



Poppy Khoza

Director of Civil Aviation, South African Civil Aviation Authority

Having worked in various aviation management roles, Ms Poppy Khoza has over 15 years' experience in senior management positions.

Until recently, she served for two years consecutively as the Chairperson of the International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) Aviation Security Panel, a historical position for a woman.

Effective from 01 December 2018, Ms Khoza was recently reappointed for a second five-year term as Director of Civil Aviation (CEO) at the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA). She is the only woman to have occupied this position since the inception of the SACAA.

She is an accomplished leader and achiever. Over the years, Ms Khoza has received many accolades including the Aviation Sector and Regional (SADC) Award at the CEO Global Pan African Awards which she received in October 2018. The CEO Global Pan African Awards promote the growth and prosperity of the African continent and as part of these efforts, recognition is given to the women and men leading and achieving in their regional sectors. Ms Khoza has also achieved recognition for her contribution to Aviation Safety and Security by an international body, the Centre for Economic and Leadership Development in March 2018.

Furthermore, she also received the Best Chief Executive Officer Award, which was conferred to her during the 2018 Annual Transport Awards, hosted by the Minister of Transport. She had won this particular award before, i.e. in 2015, and was a runner-up on one occasion, i.e. in 2016.

Ms Khoza was named the Business Leader of the Year during the annual Oliver Empowerment Awards held in April 2018. She is also the winner of the 2016 Top

Empowered Public Service Leader of the Year award, conferred during the 15th Oliver Empowerment Awards. She was also named winner of the Agencies and Regulatory Authorities category during the 2012 South Africa's Most Influential Women in Business and Government Awards.

Under her stewardship, the SACAA scooped the Best Performing Institution in Transport Award on four (4) occasions, making the SACAA the only entity to have received this prestigious accolade since the inception of the Transport Awards in October 2014. During her tenure, the SACAA has also received, for five consecutive years, the Auditor-General of South Africa's Clean Audit Award. The Top Performing Public Service Award was also bestowed on the SACAA at the 2015 National Business Awards. In 2017, the SACAA was declared the winner in the category "Investing in People" at the National Business Awards.

Under Ms. Khoza's leadership, the SACAA continues to make strides in improving aviation safety and security in South Africa, as attested by the results of the May 2017 ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) audit. The results indicated that South Africa had increased its compliance rating and, notably, did not attract a significant safety concern.

Ms. Khoza has championed the transformation of the SACAA and it now boasts 50% capable women Executives, a historical achievement under her stewardship. Ms. Khoza is passionate about meaningful change and aspires to provide good leadership in the aviation sector, in the interests of continued outstanding performance.