

**Bio: Jeremiah Nyamane Mamabolo (Kinglsey Mamabolo)**  
**South African High Commissioner to the United Kingdom**



High Commissioner Mamabolo has had a remarkable career in diplomacy, spanning several decades.

He began his journey in 1978 as the Deputy Head of Mission for the African National Congress (ANC) in Tanzania, before taking on the same role in Zimbabwe in 1985.

He subsequently served as the ANC's Head of Mission in Mozambique, Cuba, and Zimbabwe, where he represented the ANC during pivotal moments in southern African history.

Following South Africa's transition to democracy, Mamabolo became High Commissioner to Zimbabwe in 1994.

His diplomatic assignments expanded over the years to encompass roles as South Africa's Ambassador to Ethiopia, Sudan, and Djibouti, and as the nation's Permanent Representative to the African Union.

In 2002, Mamabolo was appointed Deputy Director-General for African Affairs within the Department of Foreign Affairs, where he served until 2006.

This was followed by a key role as South Africa's Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region. Between 2009 and 2013, he served as High Commissioner to Nigeria, and subsequently, he represented South Africa at the United Nations in New York.

His global diplomatic experience culminated in his appointment in 2017 as the Joint Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chairperson of the African Union, a role he held until 2021. Fluent in multiple languages, including English, Zulu, Xhosa, Sesotho, Setswana, and Afrikaans, Mamabolo holds a Master's in public administration from the University of Pretoria and a diploma in journalism from Harare Polytechnic College.

Born in 1955, he is married and has 4 children.

**Bio: Thanisa Naidu-Lewin**

**Political Counsellor (Multilateral) at the South African High Commission**



Thanisa Naidu-Lewin is currently Political Counsellor (Multilateral) at the South African High Commission in London, having served previously in Canberra, Australia as Deputy Head of Mission and Legal Counsellor in The Hague, The Netherlands.

During her posting to The Hague, Thanisa was South Africa's legal representative to the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice.

As Deputy Head of Mission in Canberra, she oversaw bilateral political, economic and cultural relations between South Africa and Australia.

In London, Thanisa's multilateral portfolio covers South Africa's membership of the Commonwealth, the G20, the African Union, BRICS and the South African Chamber of Commerce UK.