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Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi joined UNDP as Democratic Governance Practice Director in January 2009.

Geraldine has served the Government of South Africa for over 14 years in various positions, most recently as Minister for Public Service and Administration and Member of the South African Parliament. Prior to this, she was Minister of Welfare and Population Development. She has also served in a number of leadership roles within Parliament, including as



Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Rules of the National Assembly of the Parliament of South Africa.

Geraldine began her career in politics in 1980 when she left South Africa for Zimbabwe to join the African National Congress in exile where she worked in its political and military structures. During her period in exile, she worked in the areas of administration, communications and development. She returned to South Africa in 1990 to contribute to South Africa's transition to democracy.

She is a Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration, has published various works on public administration, and has delivered numerous papers at both national and international conferences. She served on the Cabinet Committees for Economic Affairs, Social Administrative Affairs, Security and Intelligence and the Committee on the Service Conditions of Political Office Bearers. She helped to coordinate the transformation of the Child and Youth Care System and contributed to the work of an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Poverty and Inequality.

Geraldine has been instrumental in mainstreaming gender into government policies. She led South African delegations to the Organisation for African Unity and Commonwealth Women Minister's meetings and chaired the Youth Minister's Conference of the OAU in Addis Ababa as well as the Pan African Conference on Women's Development, Equality and Peace in Rwanda.

Geraldine's leadership role stretches well outside government. She serves on many Boards, Committees and African Regional Institutions. She was awarded a fellowship to the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government. She holds an M.A. in Public Administration from the University of Pretoria.
