

## COMMISSIONER'S CAREER/ PROFESSIONAL PROFILES

NO	Name and Surname	Portfolio	Summary of Career/ Professional Profile
1.	Lidwina Ndeshimona Shapwa	Commissioner/Member	<p>Commissioner Lidwina Ndeshimona Shapwa assumed her current role on 3 March 2026, beginning a five-year term that runs through 2031. A respected legal expert and public administrator from Namibia, she brings more than thirty years of high-level experience spanning government leadership, legislative affairs, and maritime law.</p> <p>Her academic background includes an LLM in International Maritime Law from the International Maritime Law Institute in Malta, an LLB (Honours) from the University of Warwick, and a Diploma in Development Studies and Management (with Distinction) from the United Nations Institute for Namibia.</p> <p>Throughout her career, Ms. Shapwa has held some of the most senior positions in Namibia's public service. She served as Permanent Secretary in both the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Lands and Resettlement, and later as Deputy Minister of Justice. Her deep technical knowledge of maritime law proved especially valuable during her time as Deputy Director of Maritime Affairs and as Namibia's representative to the IMO Legal Committee. Over the years, she has built solid capabilities in corporate governance, legal compliance, risk management, dispute resolution, and strategic decision-making.</p>

			<p>She currently serves as a Board Member of the National Disability Council of Namibia (NDCN), having previously acted as its Interim Chairperson. Her board-level experience also includes directorships at the Bank of Namibia and NORED. Fluent in English, Afrikaans, Oshiwambo, and Otjiherero, Commissioner Shapwa is known for a principled work ethic, a disciplined focus on results, and a steady ability to perform under pressure. Colleagues and stakeholders alike note her strength in fostering accountability and meaningful engagement across sectors.</p>
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