

## **PROFILE OF ACTING CEO: ELIZE JOUBERT**

Elize Joubert was appointed on 10 February 2014 as CANSA's Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

She is married to Francois, a Civil Engineer and has two sons, both currently busy with studies at University.

### **Background:**

#### **Education**

- Matriculated in 1980.
- BA Social Work (Cum Laude) in 1984 (received various academic awards during 4 years pre-graduate studies) – University Pretoria
- MA Social Work in Community Work (1989) – University Pretoria
- Diploma in Management at the Business School at the University of the Free State (received award as second best student) in 1993.

#### **Role within CANSA**

Elize, hailing from the Free State, has been part of CANSA since 1990. She was appointed in 1991 as Provincial Director of CANSA: Free State and Northern Cape.

#### **She has contributed significantly to the development and growth of CANSA over the years inter alia by:**

- Writing and composing various National Policy Documents.
- Contributing significantly to design of the CANSA Business and Operating Models.
- Developing many Manuals and Modules for CANSA Service Delivery and Human Resources Management.

She was elected in 2007 to serve on the first Operational Executive Committee to assist the CEO with day-to-day operational management and was appointed as Chief Operations Officer and Executive Director of the CANSA Board in September 2008.

#### **She has acted as CEO for CANSA on three occasions:**

- October 2001 – February 2002
- November 2005 – May 2006
- February 2014 to date

### Other CANSA Career Highlights:

- Received a merit award and special merit promotion to Chief Community Liaison Officer in 1989 during her appointment in the National Department of Health.
- Represented CANSA at first, second, fourth and seventh International Conferences for Cancer Organisations, respectively held in Melbourne 1996, Atlanta 1999, Ireland 2004 and Canada in 2011. Delivered papers on Care and Support Service aspects of CANSA at the conferences.
- Organised the first international Union against Cancer (UICC) Conference, which was hosted by CANSA in 1999, and was attended by 13 countries.
- Appointed by UICC to serve as a UICC Copes representative for Africa for many years.
- Was appointed in 2002 by the Free State MEC for Health in a personal capacity for a 5 year term as a member of the Provincial Health Advisory Board.
- Was appointed by the Free State Department of Health to serve as a member of their Steering Committee to develop a holistic Community Home Based Care Model for the Free State.
- Served over the years on many forums and task teams per invitation and election of the Department of Health and Department of Social Development in the Free State as well as on various NGO Forums.
- Received acknowledgement from the National Minister of Welfare for this initiative and contribution to better relationships between Private Welfare and the Provincial Welfare Department in the Free State.
- Serves on the Executive Director of CANSA Board of Directors since 2008.
- Serves on the Executive Committees of the Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance of SA since 2014.
- Currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Cancer Alliance of SA since 2014.
- Won **two awards** on Tuesday 28 July, in the 2015 **Africa's Most Influential Women (MIW) in Business & Government Awards**:
  - 'Country Winner for South Africa' &
  - Winner for 'SADC South Region'

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