

Marietha Dos Santos

Marietha Dos Santos has over thirty years of practical field experience in international diplomatic relations, political and state authority issues, especially in conflict zones and humanitarian affairs and rural development issues in programmes in Southern Africa, the Indian Ocean Islands, Dominican Republic, France, Pakistan, Indonesia, Brazil, Sudan, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo with different governmental programs, NGO's and with the United Nations.

Over many years she has provided advice, leadership and analysis to senior Governmental, UN and diplomatic officials and other technical experts. Assignments included experience in the South African Foreign Affairs and operational experience in complex emergencies with the United Nations in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Sudan, Burundi and the Eastern DRC. She was advisor at the Brazilian Presidency's Special Secretary focused on gender equality and against all forms of racial discrimination issues and 15 years with the UN Departments of Peacekeeping and Political Affairs and humanitarian programmes.

During her last appointment as Head of Political Affairs at the United Nations in Eastern Congo (DRC) during seven years, she worked with 2018, Nobel Laureate of Dr Denis Mukwege, a world-renowned gynaecologist and human rights activist from eastern Congo who is globally known for his efforts to end the use of rape as a weapon of war and the world's leading specialist on the treatment of wartime sexual violence.