large majority of active registered dentists, both in the public and private sectors in South Africa. It is a non-profit professional association with a voluntary membership organisation represented by a total of 11 branches, one in every province of the Republic of South Africa, with Gauteng and Eastern Cape provinces having two branches each. The Association represents the interests of both the oral health profession and its members in South Africa.

The Association is committed and engaged in processes relating to setting industry standards and formulating policies. Learn more about SADA at <https://www.sada.co.za>

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