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An ITSO Perspective

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PROFILE OF THE MODERATOR

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Director-General of the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies

Ms Nonkqubela Thathakahle Jordan-Dyani currently serves as the Director-General in the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies. She was formerly the Deputy-Director-General: International Relations and Trade who was also the Acting Director-General (DG) in the department for two years before she was appointed permanently in August 2023.

Nonkqubela is a seasoned civil servant with more than 20 years of experience in the public sector, including over a decade in senior management capacities.

She holds a BA from the University of Fort Hare, and BA (Hon) in international relations (politics and international law) from the same institution. Nonkqubela also holds certificates in telecommunications policy, regulation and management from Wits University, and digital transformation strategy from the University of Cambridge.

Nonkqubela has served on a number of national and international bodies, including co-chair of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) congress committee on strategy, chair of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU), council member, and alternate representative on the inter-governmental assembly (IGA) for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) ICT programme. She is also the chairperson of the Women's Forum, and the deputy chairperson of South African Women in ICT.