**Biography - Mmabatho Tembe**

Mmabatho Tembe was born and bred in Durban and matriculated at Queensburgh Girls High School.

She studied a degree in Social Sciences at UKZN majoring in psychology and anthropology, completing her Honours in Counselling Psychology. She also has a certificate in Project Management through the University of Cape Town.

Mmabatho began her working career at the Durban University of Technology as a research assistant to the Deputy Vice Chancellor. She then moved to the Health Sciences Department as an Academic Development Advisor, where she also initiated a programme named “Girl Talk” to assist young women with social issues.

In 2014, Mmabatho joined the Democratic Alliance (DA) in Ward 33 and became Secretary of the Central Durban constituency.

In 2016 she became a Councillor in eThekwini and was also appointed as the Democratic Alliance Women’s Network (DAWN) and ADAC representative for the Central Durban constituency.

During this time, Mmabatho also completed the DA’s Sakhisizwe leadership in KwaZulu-Natal.

As a DA eThekwini Councillor, Mmabatho served on the Economic Development committee, later moving to the Community Services committee, where she served as a Whip for a period of two terms.

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