

Glenda Wildschut:

Glenda Wildschut is an independent leadership consultant and facilitator and was until recently the Director of the Desmond Tutu Leadership Academy. She provides an extensive executive coaching programme and works to assist leaders, particularly women in leadership positions, to be more effective in their roles.

In 1995 she was appointed by President Nelson Mandela to serve as a Commissioner on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission under the chairmanship of the Nobel Peace Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu since its establishment, serving on the Reparation and Rehabilitation Committee and as Regional Convenor during her tenure on the Commission. In 1998 she worked at the World Health Organization (WHO) at the Headquarters in Geneva examining the role of health workers in transitional societies. On behalf of the African National Congress (ANC), she co-chaired the placement board that facilitated the integration of all military health personnel into the national defense force (SANDF) and was involved in numerous structures to facilitate the transition to democracy in South Africa including the Transitional Executive Council (TEC). Her special interests are violence, trauma and torture rehabilitation, women and children in armed conflict, health workers and their contribution to post war reconstruction and impunity, truth and reconciliation.

Having acquired academic and clinical qualifications in South Africa and the United States, (Operations Crossroads Africa scholarship) she lectured and tutored at both the University of Cape Town and the University of the Western Cape and is presently a visiting professor at the University of Siena, Italy.

Ms Wildschut has received numerous awards including the Outstanding Nurse of the Decade by the International Nursing Council (ICN) and Human Rights Award from the International Nursing Ethics Council.

