



Letshego CEO **Dr. Ester Kali receives a Woman of Distinction Award** from the United Nations Global Women Foundation



On 14 March 2023, the United Nations Global Women Foundation awarded Chief Executive Officer of Letshego Holdings Namibia and Letshego Bank, Dr. Ester Kali with a Women of Distinction Award as well as a Women Empowerment Peace Ambassadors Certification. These awards recognise women for their extraordinary contributions to their communities, as well as their continuous efforts to break down boundaries to support other women, youth and underprivileged communities beyond their scope of work.

Dr. Kali was among 25 women across the African continent who were honoured with the Women Empowerment Peace Ambassadors Certification as well as an Honorary Doctorate at the "Empower Her Shoes Summit" and United Nations Women Foundation Global Awards Ceremony in association with Trinity Girls Network Corp. and TIUA Chaplancy School, in the United States of America.

An award-winning CEO and philanthropist with over 3 decades of cross-functional experience, Dr. Ester Kali is the current Chief Executive Officer of Letshego Holdings Namibia and Letshego Bank. She is also the founding chairlady of the Payments Association of Namibia and chairlady of the Banker's Association of Namibia.

Dr Kali is a well-respected member in the banking industry and holds the title of the first ever female CEO appointed in the Namibian banking industry. In 2019 she was awarded Businesswoman of the year in the Private and Corporate Sector category. In 2022 she was inaugurated in the Namibia Business Hall of Fame as a Laureate and seasoned Executive Officer with a demonstrated history of outstanding leadership qualities. In the same year, Reset Global People listed her among the Top

100 women CEOs in Africa, in partnership with the Ghanaian Office of the President and Avance Media.

In her personal capacity she continues to motivate women in their various societal roles and celebrates women in an inclusive future. Through these speaking platforms, Dr. Kali showcases her passion for leadership and pertinent social issues affecting the Namibian communities.

About The United Nations Global Women Foundation Awards

The United Nations Global Women Foundation Awards, and Trinity Girls Network are committed to supporting programs that engage women as key stakeholders in preventing and countering violent extremism in their communities; and despite the historical underrepresentation of women in conflict resolution processes, women in conflict-affected regions have nevertheless achieved significant success in moderating violent extremism, countering terrorism, resolving disputes through nonviolent mediation and negotiation, and stabilising societies by improving access to peace and security. TIUA Chaplancy School is an affiliate of Trinity International University of Ambassadors located in Pensacola, Florida and Atlanta, Georgia. TIUA Chaplancy School through the affiliation of Trinity International University of Ambassadors offers the Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy in Business Administration. The Honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration (Hon. Ph.D.) award is meant to acknowledge and appreciate outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to their community, at both national and international levels, and to a specialised field of knowledge and competency in business and entrepreneurship.

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